

AT Tech Tip:

Communication Strategies for: Using Two Hands to Represent Two Choices



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Communication Partner	Student Response
<p>The communication partner formulates a question that involves a choice between 2 items or ideas. One choice is paired with a raised right fist and the other choice with the left fist.</p>	<p>The student indicates his/her choice by eye gazing or touching the hand that represents his/her selection.</p>
<p>Examples:</p> <p>“Do you want to order pizza (raises and moves the right fist) or a hamburger (raises and moves the left fist)?”</p> <p>“Was the setting of the story in the forest (raises and moves right fist) or in the city (raises and moves the left fist)?”</p>	<p>The student eye gazes towards (for at least 3 seconds) or touches the fist that represents his/her selection.</p>
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a fast and effective method for communication when two choices are involved • This strategy can be implemented at any time across all settings 	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits student to two choices • Involves no visual supports • It is a passive communication method as the student must rely on the communication partner to initiate the exchange