

# Visual Strategies

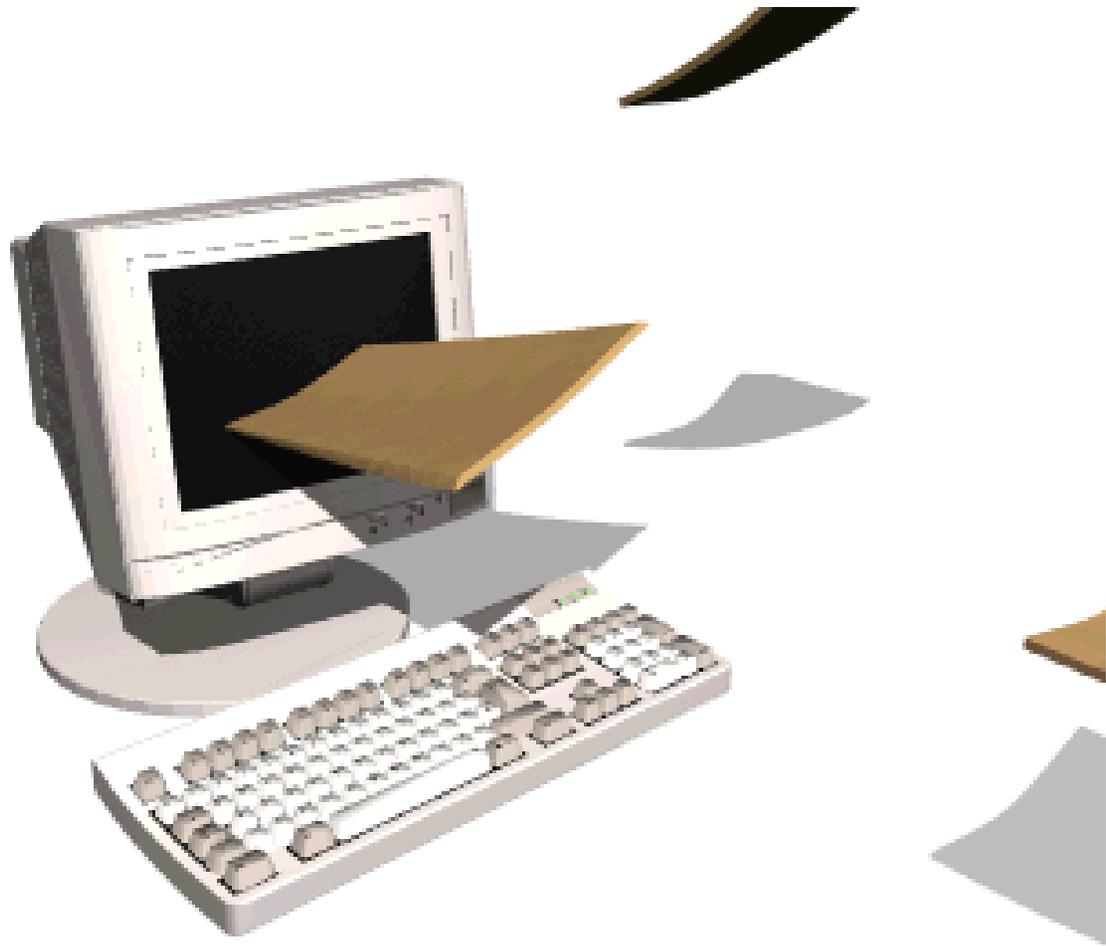
# What are visual strategies?



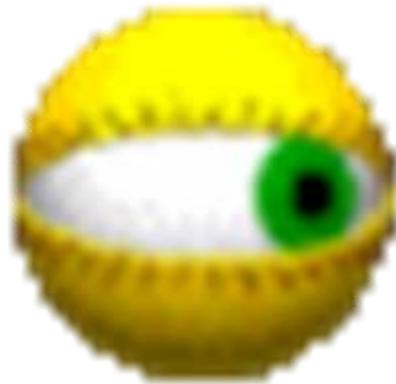
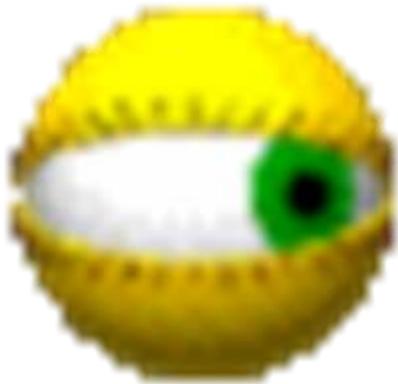








