

Modeling At Bedtime

Modeling Different Purposes to Communicate

Bedtime is a great regular routine during which to model language with AAC! 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	Sleep Read	Want read Need sleep	I want read We go bed	When choosing a book, model “I want read .”	
Comments	Tired Feel	Feel tired Good book	Read this book I feel tired	Comment as you yawn “ I feel tired! ”	
Directing	Read Get	Read that Get it	Read that one Get in bed	Model directing child or parent to “ Read that book! ”	
Rejecting	No Not Don’t	No read Not tired	Don’t read that Don’t want bed	Model language used to reject bedtime “I see you don’t want to go to bed.”	
Questions	What	Read what What next	Read what book? What time is it?	Wonder aloud “Hmm... what book shall we read tonight?”	