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Life Beyond
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Positive Approaches to Teach Social, Academic, and Daily Living Skills to Individuals with ASD

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Objectives

- Identify positive approaches & techniques
- Recognize the value of using positive approaches
- Begin understanding the practical use of positive approaches as they relate to teaching social, academic, and daily living skills







Challenges Faced By Individuals with ASD

Difficulty acquiring skills for independent functioning across environments or lack of autonomy

- Home
- School
- Community
- Employment







Initial Steps Prior to Implementation

- Assessment
- Criterion- referenced based
- Curriculum- based
- Functional Living Skills /Life Skills
- Social Skills
- Vocational Skills









Initial Steps Prior to Implementation

 Identify skills versus performance deficits

- Identify antecedents and consequences
- first/then board, visual schedule, etc.
- preferences for possible reinforcement
- token board







Examples of Daily Living Skills

- Caring for personal health/ hygiene
- Developing and maintaining appropriate intimate relationships
- Managing money
- Selecting and maintaining living environments

- Eating in the home & community
- Participating in leisure & recreational activities
- Navigating around the community







Evidence –Based Strategies for Teaching Daily Living Skills

- Task Analysis
- Video Modeling
- Antecedent based interventions (Visual or Written Activity Schedules)
- Modeling

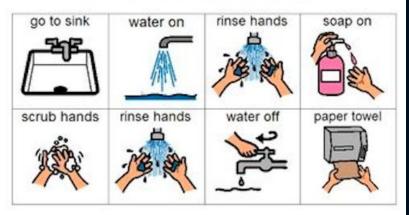
- Naturalistic Interventions
- Prompting
- Reinforcement







Washing Hands - Within Task Schedule







Sample Morning Checklist

- ☐ Wake Up
- ☐ Put workout clothes on
- ☐ Eat breakfast in the kitchen
- ☐ Clean up breakfast
- ☐ Morning workout/exercise
- ☐ Put workout clothes in hamper
- ☐ Take shower
- ☐ Hang towel
- Put on deodorant
- ☐ Brush teeth
- ☐ Make bed
- Get school bag ready
- ☐ Catch the bus off to school!







Examples of Social Skills (Interpersonal)

- Communication (Initiating & Reciprocating)
- Play Skills
- Problem solving
- Conflict Resolution
- Inferencing Skills

- Active listening (following directions, waiting)
- Perspective Taking Skills
- Emotional skills
- Flexibility
- Functional Communication Training







Evidence- Based Strategies for Teaching Social Skills

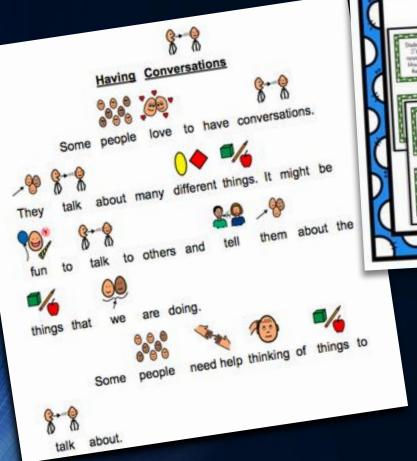
- Role playing
- Social stories
- Video Modeling
- Visual supports
- Practice play

- Modeling
- Imitation
- Social Skills Training
- Computers & Technology
- Reinforcement











APPS FOR KIDS: SOCIAL SKILLS







What Can You Infer? O. Henry, whose real name was William Sydney Porter, waste the short story "The Gift of the Mage." Below are the opening paragraphs of the story. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. ne dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in peninies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas. There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and bowl. So Della did ir. Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating. 1. Why is Della crying? 2. What does Christmas have to do with her teats? 3. How did she get the money? 4. What does O. Henry mean by "with miffler predominating"?

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Examples of Academic Skills

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Language/ Vocabulary

- * Executive Functioning Skills
 - Paying Attention
 - Organization/ planning
 - On-task Behavior







Evidence –Based Strategies for Teaching Academic Skills

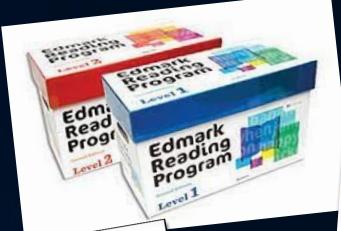
- Antecedent based interventions (Visual or Written Activity Schedules)
- Modeling
- Differential Reinforcement
- Discrete Trial Training

- Visual Supports
- Prompting
- Reinforcement
- Functional Communication Training

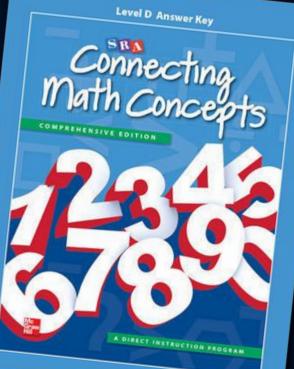




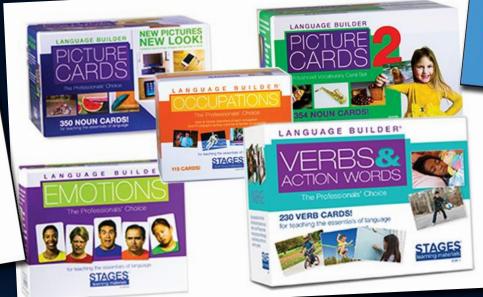


















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