

Social language is part of social communication

When we share space or relate with others we read cues from the environment, each other's physical movements and eye gaze, and language.

Comments and questions form the basis of social language. The meaning of spoken language is also supported by inflection, non-verbal facial cues, gestures, situational cues, etc.

The following are question and comment types we teach within the Social Thinking Methodology

Questions:

- World wonder questions
 - questions about the world unrelated to the person(s) they are talking with
- Social wonder questions
 - Questions about another's experience, information, etc.
- Follow-up questions to clarify information
 - Questions to clarify information already discussed
- Baiting questions
 - Questions to try and bait someone to talk about a specific topic

Comments:

- Supporting comments
 - Brief comments to demonstrate one is listening, agreeing, empathizing, etc.
- Add-a-Thought comment
 - When a person adds their own thoughts, feelings, knowledge, or experience based on something that a previous speaker shared based on their own thoughts, feelings, knowledge or experience, etc.
 - When we teach about add-a-thought we also help individuals notice that conversational partners don't maintain a topic, instead they maintain a connection to what a speaker has shared in the current discussion.