

Non-Directive Language

What is it?

Non-directive language is a way to work on communication that is naturalistic and pressure free.

Non-directive language consists of comments, statements, descriptions, and observations you say out loud.

Examples:

- "I see a ..."
- "wow you made a..."
- "I like your ..."
- "I'm going to..."
- "yummy ice cream"
- "I feel"
- "It is"
- "you are silly"

How can you use non-directive language?

Every time you go to ask a question ask yourself;

- Why am I asking this question?
- Is it a question I already know the answer too?
- Is my intention to test or communicate?
- How can I make this question a comment/statement/observation.

Examples

Questions/Directive Language	Non-directive language
What color is this?	I see a red car.
What animal is this?	You have a black cat.
Do you want it to go fast?	The car is slow, I want it fast.
How are you feeling?	You look happy.
What are you wearing?	You got a new coat. I like it.

Reminders

- Remember it is okay if they do not respond.
- It is okay to ask questions- just make sure you are doing it to find out information you don't already know the answer to.
- If you are asking questions for for communication purposes try making a comment instead.

Homework:

Write down some of the questions you turned into comments

OR

Make an (X) every time you ask a question and a (+) every time you make a comment.

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Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	

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