

# "But my student doesn't look when I'm modelling"

## *Paying attention and AAC*

Remember paying attention looks different for different people



### Looking and Listening

Some people struggle to look and listen at the same time. So, in order to listen to what you are saying, they have to look away.



### Paying attention and sitting still

Some people struggle to pay attention while they are sitting still – so they have to move while they are listening.



### And....sometimes they aren't paying attention!



### Paying attention and moving away

Some people are paying attention but then they have to move away and take time to process what you've said



### Paying attention and learning to model AAC

In the beginning, when we are just learning to model AAC, we need to remember that right at the very beginning of the process it's all about you learning the system anyway – so it doesn't really matter if your person is engaged or not until you are a confident user of that AAC system.