

HOMework FOR PRACTICING COMMUNICATION REPAIR

Home & Community - Listening in the Car

You are riding in the car with your mom or dad. He or she starts talking to you and you cannot understand what was said but you heard a few words. What would happen if you just pretended to understand? You WANT your parents to talk to you and make sure you have the information you want and need. What can you do?



1. What makes it hard to hear when you are in the backseat of the car?

2. What can you ask your mom/dad to do? _____

3. What can you do? _____

Your homework is to try out these ideas when you are in the car with your family. Please do this by: _____

Share what you found out:

When you tried (a): _____

When you tried (b): _____

Will you do this in the future? Why or why not?

Please complete this homework by _____

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Using Communication Repair Skills in the Car

1. Picture yourself asking your mom and dad to repeat what they just said. Of the choices “more loudly”, “more slowly”, and “more clearly”, which do you think would help you the most in the car? _____

TRY IT! What did you find out? _____

2. Picture yourself asking your mom and dad to clarify what they just said by using some of the words you did hear OR by using what you know about what you are going to do. Practice using the word(s) you hear to ask for more information. See how many ways you can put this information into your request for clarification.

TRY IT! What did you find out? _____

3. Make a game of practicing communication repair. Ask mom and dad to talk in a pretend accent, sing the information, play the 20 questions game and practice your Addition communication repair skills (simple addition, define terms, add background context).

TRY IT! What did you find out? _____

Will you use these communication repair skills in the future? Why or why not?

Please complete this homework by _____

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Restaurant Practice

Sometimes restaurants can be noisy. You are at a restaurant with your family. Everyone has menus and is waiting for the food server to take your order.



Use the time to pretend that YOU will take the order for each of your family members. Ask what each person would like to eat.

Because it is noisy in restaurants, you may not hear everything your mom or dad says. This is a perfect time to practice your communication repair skills! To make it more challenging your family members can ‘give you their order’ with their faces hidden behind the menu.

First, use your communication repair skills to try to understand without looking at the menu pictures or words. Ask for clarification using what you DID hear the person say or what you THINK the person said. Like: “Did you say you wanted mashed or baked potatoes?”

If you still cannot quite understand, use the menu to help you guess which type of food is correct. Practice asking for clarification using different communication strategies:

- Repeat more slowly, loudly, clearly, please.
- Use what you heard your mom or dad say as part of how you ask them for more information – break into two sentences, add background information, define words.
- Use pointing and other nonverbal strategies as a last resort.

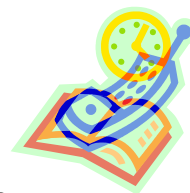
Share what you did _____

How did you feel about asking for clarification? _____

Please complete this homework by _____

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Listening on the Telephone



You are talking on the telephone with a family member you do not see every day (aunt, grandparent, etc). You do not understand something that was asked.

- What could you do if you are in a place where there is background noise?

- What could you do if you hear noise over the phone, meaning that the other person is in a noisy place while he or she is talking to you? _____

Think about using your communication repair skills for repetition. Of more loudly, slowly, and clearly, which do you think would help you most on the phone? _____

What are some nice ways to let your family member know that you were listening, but just did not hear everything? Try to think of 4 different ways:

Example: Sorry Grandma, I couldn't quite hear that; please say it again.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Listen for words. When you miss something, include the key words into your clarification requests. Example: "I heard you say birthday, Grandma. Mine is coming up. I was hoping that I could go to a movie with you and out for ice cream for my birthday."

If you know that you will be talking to someone you do not speak to often, think before the phone call about the kinds of things he may ask you about. Be ready to share some of your own thoughts and questions. Communication is a two-way street!

Share your experience talking on the phone when you used your communication repair strategies:

Please complete this homework by _____