

Using Visual Strategies for Learning at Home and School

What is a visual?

- Body Language
- Natural Environment Cues
- Tools for Organizing and Giving Information

Visuals will help children: (www.lindahodgdon.com)

Establish attention
Give information
Explain social situations
Give choices
Provide structure to the day
Teach routines
Organize materials in the environment
Organize the space in the environment
Teach new skills
Support transitions
Stay on task
Ignore distractions
Manage time
Communicate rules
Assist students in handling change
Guide self-management
Aid memory
Speed up slow thinking
Support language retrieval
Provide structure
Learn vocabulary
Communicate emotions
Clarify verbal information
Organize life information
Review & remember

Visuals will help parents:

- By using less time for repetition of directions and instructions
- By reducing the intensity of support needed for many children
- Be consistent with training procedures
- Be consistent with the language used for verbal requests and directions
- Plan ahead for more specific and organized transitions

The use of visuals will improve overall behavior management, comprehension, and learning!

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