

## Visual Strategies for Promoting Communication When Teaching Social Skills

Assessment Tools	Description
Social Skills Improve System	Available for purchase through Pearson
Scott Bellini Autism Social Skills Profile <a href="http://sociallyspeakingllc.com/my-mission-for-socially/free-pdfs/autism_social_skills_profil.pdf">http://sociallyspeakingllc.com/my-mission-for-socially/free-pdfs/autism_social_skills_profil.pdf</a>	Free to download

Apps	Description
Autism Speaks <a href="http://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps?tid_1=39926&amp;tid=39941&amp;tid_2=All&amp;keys=">http://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps?tid_1=39926&amp;tid=39941&amp;tid_2=All&amp;keys=</a>	Autism speaks has the search capability of searching by category or skill. It then returns a comprehensive list of available apps for that category. The link provided comes from a social skills search. It contains 6 pages of Apps to choose from, along with their reviews.
iCreate Social Skills Stories: \$4.99	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/i-create...-social-skills/id513666306?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/i-create...-social-skills/id513666306?mt=8</a>
Conversation Social Stories & Simple PECS Communication Tool: \$3.99	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/conversation-social-stories/id485658095?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/conversation-social-stories/id485658095?mt=8</a>
Autism & PDD Picture Stories: Free	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/autism-pdd-picture-stories/id835090882?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/autism-pdd-picture-stories/id835090882?mt=8</a>  They have several versions including: Community, family, friends, etc.
Everyday Social Stories: \$1.99	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/everyday-social-skills/id375396536?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/everyday-social-skills/id375396536?mt=8</a>
Social Skills Quest: \$21.99	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/social-quest/id556089006?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/social-quest/id556089006?mt=8</a>
Conversation Builder: \$19.99	To view a description: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/conversationbuilder/id413939366?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/conversationbuilder/id413939366?mt=8</a>
Other Apps to search: Comic apps	

Resources	Description
Visual Strategies for Improving Communication, Linda Hodgdon	This book is full of samples and lessons covering visually mediated communication, tools for the teacher to include across environments, visual directions, communicating no, etc.
Social Skills Activities for Special Children, Darlene Mannix	Includes 142 ready-to-use lessons with reproducible activity sheets for social skills inside and outside of the classroom.
Visual Support for Children With ASD, Vera Bernard-Opitz Pgs. 201-221 address communication	Can be ordered through AAPC Publishing, includes ideas and samples of basic structure, tasks, communication, teaching content areas, social behavior, self-help, etc.
Building Social Relationships: A Systematic Approach to Teaching Social Interaction Skills to Children and Adolescents with ASD and Other Social Difficulties, Scot Bellini	A Five-step, easy-to-use model that addresses the need for social programming for children with ASD. It provides an assessment and an organized way to create an individualized social skills program.
Reaching Out, Joining In: Teaching Social Skills to Young Children with Autism Mary Jane Weiss & Sandra Harris	Recommendations on what social skills need to be taught and how to teach them.
<a href="http://www.do2learn.com">www.do2learn.com</a>	Free visual aids for picture communication, social skills, songs and games. Click on
<a href="http://www.symbolstix.com">www.symbolstix.com</a>	Online subscription to a Web-based search engine for over 12,000 symbols. \$49.00 per year
<a href="http://www.pbisworld.com/tier-1/teach-social-skills/">http://www.pbisworld.com/tier-1/teach-social-skills/</a>	Great site! Lots of free lesson plans and ideas as well as directions to other useful resources.
National Professional Development Center on ASD <a href="http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/content/social-skills-groups">http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/content/social-skills-groups</a>	This site provides information in pdf format on social skills groups, the steps to teaching social skills, data collection, etc.
Social Behavior Mapping Michelle Garcia Winner	Full of already made visuals for ok and not okay behaviors! Would need to modify for kiddos on a lower cognitive level. <a href="http://www.socialthinking.com">www.socialthinking.com</a> . Also look for Superflex characters!
John Shaul <a href="http://autismteachingstrategies.com/free-social-skills-downloads-2/">http://autismteachingstrategies.com/free-social-skills-downloads-2/</a>	Free online resources and great links to you tube videos teaching social skills.
Speaking of Speech: <a href="http://www.speakingofspeech.com/Social_Skills_Pragmatics.html">http://www.speakingofspeech.com/Social_Skills_Pragmatics.html</a>	Lots of free, already made materials for social behaviors and teaching social skills!

<p>Lindy McDaniel's Considerate Classroom Blog</p> <p><a href="http://considerateclassroom.blogspot.com/2013/10/aidedlanguageboards.html">http://considerateclassroom.blogspot.com/2013/10/aidedlanguageboards.html</a>-- Here is the link to the aided language videos and post</p> <p><a href="http://considerateclassroom.blogspot.com/2014/03/using-structured-learning-activities-to.html">http://considerateclassroom.blogspot.com/2014/03/using-structured-learning-activities-to.html</a> --- here is another link on the importance of teaching social skills and how to set that up at a very low level.</p>	<p>Great ideas for tasks, structuring the environment and communication aided language. Too much to mention!</p>
<p>Ideas for Video Modeling</p>	<p>Use Video Self-Monitoring – to learn more, watch this video: <a href="http://www.siskin.org/www/docs/208/vsm-videos/video-self-modeling-videos-buggey.html">http://www.siskin.org/www/docs/208/vsm-videos/video-self-modeling-videos-buggey.html</a></p> <p>Sites that contain already-made videos: <a href="http://www.teachertube.com">www.teachertube.com</a> <a href="http://www.howcast.com">www.howcast.com</a> <a href="http://www.voicethread.com">www.voicethread.com</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> : On Youtube, join Tahirih Bushey of Autism Games subscribe (They have lots of already made videos and will email you when new ones are uploaded) <a href="http://www.schooltube.com">www.schooltube.com</a> <a href="http://www.autismgames.blogspot.com">www.autismgames.blogspot.com</a></p> <p>Use commercials to teach social skills, i.e., Sonic, Doritos, other super bowl commercials</p> <p>Use Free online animation websites to bring comic strips to life: KerPoof, Go!Animate, Xtranormal make movies, etc.</p>

