

# Use social stories

Social stories explain a particular situation, event or activity, which can act as a social learning tool.

- ✓ Gather information to understand the context, skill, achievement or concept that will be the focus of the story.
- ✓ Clarify the positive model, steps or scenarios that you, the ākonga, whānau and team want to develop.
- ✓ Develop a social story, preferably with personalised text and images.
- ✓ Share the story with the student. Give plenty of time and repetition for understanding to develop.
- ✓ Practise skills in a structured teaching situation and then in everyday situations.
- ✓ Check for and support generalisation, where the new skills are used in different situations.
- ✓ Social Stories by [Carol Gray](#) are a type of social story that meets 10 quality criteria. See some examples at [Social Story Sampler - Carol Gray](#).

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