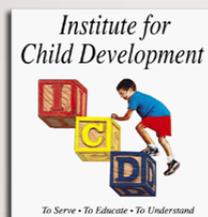




Chapter 3.2 Part 6

Skill Development Sequences: Prompting



Learning Objectives

- Define prompting.
- Define response prompt.
- Identify 4 types of response prompts.
- Define stimulus prompt.

What is prompting?

- A **prompt** is any stimulus given before or during the performance of a target behavior to help cue that behavior (Cooper et al., 2007).
- Often used to make desired behavior more likely (Newman et al., 2003).
- **Two types of prompts:**
 - Response prompts
 - Stimulus prompts

Types of Prompts

- A **response prompt** is when another person assists the desired goal response in the presence of a discriminative stimulus (Cooper et al., 2007).
- **Types of response prompts:**
 - Verbal prompts
 - Gestural prompts
 - Modeling prompts
 - Physical prompts

Example of Response Prompts

(Cooper et al., 2007)

- The instructor asks a learner to read the sentence “Plants need soil, air, and water to grow”.
- The learner starts to read “Plants need...Plants need...Plants need”.
- The instructor uses a verbal and gestural prompt by pointing to the word soil and saying “soil”.

Types of Prompts

- A **stimulus prompt** is when an antecedent stimulus is changed, added, or removed in order to make a correct response more likely (Cooper et al., 2007).
- **Types of stimulus prompts:**
 - Within-stimulus prompt
 - Extra-stimulus prompt

Example of Within-Stimulus Prompts

- An instructor wants Joanne to be able to tell the difference between the exit sign and the enter sign.
- To do this, she makes the exit sign bigger than the enter sign.



Example of Extra-Stimulus Prompts

- An instructor wants to teach Will to discriminate his right hand from his left hand.
- To assist Will, she put an “X” on his right hand to help him make the correct discrimination.

