

Yes / No

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Demonstrating Yes and No is one of the cornerstones of communication.

Typical “No” hierarchy: accept item then put down, not accept and push away, turn away, shake head back and forth, say “no” verbally or sign “no” or touch icon “no”

Typical “Yes” hierarchy: accept, shake head up and down, say “yes” verbally or sign “yes” or touch icon “yes”

	Yes / No	Date Introduced	Date Mastered	Notes
1	Do you want this? (No)			
2	Do you want this? (Yes)			
4	Do you want this? (Yes/No)			
4	Is this a ____? (Yes/No)			
5	Are you ____? (Yes/No)			
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TIP

“No” is typically learned before “Yes”, but everyone unique- be flexible with initial target.

TIP

An individual pushes away an item, that is signifying “No”. Work towards a more symbolic representation if possible- depending on the cognitive level.

TIP

When practicing “No” use non-preferred items before neutral items.

