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 Do this...	
MODEL, MODEL, MODEL Model expected communication behaviours BEFORE expecting to see those behaviours from the user	
	PRESUME COMPETENCE
	FOLLOW a prompt hierarchy
	TEACH language functions including directing, commenting, requesting assistance, etc...
	Wait 10-20 sec. (W/an expectant look) before re-prompting!!
	TEACH me to direct action, comment, reject & more
	PROVIDE CORE WORDS including verbs, describing words (in addition to nouns)
	COLOUR CODE parts of speech for me
	KEEP icon placement constant keep repeated icons in the same location on each page/screen
	ALLOW user time to explore and learn the system
	MAKE AAC available at ALL TIMES.
	PROVIDE aided language input. USE SYMBOLS when talking to me!
	ASK open-ended questions

 Don't do this...	
DON'T expect a user to know how to communicate without directing models and instruction SHOWING ME HOW.	
	DON'T do ALL the talking
	DON'T overprompt
	DON'T teach ONLY requesting
	DON'T provide ONLY nouns
	DON'T focus on vocabulary that won't be functional/used tomorrow
	DON'T remove the device
	DON'T move symbols
	DON'T stop all "babbling" (exploring, button pressing)
	DON'T keep the AAC device in their bag
	DON'T expect sentences right away.