# Why use visual strategies?



I hear...I forget

I see...and I remember

I do...and I understand

*Ancient Chinese Proverb*

# When I See... I Understand

When I hear, I forget  
In one ear and out the next  
But it makes more sense to me  
When there's something I can **see**  
With my **eyes**, show me now  
You'll be helping me learn how  
To make a choice or shake a hand  
When I **see**, I understand

Whether I'm young, or if I'm old  
It helps to **see** what I am told  
A **written word**, a **picture card**  
Can simplify what might be hard  
A **visual aid** describes it best,  
And gives the voice and ears a rest  
From making friends to handling fear,  
**Showing me how** makes it more clear

There's not much left to explain  
When a **picture** shows my brain  
Who or where or what you mean  
On a clear **computer screen**  
To recall what you heard  
A picture paints a thousand words  
So much to learn, I think I can  
When I **see**, I understand!  
My ears need a little hand  
When I **see**, I understand!



# Benefits of Good Visual Tools

1. Facilitates communication
2. Increases attention
3. Easy to use
4. Fosters word recognition
5. Motivating
6. Increases independence

# When do you use visual strategies?

## 1. Transitioning

Does the child have trouble starting an activity?

Does the child have trouble stopping an activity?

Does the child have difficulty going from one area to another?

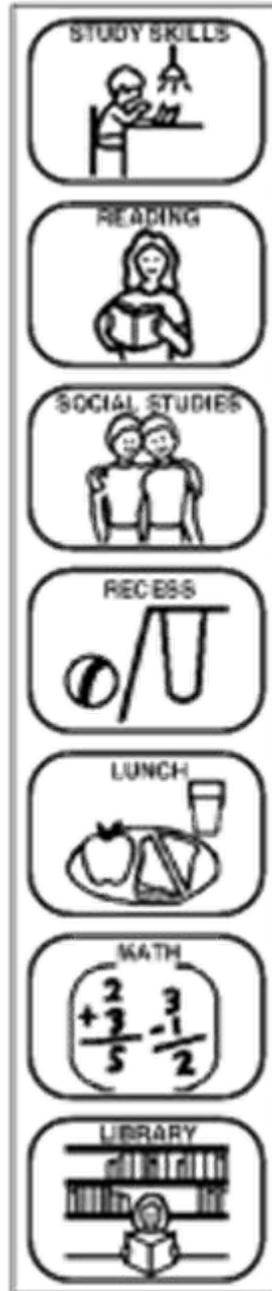
## 2. Initiating wants and needs

Does the child not have words to tell you what he wants?

Does the child lead you by the hand to an area and expect you to know what he wants?

Does the child tantrum when you can not figure out what he wants?

### 3. Teaching routines



#### 4. Teaching social skills

Have you told the child a thousand times not to do certain things?

Do you find yourself repeating what they are expected to do every time you do a certain activity—like grocery shopping?

# Do Not Pick Your Nose

by Carolyn Cantwell



It is so yucky to pick your nose!



When your nose needs to be cleaned, get a Kleenex.

