

Using Visual Supports

Let's yarn about using visual storytelling

Why they work:

- visual messages are a permanent reminder
- they give the verbal and non-verbal message
- they are not just pictures – include words, signs, symbols, objects, colour
- they limit the verbal – the visual message is received

Anyone can make and use visual supports:

- find images on the internet
- take photos of places and people
- use objects to show them what to do
- put words with pictures
- comic book script – draw and tell the story as you go using stick figures and speech bubbles
- use body movements, voice range and gestures
- colour code routines and instructions
- social story – use your child or your child's favourite character
- apps on phones and tablets
- make checklists

First, ask yourself:

- what is my child finding difficult?
- what are my child's likes, interest and strengths?
- what can my child already do?
- what is one thing I can try with my child?

Important:

If you are concerned about your child's development, see your doctor or go to a child health centre.

**DON'T 'wait and see'
- ACT NOW**