

Tip-sheet for caregivers

Communication with children and adults with severe disabilities

WHY?



develop
speech



learn body
language



express and
understand



express feelings,
wishes, thoughts



socialise



have fun

HOW?

- ✓ get attention
- ✓ get eye contact



- ✓ offer choices



- ✓ stimulate pointing or looking at
- ✓ take turns



- ✓ give extra time, praise, encourage
- ✓ use facial expression and gestures



- ✓ repeat the message
- ✓ present ideas gradually, one thing at a time

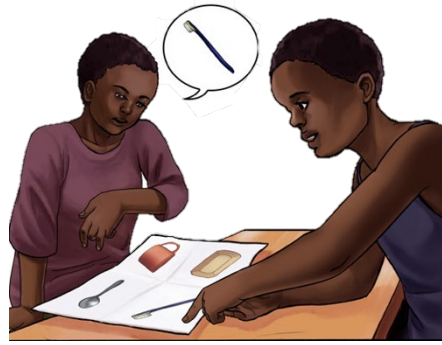
- ✓ talk about what is happening



X don't force to speak

WHAT?

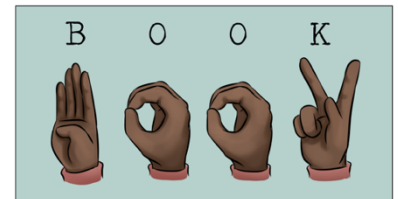
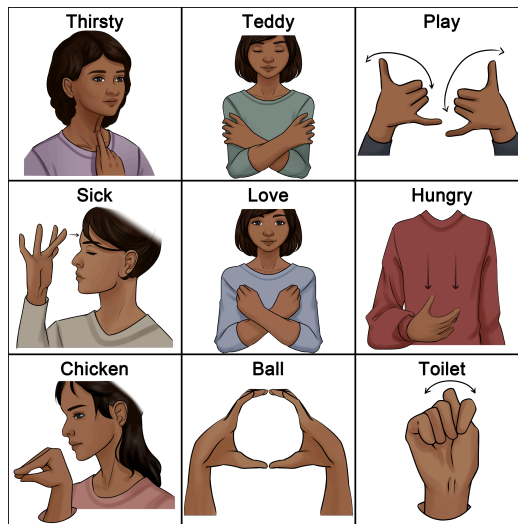
- ✓ reading aloud, simple words, singing



- ✓ picture booklet



- ✓ sign language & manual alphabet



- ✓ daily objects

