



Nice Speech Lady Handout: "If/Then"- Understanding "Cause/Effect" Tool

IF/THEN visual clipboard:

- This model/tool will help you communicate anything to your loved one, whether they are of pediatric age, or if they function at a level where this aid would benefit their understanding.
- Improves your chance of effectiveness for them to understand you.
- Aids in understanding of your expectations of cause/effect.
- You can utilize the /L/ visual for achieving visual and hearing attention prior to starting. This will let them know you are talking about an item that they will be interested in. "Listen please You will like this" can be said when pointing to the "L" graphic. Stating "look and listen, please" and in drawing an eye and an ear might catch their attention.
- Use the "use 'IF THEN' visually, pointing to each as you indicate the details.
- "IF" means = your loved one's part (following directions, waiting, saying something for asking something, other things you need him to do or not do, sitting down, eating a portion of a meal, etc.).
- "THEN" means = what they are wanting, desiring, or interested in – as the effects of their "IF" action.
- Use hand pats or pointing — on a clipboard or other way to have the handout viewable, above, and below — for "IF" and "THEN" -- when telling them the terms of what you are asking. Keep it simple.
- Examples:
 - "IF ... you close the door (and you pat on the door and the "IF" word), THEN You get a piece of candy" (you place the handy next to the "THEN" word).
 - "IF ... you take a drink (place the drink near the "IF" word), THEN ... You will get another marker" (you place the marker net to the "THEN" word).
- When starting with this, using items that are tangible, and you can tap the clipboard at an angle from your own chest. As times goes on, you could use more abstract concepts that may not require the object being requested to perform an action with, or the desired outcome that the patient is interested in.
- Tapping on your chest might replace the clipboard, evening without the paper, as time goes on!





IF ...

THEN ...