

**Personal Dictionary  
(Communicative Intent Log)  
Sample**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p align="center"><b>BEHAVIOURS OBSERVED</b></p> <p align="center">"This is what I do."</p>	<p align="center"><b>INTENT/WHAT IT MEANS</b></p> <p align="center">"This is what I am trying to tell you."</p>	<p align="center"><b>HOW TO RESPOND</b></p> <p align="center">"What you can say and/or do"</p> <p align="center">1. Identify behaviour 2. Interpret behaviour 3. Respond</p>
<p>1. Looking away, turns head away</p> <p>2. Head down, hands sometimes in mouth, eyes closed</p> <p>3. Finger or thumb in mouth, low pitched hum</p> <p>4. Loud, low pitched vocalization (whining), rocking in chair, agitated facial expression.</p> <p>5. Stick out tongue while drinking.</p>	<p>1. Not interested in activity</p> <p>2. a) Tired, sleepy b) Bored, not interested in activity</p> <p>3. Unhappy,wants out of wheelchair and to be left alone.</p> <p>4. I'm hungry and I want to eat now.</p> <p>5. I don't want any more to drink.</p>	<p>1. "J", you're looking away. You're telling me you don't like _____. Let's see if there is something else you like better." Offer "J" the choice of a different activity.</p> <p>2. a) "J", you're closing your eyes and putting your head down. You must be tired." Give "J" 15 - 20 minutes to rest before starting another activity. b) "J", you're closing your eyes and putting your head down. I think you must be bored with _____. Two more minutes &amp; we'll switch to something else." Attempt to challenge "J" to continue with activity for a bit longer before switching to next activity or offering a choice.</p> <p>3. a) "J", your finger is in your mouth &amp; you are humming. You want out of your chair and some time on your own. Take "J" out of the wheelchair and put "J" on floor. Try not to disturb him for 15 - 20 minutes b) "J", your finger is in your mouth &amp; you are humming. "J", you're telling me you want out of your chair but we need to finish this activity &amp; then we'll get out onto the floor. c) "J", your finger is in your mouth &amp; you are humming. You want out of your chair &amp; some time on your own. We were just on the floor, now it is time to work in your chair. When we finish, then we'll take another break."</p> <p>4. "J", I can tell by your face and voice that you're not happy." Get "J" something to eat ASAP.</p> <p>5. "J",you're sticking your tongue out. I think you're saying you don't want any more to drink." Stop giving "J" a drink. If he hasn't had much to drink, offer more in about 30 - 45 minutes or at end of meal.</p>