



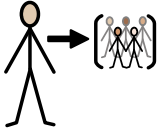
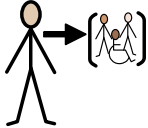

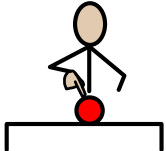

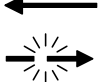
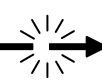


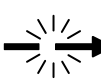







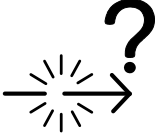

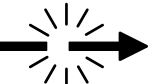




### Social stories

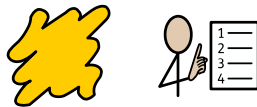
Social stories are text or a story describing a specific social situation.

It gives a visual cue to reflect on and is individual for the user.

Include:

 who	    who is involved (including the user)
 what	      what happened/happens/is going to happen
 when	  when it takes place
 why	   it happens/is happening
 how	    how is happens/is happening

- Social stories sequence, explain and illustrate social rules or concepts.
- Write them for the users functioning level and make it motivating.
- Social stories can help users understand the perspective of others e.g. what others are thinking or feeling or their motives.
- Describe a desired response rather than the problem. e.g. if a child is anxious about a school trip and displaying self injurious behaviours, use a social story to describe the sequence of events for the trip, who is going, where, how long for, if they are eating there etc. This can be more specific if the source of anxiety is known.



### Golden rules:

1. Include an introduction, body and conclusion.
2. Answer the 'wh' questions.
3. Write in the first or third person.
4. Use positive language e.g. I will try to walk vs. I will try not to run.
5. Use descriptive sentences (accurate and assumption free).
6. Consider using perspective and affirmative sentences e.g. describing thoughts and feelings of others and expressing common shared opinions.
7. Be literally accurate, use concrete and easy to understand text with visual supports.
8. Consider using a title to give the 'gist' or overall goal.
9. Use stories to prepare for and use during an event.