
Staying on Topic

Practice staying on topic. It is important to keep the topic in mind when having a conversation with others. Use the visual aid on the following page to practice staying on topic during your session. Cut out the arrow and practice having a conversation with a selected topic. Allow the client to decide if the comments made were "On Topic" or "Off Topic" and place the arrow where it belongs on the circle.

You should guide the conversation and interject off-topic comments and see if the client is able to identify them. After giving an off-topic comment, provide an on-topic comment to model expected skills. Discuss ways to stay on topic when talking with teachers, family or friends. The visual aid can be given to the caregiver to practice conversation skills at home.

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