

Autism Initiative: Training Series

Module 5: Critical Areas of Personal Development for Adolescents and Adults with Autism: Communication in Social Interaction Chapter 5.2: Strategies for Intervention

Part 1: Functional Speech and Augmentative Communication

Self-Assessment of Material

1. What is functional speech?
 - a. The speaker can be understood by direct care staff workers who work with the individual.
 - b. The speaker can be understood by clinical staff and family.
 - c. The speaker can be understood by all listeners in all contexts.

2. What is an augmentative communication system?
 - a. Any approach designed to support communication of individuals who are not independent verbal communicators in all situations.
 - b. Any approach designed to act as a language dictionary for individuals who are not independent verbal communicators in all situations.
 - c. Any approach designed to provide additional communication support for individuals who are independent verbal communicators.
 - d. Any back-up communication system for individuals who are verbal communicators in all situations.

3. TRUE or FALSE: Voice output devices are not a type of augmentative and alternative communication system.
 - a. True
 - b. False