

# Scripts

## What is a Script?

A script message/set of messages, or phrases or sentences that provide the language that goes into a specific conversation. They can involve conversation starters, the content of a topic, responses to conversations and/or ideas that connect conversations. Scripts can help speakers appropriately change topics, ask questions, be the leader, be the speaker, or finish/terminate conversations appropriately.

## Ideas for Script Topics:

Lunch Time Talk

Asking for Help

Greetings & Hallway Talk

Initiating and Maintaining Play

Show & Tell






My Favorite Things & What are Yours?

What I did in School (over the weekend, for summer vacation, etc.)

## Steps for Script Implementation:

1. Explicitly teach the script to the learner
2. Practice using the script with the identified communication partners
  - a. Hold up the script behind the communication partner so the learner can read the appropriate responses
  - b. Prompt the learner to use the script using a most-to-least hierarchy
  - c. Model the appropriate response to the communication partner
3. Fade prompts to read the script
4. Fade the script

Example:

	'Can I play with you?'
	'Can I play with
	'Can I play
	'Can I
	'Can

5. Generalize and revisit as needed

**Script Examples:**

**1. Script for staying on topic:**

# Elephants



1		Do you like elephants?
2		What color are elephants?
3		Are elephants big or small?
4		Where do elephants live?
5		What do elephants eat?
6		Have you seen elephants at a circus?

**2. Script for Basic Introduction**


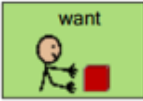


My	name	is	_____	_____
I	am	_____	years	old.
My	birthday	is	_____	_____
I	go	to	_____	school.
I	am	in	_____	grade.
My	teacher	is	_____	_____

**3. List of Appropriate Comments to Others**



- I like to play tag. Do you want to play tag with me?
- I like to run. Do you want to race around the track?
- I can't wait until lunch. What do you think they are serving today?

**4. Initiating Wants/Needs**

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