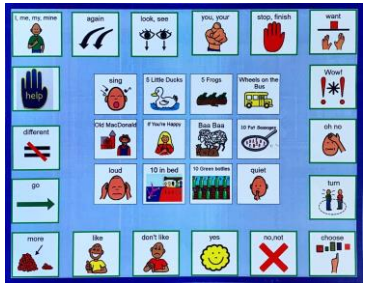
HOW TO MODEL USING A COMMUNICATION / CORE WORDS BOARD



1 **Point to the symbols** on the board while you talk.

2 **Stick to the key words** on the board. For example if you say 'Biscuits are yummy' you would point to 'biscuit' + 'yummy' while you talk.

3 **Make it fun and low-pressure!**
The aim is to model short key words. Remember: repeat, repeat, repeat!
There is no expectation to talk, but if they do reinforce and praise this.

Example Phrases to model:
(using water play communication board)

- I want help
- I like splashing
- Your turn with water toys
- I like pouring
- Oh no… all wet!
- Wow, funny toys
- Water is finished

If the child……..	Then model….
Wants more toys/cars	I want more toys
Is playing a game	My turn/your turn, its fun
Needs help/ looks confused	Help me, don't like it, no stop.
Is playing alone	Join them and comment e.g. I like bubbles, wow its funny.

Please keep boards out and adults to model as much as possible throughout the day

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