

Suggestions for Message Pairs

Message pairs will provide a child with a choice of ways to communicate while participating in activities with others. You will need to use two voice output devices or provide two symbols for each message pair.

Activity	Example of message #1	Example of message #2
Reading books with a repeated line	Brown Bear, Brown Bear "What do you see?"	"Read me some more"
	Brown Bear, Brown Bear "What do you see?" Any book	"Mortimer, be quiet!"
	"Read some more" "Read some more"	"Start again!" "Stop reading"
Playing Games	Red Light, Green Light "Red light"	"Green light"
	Duck, duck, goose "Duck"	"Goose"
	Simon Says "Simon Says"	"Fooled you!"
	Blocks "Build it up"	"Knock it down"
	Singing Songs with a repeated line	Old MacDonald "ee - i - ee - i - o"
	Happy Birthday "Happy Birthday to you!"	"Blow out the candles!"
	If you're happy "If you're happy and you know it"	"Sing it again"
Any activities	"More, more, more!"	"Stop!"
	"Come see me"	"Leave me alone"
	"My turn"	"Your turn"
Special occasions	"Merry Christmas!"	"Happy holidays!"
	"Happy Halloween!"	"Trick or Treat!"
Craft activities	"Put more paint on"	"Change the color"
	"Roll the Play dough"	"Squish the Play dough"
Recess	Recess	"What have you been up to?"

Print the next page to use for your own message pairs.

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You can add your own ideas, based on the activities that you most often do. Make a note of them here, so that other people can try them out.

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