WRITE A RUBRIC GOAL IN 3 STEPS

1 IDENTIFY AREAS OF NEED

Which communication functions matter most for this child right now? Check 3 to 5. Five is best: 5 skills x 4 points = a rubric scored out of 20.

- ☐ Requesting objects or items
- ☐ Asking for help
- ☐ Advocating for a sensory need (too loud, break)
- ☐ Commenting and sharing (look, showing you)
- ☐ Expressing feelings
- ☐ Directing an action (go, open, come)
- ☐ Protesting or rejecting (no, stop, all done)
- ☐ Getting someone's attention
- ☐ Greeting and connecting
- ☐ Asking and answering questions

Every mode counts: speech, AAC, scripts, signs, gestures, leading you by the hand, movement.

2 BUILD THE RUBRIC AND MARK THE BASELINE

Choose how you'll score it. There are several scoring lenses. This handout uses **level of support**. On page 2, describe what each skill looks like at each level for this child, then circle where they are now.

1 Maximum	2 Moderate	3 Minimal	4 Independent
The adult models the message from the child's perspective.	1-2 prompts: visual, gestural, or verbal.	One natural cue, like a partner pausing.	On their own, in any mode, and understood.

3 WRITE THE GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Set each skill's target above its baseline. Add up the targets. That total is your goal score.

> When provided with **[support]**, **[Child]** will **[communication functions]** to achieve at least a **[x/x]** on their communication rubric (attached), measured **[how often]**, for **[duration]**.

My long-term goal:

_____

_____

_____

Objectives: one per skill. *[Child] will [skill] to achieve at least a [target]/4 on their communication rubric.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

STEP 2 AND STEP 3

MY COMMUNICATION RUBRIC

Student: _____ Scoring lens: level of support

Skill	1 Maximum	2 Moderate	3 Minimal	4 Independent	Baseline	Target
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
				Total	**/20**	**/20**

Check: do your targets add up to your goal score? ☐ Yes ☐ Not yet. If not, adjust the goal honestly to match realistic targets.

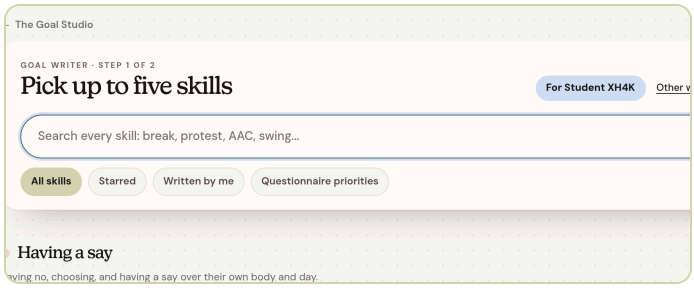
Using fewer than 5 skills? The total is out of 4 x the number of skills (4 skills = /16). If a skill didn't come up, mark it N/O (not observed), not a fail. Never withhold an item, an activity, or help to get a response.

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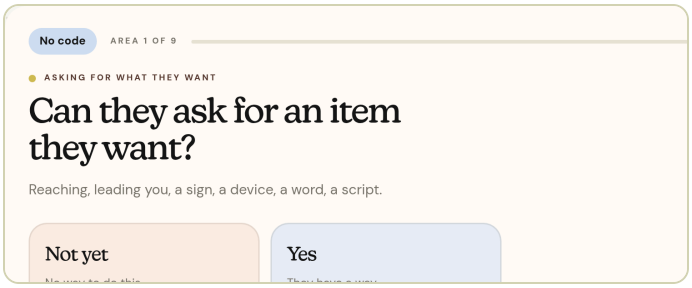
THE GOAL STUDIO

DO ALL OF THIS IN MINUTES

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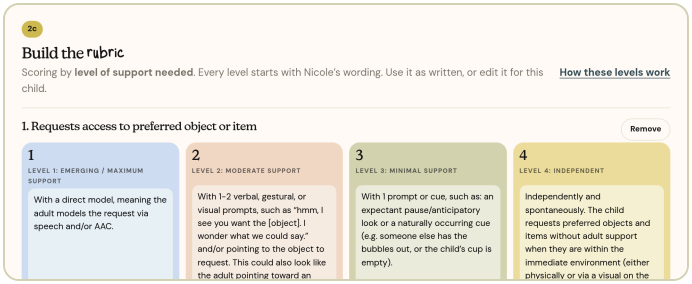
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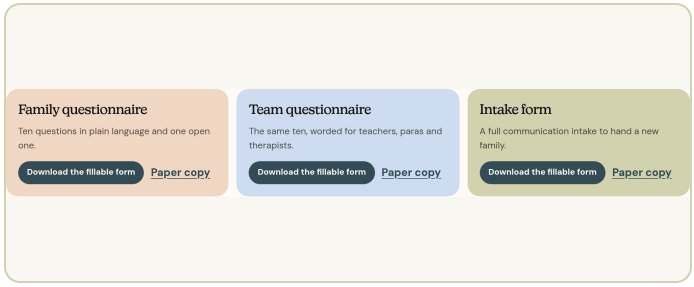
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