

## PROMPTING

Prompting is important when we try to teach a skill and get an individual using AAC to use their system for a specific purpose. There are different levels or intensity of prompts and we use different types depending on the individual and whether or not they are familiar with the skill being addressed. Technically:

*Prompting is the act of trying to make someone do something. A prompting hierarchy is a systematic way of providing support to help an individual learn new skills or practice a skill they already know.*

A *most-to-least* prompting hierarchy is used when teaching an individual a new skill. We want them to be successful, so we are going to help them find or select the target word/phrase.

A *least-to-most* prompting hierarchy is used when practicing or using a skill that is already learned. We know that the individual knows how to find or select the word/phrase and we are going to give them time to do so. An example of a prompting hierarchy is:

