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- *A strategy to develop social communication by explicitly teaching an (more) appropriate social/communication behaviour.*
- *The power card strategy is another way to use a student's special interest as a tool for support. The technique consists of two elements:*
 1. a story about a strategy that a student's hero has used to solve a problem.
 2. the Power Card itself, which is the size of a business card and recaps how the person using the card can use the same strategy to solve a similar problem.



Note – Use fictional heroes

- It may be better to use fictional characters and heroes as real people may let you down in their behaviour!
- Real people may not engage in the appropriate behaviours in real life that you want to teach!

Ruby Gloom Can Follow Instructions



Ruby Gloom likes school. She works very hard and likes to play with her friends.



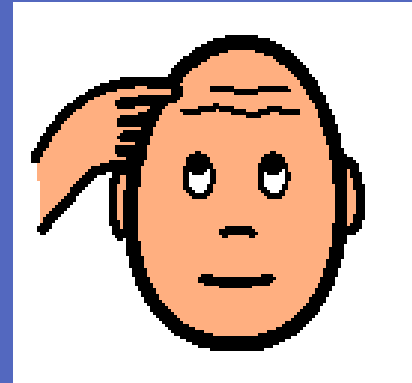
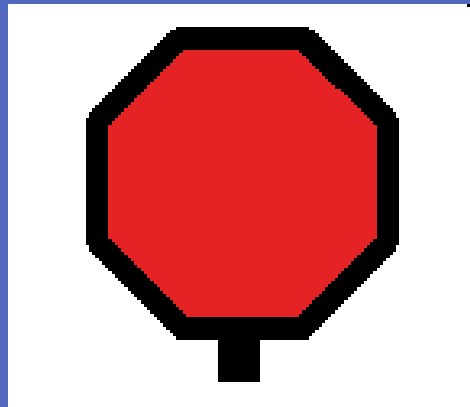
Sometimes at school, Ruby Gloom does not follow instructions. When this happens, it is not safe for Ruby and the other children. This makes the adults very worried.



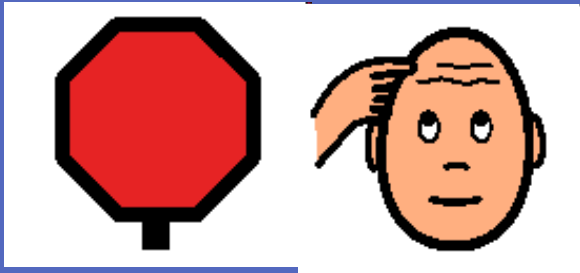
One day, Ruby's cat explained that it is better to follow the adult's instructions. That way no one gets worried and no one gets hurt. Ruby Gloom thinks this is a good idea.



Ruby Gloom decides that the next time the adult gives her instructions that she does not want to do, she will stop and think instead. Then she will follow the adult's instructions.



The next time Ruby Gloom did not want to follow instructions, she stopped and thought...



Then, she followed the adult's instructions! Hooray! Ruby Gloom did it! She followed the adult's instructions!



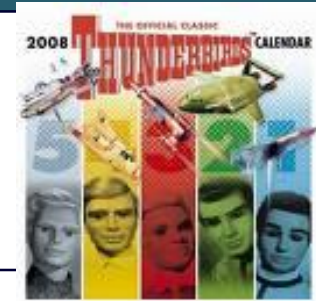
Everybody was happy! The adults and children were extremely happy that she managed so well.



Ruby Gloom knows that she needs to follow the adult's instructions. This keeps Ruby and the other children safe.



A few tips...



- ❑ Decide on a clear script relating to the new idea/skill – share this with all relevant adults
- ❑ Make it on Powerpoint
- ❑ Make sure you use the correct context – i.e. don't mix Thunderbirds 1 and 3. The children will notice!
- ❑ Try and use relevant images.
- ❑ Use Google images
 - Make the image as large as possible before you copy and paste it.

Thank You!

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