

Sample Activities for Using Recorded Messages

Messages can be recorded ahead of times when there might be opportunities to use them, on a BIGmack, Step-by-Step Communicator, speech-generating device or iPad app. Ideas can be generated by the student's team, including family and peers. Opportunities can occur at multiple times during the day. Look for motivating activities which elicit a response from others and begin a social interaction.

At the beginning of the school day:

- Greet classmates, teachers, or others
- Tell the day of the week and the day
- Share a joke or riddle of the day
- Talk about something interesting brought from home

During academic activities:

- Administer a spelling test
- Call on students to answer a question
- Recite steps of a recipe, experiment, or job task
- Comment when reading a book, e.g., Turn the page, I can't see, That's silly.
- Ask students test questions during a study period

During non-academic class activities:

- Indicate interest in taking a turn
- Tell a story to other students
- Play 20 Questions
- Ask for a song during Circle Time
- Direct a PE, Drama, or other activity

Outside of the classroom:

- Give a daily announcement over the PA system
- Introduce family, friends, or others
- Participate in an IEP conference by sharing personal strengths, interests, progress, or goals

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- Cheer teammates during a sporting event
- Chat with peers in the hallway, e.g., give a compliment or say *Hi, how are you?*
- Order at a fast-food restaurant

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