

Creating Yes-No Prompts

The Purpose of Communication Aids

A Yes-No prompt is a communication aid that can be useful for individuals who are nonverbal or have limited verbal skills. There are many ways to create Yes-No prompts for learners with language challenges. Select or create some sort of Yes-No visual (samples below) and laminate each one separately. There are a variety of ways that you can use these prompts including:

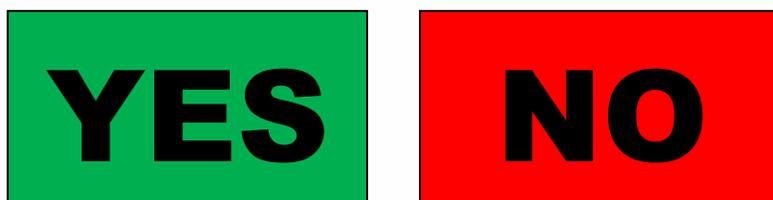
On a Stick Print and laminate prompts large enough to be engaging for your friends and then adhere them to popsicle sticks, giving each student a set (“Yes” and “No”). As you ask questions, your friends can hold up their prompts to answer your questions.

Slap Game For your friends who may not be able to hold a popsicle stick you can place the prompts directly on a table in front of them. When asked a question they can slap or place their hand over the appropriate prompt to respond.

Noisy Game You might consider purchasing answer buzzers that make a variety of sounds when pushed. You can set the buzzers on top of your prompts, and your friends can push the appropriate buzzers to respond to Yes-No questions. Please note: This game may not be enjoyable for your friends with sensory sensitivity.

There are certainly many other ways that Yes-No prompts can be utilized. Some of your friends will respond well when the same approach is used consistently, while others might enjoy a variety of approaches.

Yes-No Visual Example 1:



Yes-No Visual Example 2:



Yes-No Visual Example 3:

