



## If Talking is Tough....

Because the RIGHT sounds are NOT coming...

**YOU:**

☐ Use an **Alphabet Board** or Alphabet Board App

- Point  to 1st letter of each **word**
- OR point  to each letter of a **word** as needed
- Use to spell full word when your word is NOT

understood



☐ Slow down

- Use a metronome app if needed




- True Metronome Lite app
- **See Instructions**

- If you like the metronome....

- There is a device (Peterson Body Beat Pulse Solo) you can purchase to make the metronome vibrate



rather than make sound  so that you

**SECRETLY**  keep to your rate.



□ OVER-emphasize **words**

- Pretend like your partner has to **read your lips**. 
- Keep **extra emphasis** on **important words** that make your point

- **Try:** Slight pause  before the **word**, slightly

louder , slightly **higher** pitch  on **THAT word.**

- Vary  your pitch
- **That's MY phone.**

□ **Imitate** your partner's voice , speech pattern ,

posture .

- Try to VARY your pitch.




□ **Introduce** your topic 

- Use **alphabet board** if needed

□ Write it down  ....

- Only written....



- Write on marker board  or paper 
- Type it into a Word  document
- Written + speech output....
  - Verbally app 
  - Text-to-Speech app 
- Send & receive **pictogram** messages with Tapgram 

## YOUR COMMUNICATION PARTNER:

- If your partner is having difficulty saying a word....
  - If you can narrow it down...
    - Give a verbal choice (**the mountains or the beach?**)
    - Or guess the word if they have provided the 1<sup>st</sup> few sounds or letters, framed as question (**beeeee---oh beach??!!**)
    - Ask questions using the Semantic Feature Analysis framework above to get more info—**Was it somewhere you go in the summer?**
  - Or a visual choice
    - Provide written choices or image choices (search on phone)
- Repeat back or expand on what you understood



- Beach! Yes! Let's go to the beach tomorrow! I wonder what we'll see there!
  - If you repeat back what you understood, that allows your communication partner to repeat only what you did NOT understand---more efficient and more likely to get full message across to you!
  - **Glossing**: repeating each word as it is heard...the speaker stops only when there is an error.
- No quizzing!!!** If your partner's message is conveyed, no need to make them say the word or sentence. **Keep communication going.**



- **BEEAAAACCCHHH! Say..."beach"...together "beeeacch"**
  - **Remember**: Question—Answer—Repair format = Conversation Killer
  - Respond to **CONTENT** NOT FORM
    - Can offer **SUBTLE suggestion**: *(using partner's "beach" gesture) I hope we can have a picnic at the beach (gesture).*
  - Reflect **EMOTIONAL TONE**: *That sounds like it was frustrating!*
  - Once your partner is comfortable with communication strategies, **Open-Ended Questions** > **Closed-Ended ones.**
- Be patient**
- Do not pretend to understand**

