

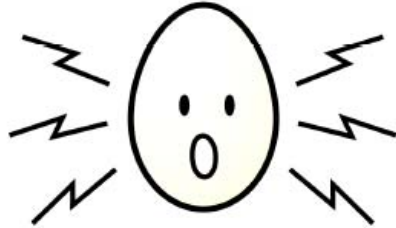
## TIP SHEET Create a Visual Communication Board



A communication board, also known as a picture board, is a visual tool that children can use to communicate their emotions or requests by pointing to a picture that demonstrates the emotion or request that they want to communicate. A communication board can be used by dental professionals and parents, as well as by children.

To create your own communication board, choose pictures that are useful to your child from the pictures below. (Plaudit: I'd like families to be able to click and move to create a sheet of applicable pictures that can be printed and used by the families at home. Include further instructions to tell how. Pictures should be simple illustrations in a box with the descriptive word, i.e., STOP with a pictured stop sign)

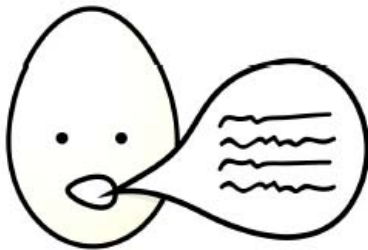




I'm hurt



I need to use the  
bathroom



I want to talk



I want to swallow

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