

## INTENSIVE INTERACTION

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### Intensive Interaction

Intensive interaction is a non-directive therapy approach that has been based on studies looking at the interactions between parent and child.

*This approach supports the development of early communication skills or the 'fundamentals of communication' in children and adults that have autism and/or severe learning difficulties.*

### Intensive Interaction aims to develop:

- Abilities related to social cause and effect, anticipation and exploring the behaviours of others
- Fundamental communication skills
- Social communication skills
- Desire to interact and be with others
- Understanding of why and how social and communication abilities are enjoyable

### Further Information:

[www.davehewett.com](http://www.davehewett.com)  
[www.intensiveinteraction.co.uk](http://www.intensiveinteraction.co.uk)  
[www.drmarkbarber.co.uk](http://www.drmarkbarber.co.uk)  
[www.bild.org.uk](http://www.bild.org.uk)

### Fundamentals of communication:

- Giving attention to another person
- Joint attention/shared attention
- Taking turns
- Having fun – learning functions of and skills for play
- Using and understanding:
  - Eye contact
  - Facial expressions
  - Gestures and body language
  - Physical contact
  - Vocalisations
- Making all communication meaningful (verbal and non-verbal)

### Points to remember:

- Follow the child's lead – copy vocalisations, gestures, facial expressions, actions etc.
- Keep the interaction meaningful for the child and social
- Session length is determined by the child
- Ideally carried out daily (gradually increasing in variety of environments and interaction partners)

