

Reduce barriers to understanding

Suggestions to support understanding.

- ✓ Use visuals to give instructions, ask questions or show a routine.
- ✓ Check understanding of key concepts and vocabulary.
- ✓ Use actual objects and progress from the concrete to the abstract to teach understanding of words and concepts.
- ✓ Before initiating conversation, ensure that the learner's attention has been secured.
- ✓ Use graphic organisers to support thinking and planning.
- ✓ Avoid idioms such as "don't hit the roof" as these can cause confusion.
- ✓ Allow for processing time. Learners may require between 15–30 seconds to process an instruction and formulate a response.
- ✓ Ensure instructions are in the order they are to happen.
- ✓ Provide support to enable learners to share their ideas such as options to draw, write, gesture, or sign.

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