

➤ AAC Giggles Galore: April Fools' Edition ➤

April Communication Functions: Analytical Language Learners

Communication Function: Tease/Joke



Activity 1: Joke Crafting Worskshop

Objective: To understand and create humor, emphasizing the joy of joke-telling and the social aspect of sharing laughs.

Setup: Program the AAC device with words and phrases that can be combined to create simple jokes or playful teasing phrases. Include categories for setups and punchlines.

Activity Steps:

- **Introduce** the concept of a joke by showing examples of simple, structured jokes (e.g., "Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side!").
- **Choice and Creativity:** Allow learners to choose their favorite setups and punchlines, encouraging creativity in combining them. If a learner prefers to share a favorite joke instead of crafting a new one, celebrate that choice.
- **Sharing and Reflecting:** Facilitate a relaxed joke-sharing session with peers or family, emphasizing the expression of enjoyment over accuracy. After sharing, discuss what makes jokes fun and how different jokes make people feel.
- **Valuing All Responses:** Make it clear that all attempts at humor are valued, whether they elicit laughter, focusing on the effort and courage it takes to share.

Activity 2: Punchline Puzzle

Objective: Create and understand punchlines by assembling joke components.

Setup: Update the AAC device with a wide range of humorous setups and punchlines, ensuring a variety of humor styles to match different interests and sensitivities.

Activity Steps:

- **Broad Humor Exploration:** Introduce the activity by showcasing how various punchlines can alter a joke's humor, catering to diverse tastes.
- **Flexible Selection:** Allow learners to freely choose their joke setups from the AAC device, supporting them in pairing these with punchlines that they find genuinely amusing or interesting.
- **Creative Expression:** Encourage learners to either select a matching punchline from the options provided or create their own unique response, fostering creativity and personal expression in humor.
- **Reflective Discussion:** After sharing jokes, engage in a conversation about the diverse reactions to humor, emphasizing that humor is subjective, and all responses are valued.