

HOW TO WRITE A SOCIAL STORY

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**IDENTIFY THE TARGET
BEHAVIOR, SKILL, OR
EVENT IN THE TITLE**

**FOCUS ON ONE SKILL,
BEHAVIOR, OR EVENT AT
A TIME**

**USE PICTURES TO
SUPPORT THE TEXT**

KEEP THE FORMAT SIMPLE

**BREAK DOWN THE EVENT
OR THING INTO SIMPLE
STEPS**

**INCLUDE EXACT PHRASES
OR SCRIPTS FOR THE
CHILD TO SAY**

**BE DESCRIPTIVE &
ANSWER WH QUESTIONS
ABOUT EVENT, BEHAVIOR,
OR GOAL**

**DESCRIBE HOW THE
CHILD, & OTHERS,
SHOULD FEEL OR REACT**

**DESCRIBE EXACTLY WHAT
THE CHILD SHOULD DO**

**KEEP THE LANGUAGE
SIMPLE & POSITIVE**

**WRITE IT IN FIRST-
PERSON**

**WRITE IT IN PRESENT
TENSE**

INCLUDE 2-5 DESCRIPTIVE SENTENCES FOR EACH DIRECTIVE