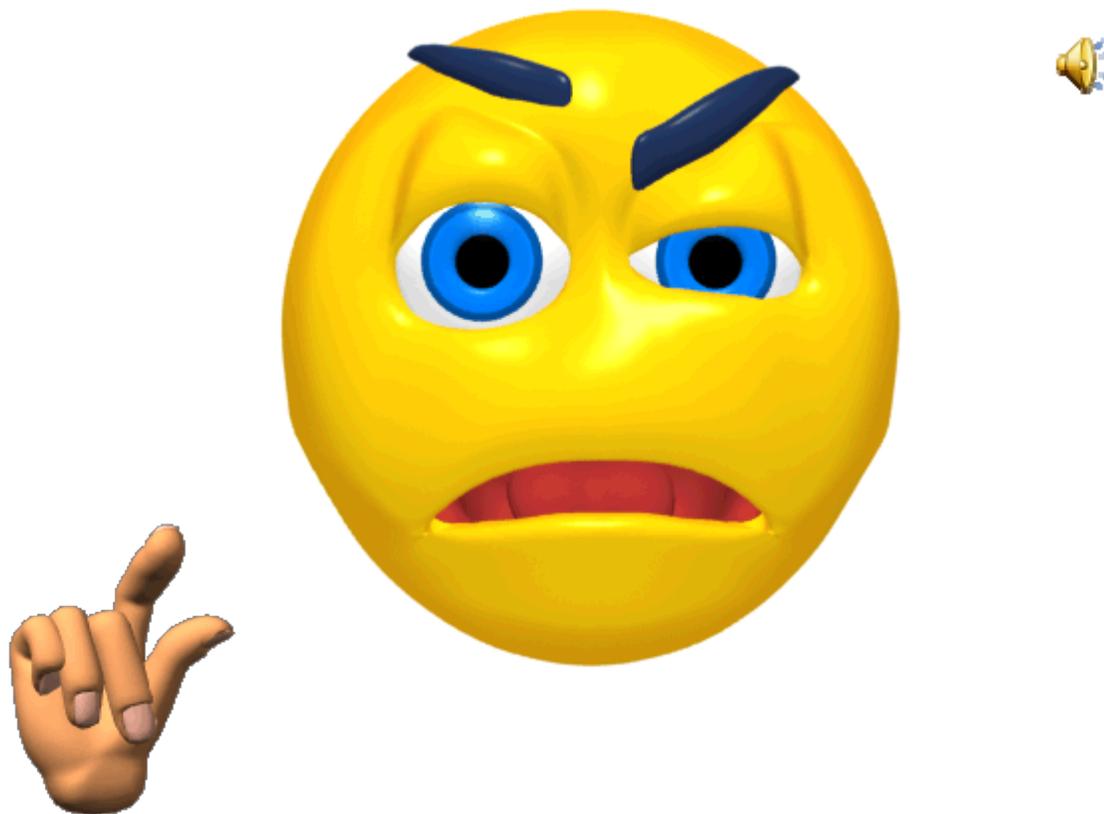


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People do NOT like to see us pick  
our nose!



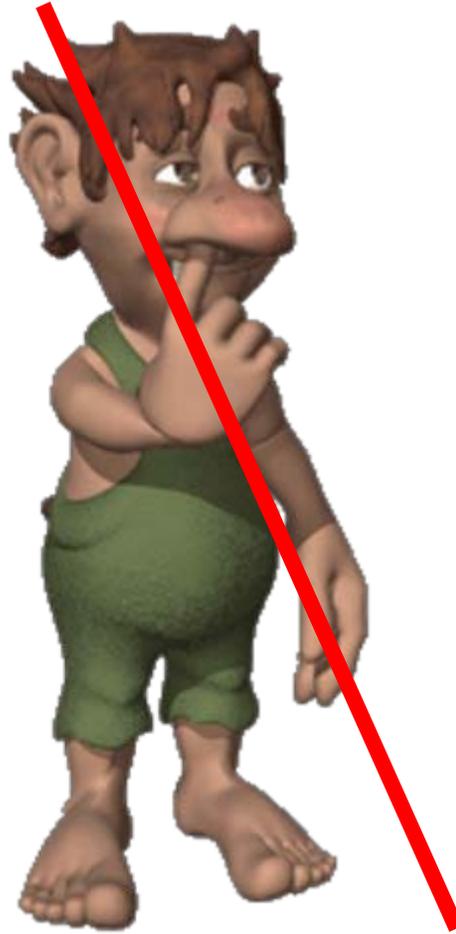
Do not put your fingers in your nose!



People may not want to be your friend if you pick your nose.



I will NOT put my fingers in my nose. It is Yucky!



## 5. Teaching new content or skills

Many times ready-made materials are not available to teach skills or content you want.

# The Farm

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There are many animals on a farm. There are pigs,



**COWS,**



horses,



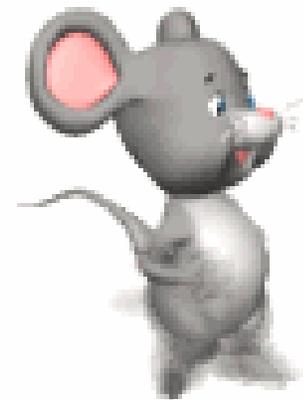
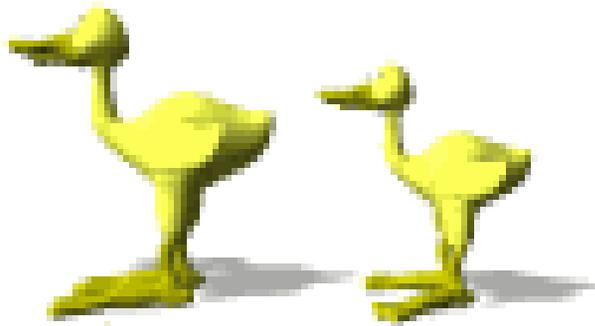
chickens and roosters,



dogs and cats,



and others.



