

Picture Communication Exchange System (PECS)

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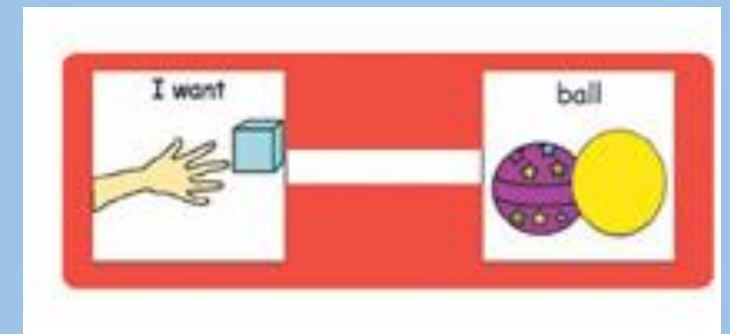
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Picture Exchange Communication System® , PECS®

What is PECS?

- Developed by Andy Bondy and Lori Forst
- Alternative Augmentative Communication system
- Individuals with autism and developmental delays
- Low tech communication system



Why use PECS?

- Focuses on initiating communication
- Builds on skills with reduced prompting
- Develops functional communication
- Leads to independent communication
- Some learners develop speech
- Some learners transition to speech generated system
- Emergent early literacy skills
- Prevents and reduces inappropriate behaviours



Six Phases of PECS

- Motivators
- Phase I – Exchange
- Phase II – Distance and Persistence
- Phase III – Picture Discrimination
- Phase IV – Sentence Structure
 - Attributes and Language Expansion
- Phase V – Answering Questions
- Phase VI - Commenting



PECS Resources

- Book
- Sentence Strip
- Visual representation (photographic or symbolic)
- Boardmaker



PECS at Isobel Mair

- Staff trained
- Resources
- Paperwork
- Monthly workshops
- Open door policy

