



Vocabulary

Nonverbal Communication (Non-ver-bal Com-mu-ni-ca-tion): Sending and receiving messages without using words or spoken language.

Nonverbal Cue (Non-ver-bal Cue): Ways that people express themselves without using words. These cues include gestures, facial expressions, and body movements. They help us understand what someone is feeling or thinking.

Emotion (E-mo-tion): A strong feeling or mental reaction caused by a person's circumstances, environment, or mood. Emotions can also cause physical reactions.

Exaggerate (Ex-ag-ger-ate): To make something sound more extreme or dramatic than it really is.

Facial Expression (Fa-cial Ex-pres-sion): How a person uses their face to show their feelings.

Body Language (Bo-dy Lan-guage): The gestures, movements, and mannerisms a person uses to communicate with others.

Neurodivergence (Neu-ro-di-ver-gent): When a person's brain works differently than what is considered typical. A person with neurodivergence might live with autism, ADHD, a learning disability, or more.

Gesture (Ges-ture): A movement of the body or limbs that expresses or emphasizes an idea or feeling.

Eye Contact (Eye Con-tact): The act of looking another person straight in the eye.

Assistive Technology (As-sts-tive Tech-no-lo-gy): Any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the daily life of somebody with a disability.

Alternative Assistive Communication (AAC) (Al-ter-na-tive As-sis-tive Com-mun-i-ca-tion): Different tools and methods people use to help them communicate.

Augmentative (Aug-men-ta-tive): To add to, expand, or make greater, often to make something more usable or helpful. Augmentative communication gives a person access to more speech.

Alternative (Al-ter-na-tive): A different option, choice, or possibility.

Low-Tech (Low-tech): A way to describe a tool that is simple and easy to use. Low-tech tools are often easy to access.

High-Tech (High-Tech): Advanced technology such as electronic devices, including computers, tablets, and more.