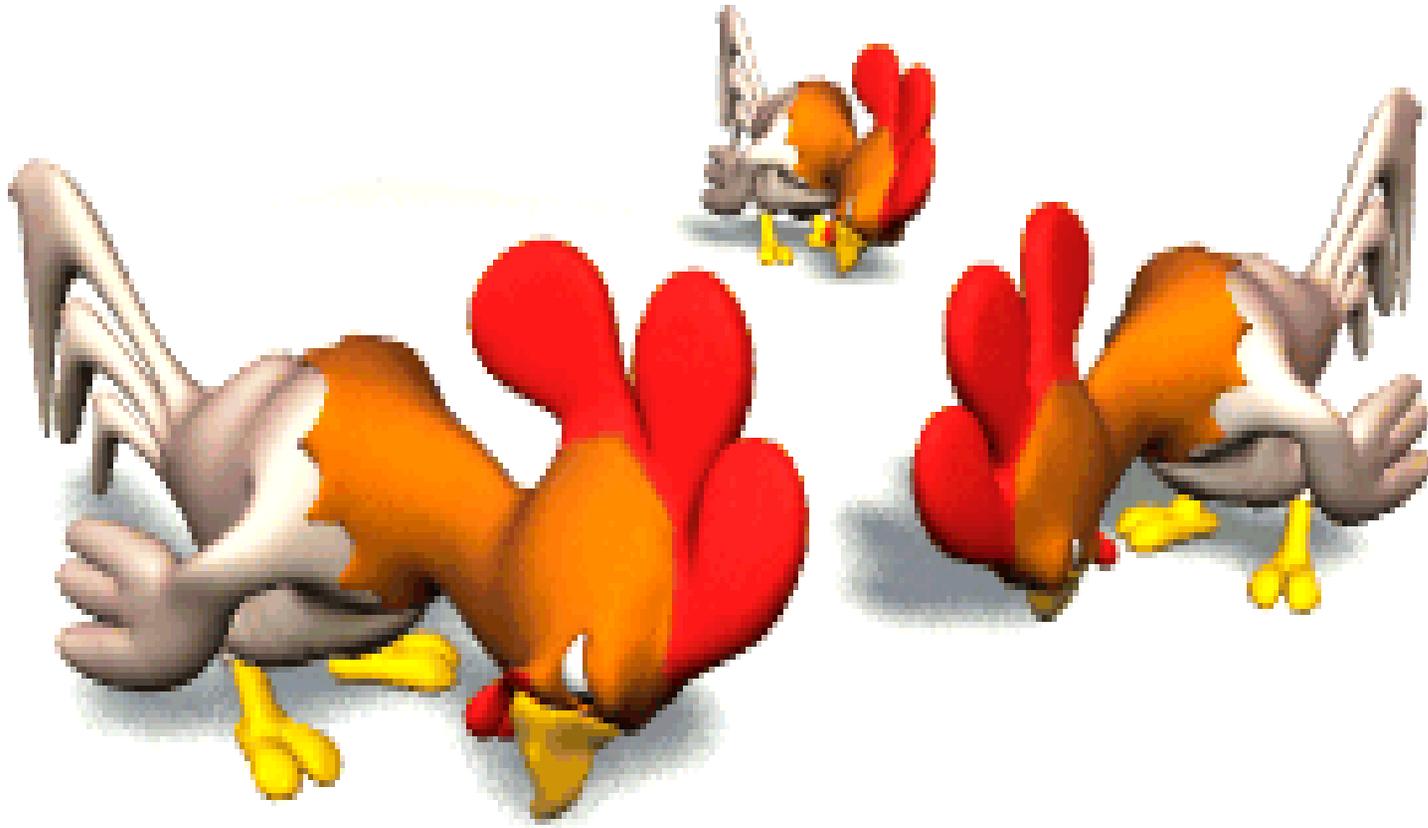
The rooster crows in the morning to wake everyone up.



The farmer has a lot to do  
every day.



He feeds the animals.



He plows the garden with his tractor.



He plants food and flowers.



When the farmer harvests the food,  
it goes to the grocery store.



Then mom and I can go to the grocery store and buy our food.



The end!

# Picture Exchange Communication System