



# Prompting Caregivers

Prompting is a type of informative feedback coaches sometimes use to build a caregiver's capacity while the caregiver is practicing a specific strategy to promote their child's participation during a real-life activity. Prompting is a way of scaffolding caregiver learning that is less intensive than intentional modeling but more intensive than offering only reflection.

Prompting is used when:

- The coach is reinforcing a strategy that was previously taught.
- The caregiver is engaged in an activity or routine.
- The coach is positioned near the caregiver.
- The caregiver needs prompting to scaffold their success with the strategy.

## 5 Steps to Prompting During Early Intervention Visits

1. Ask the caregiver if and how they want to be prompted before the activity begins.
2. Observe the caregiver and child in the targeted real-life activity.
3. Watch for opportunities to remind or prompt the caregiver to use the previously discussed strategy.
4. Prompt the caregiver to use the previously taught strategy during the activity if needed and quickly back off.
5. Support the caregiver with analyzing the effectiveness of the strategy.