

Object Cues



A cue is a type of communication that a partner would use to let the individual know what is expected.



*Reminder: Use object cues at Level II as a receptive tool, not for expressive communication until Level V.

Object Cues: Supporting Receptive Communication



An **object cue** is:

- a whole or part of an object
- used to refer to a person, place, object, or activity

The **purpose** of an object cue is to provide a concrete means of supporting:

- conversational interactions
- communication
- language development
- information, reducing stress

Example: Whole Object



- A cup is used to mean "Snack time, go to the snack area".
- A diaper is used to mean "Let's change your diaper".
- A backpack is used to mean "Here's the bus. Time to go home".
- Bubble wrap is used to mean "Take a break".

Example: Parts of Object



- A section of a straw indicates "Snack time".
- A tab from a diaper indicates "Let's change your diaper".
- A piece of chain from the swing indicates "It's recess. Go play outside".
- A top of a plastic bottle is used to indicate, "Lunch! Go to the table".
- A zipper is used to indicate, "Time to get dressed".