

Strategies for success

Communication – Conversation Skills

- ❖ Learn to recognize a confused face when you are telling someone something
- ❖ It means you aren't explaining yourself properly
- ❖ Ask if the listener is confused and what they don't understand
- ❖ Try telling the listener in a different way



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- ❖ Show the person you are listening by facing them and looking at their forehead if you can't look in their eyes
- ❖ Show the person you are listening by nodding your head or saying "aha" every now and then
- ❖ Tell the listener when you are changing topic
- ❖ Let the listener know when you want to end a conversation by saying, "Got to go. Nice talking with you."



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Communication

Learn these phrases to ask for clarification:

Asking for Clarification

- So, are you saying that...?
- Do you mean...?
- I'm sorry, I'm not sure if I understand what you mean.
- What does that mean exactly?
- Sorry, but I lost you when you said...
- Could you repeat that, please?

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- ❖ Pause before reacting to access if your response will match the question or conversation
- ❖ If something doesn't make sense ask yourself if there may be another meaning for the word
- ❖ Laugh at yourself when it is pointed out that you used the wrong word



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- ❖ Recognize and expand black and white thinking



- ❖ Understand the majority is right assumption and make adjustments accordingly to fit into the neurotypical world

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