

# Modeling at the Playground

## Modeling Different Purposes to Communicate

When you go to the playground with your child, don't forget to model! During this activity, see if you can model some of the different communicative functions shown here. Add some words or phrases of your own that are especially relevant to your child and their wants, needs, or goals.

In each section, model one, two or more words as appropriate to your child's needs. Modeled words are in bold.



Communicative Function	Core Words			Activity Ideas	My Ideas, Other Words to Try
	1 word	2 words	3 words		
Requests	want go	Go play What want	I go up I want play	Ask "Where do you <b>want</b> to go?"	
Comments	Go Up Down Fast	Go up Go fast	You go fast You go down	Comment while playing " <b>You</b> went so <b>fast</b> !" "Wow look you are <b>up</b> there!"	
Directing	Stop Go Fast Slow	Stop that Go fast Go more	Go down again Stop! No more.	Demonstrate directing another person by saying "You can tell me to <b>stop</b> ." "You can say <b>go fast</b> !"	
Rejecting	Don't Not	Don't go Not fast	Don't go up I don't go	Do something your child doesn't want and show how to reject it "OK, <b>not fast</b> on the slide."	
Questions	Where	Go where	Where go play	Wonder aloud "Hmm...I wonder <b>where</b> to <b>go play</b> next."	