

Resource Title	Communication Form and Function Matrix
What is it?	<p>The Communication Form and Function Matrix is a chart that is used to indicate a student's form and function of communication. Essentially, it is the link between behavior and communication.</p> <p>Every communicative behavior can be described by its form and function.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form: the behavior or method used to communicate• Function: the reason or purpose of the communicative behavior
Purpose(s)	To clearly identify a student's form (type of communication), <i>and</i> the function or reason for the communication.
Intended Implementer(s)	All educators and people interacting with or working with the student can utilize a Form and Function Matrix. However, it is recommended that a speech and language pathologist help identify and guide the use and understanding of the Form and Function Matrix.
Applicable Population(s) / Grade Levels	The Communication Form and Function Matrix can be used for children at any age. However, it is probably most appropriate for students who are: at the preschool to first grade level, on the autism spectrum with limited verbal skills or children who are in the moderate to severe range of functioning.
Source of Products or Websites	The Communication Form and Function Matrix was created by Positive Beginnings: Supporting Young Children with Challenging Behavior from Florida State University.

COMMUNICATION FORM AND FUNCTION MATRIX

Child's Name: _____ Language Stage: _____

Context/Activity: _____ Date: _____

FUNCTION OF COMMUNICATION	FORM OF COMMUNICATION																							
	NONSYMBOLIC FORM															SYMBOLIC FORM								
	Proximity	Facial Expression	Laughing/Squealing	Crying/Whining	Tapping/Touching	Pulling by the Hand	Tantrum	Aggression (hit, pinch)	Self-injury	Giving	Pulling/Pushing Away	Showing	Reaching	Waving	Pointing	Head Shake	Head Nod	Vocalizing	Other:	Single Words (spoken)	Echolalia	Word Combinations	Sign Language	Pictures/Written Words
Regulate Behavior																								
Request Object																								
Request Action/Activity																								
Protest Object																								
Protest Action/Activity																								
Draw Attention to Self																								
Request Social Game																								
Request Comfort																								
Greet																								
Call																								
Take Turn																								
Show Off																								
Draw Attention to Object or Event																								
Label or Comment																								
Provide Information																								
Request Information																								