



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

when communicating with anyone who scripts



DOs

- Do know that the script is an attempt to communicate with you!
- Do acknowledge that you know that — even if you don't know what it means!
- Do take a conversational turn! Nod — or smile — or repeat back a keyword — or write it down (as appropriate).
- Do show that you are a communication partner and that you will try to understand better!
- Do follow up to try to discover what the comment means! Be a detective.

DO NOTs

- Do not take the scripted comment literally!
- Do not forget to follow up with your detective work!
- Do not teach replacement language! (Language development is a process)

DO NEXTS

- Do acknowledge the meaning you discovered!
- Do model developmentally-appropriate language during teachable moments!
- Do plan ahead for more teachable moments!