

Modeling In The Car

Modeling Different Purposes to Communicate

Did you know you can model language while traveling by car?! During this activity, passengers only (no drivers!) see if you can model some of the different communicative functions shown here. Add some words or phrases of your own that are especially relevant to your child and their wants, needs, or goals.

In each section, model one, two or more words as appropriate to your child's needs. Modeled words are in bold.



| Communicative Function | Core Words | | | Activity Ideas | My Ideas, Other Words to Try |
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| | 1 word | 2 words | 3 words | | |
| Requests | Go Turn | Go now Go fast | We go out We go car | Ask "Where shall we go ?" | |
| Comments | Go Stop Fast/slow | Stop now Go slow | We stop now We get out | Comment as you travel "A red light! We have to stop !" | |
| Directing | Go Stop | Go now Stop here | Go on green Stop on red | If safe, direct the driver to " Go !" at green lights and " Stop !" at red. | |
| Rejecting | Don't Not Stop | Don't go Not fast | Don't get out No more fast | Show negation by explaining "We can not go fast when we are in traffic." | |
| Questions | Where | Go where Turn where | Where are we Where shall we turn? | Wonder aloud "Hmm... where do we need to go ?" | |