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Natural talking involves all the normal things a child or adult says that is not structured or planned by someone else. It is the kinds of things that children and adults naturally says. It is the colloquial things we say, the sassy comments, and the social exchanges. Children and adults with disabilities often do not use this kind of language unless it is specifically targeted and taught.

- Children and adults tell on each other, complain, protest, correct each other, and insult each other. Make visual cards for phrases that represent this kind of common talking among children and adults. Place the cards on the person's laptray or around the environment where he/she hangs out. The example icon sequences are from the Unity program.










- Complain/Disagree/Protest:

- ◆ I  hate  that. 
- ◆ I have a problem. 
- ◆ No way!  **N** 
- ◆ Leave me  be. 
- ◆ Get  away  from  me. 

- Tattle/Warn:

- ◆ I'm going  to tell. 
- ◆ I'm  telling. 
- ◆ I  saw  that. 
- ◆ You're going  to get  it  now 

- Insult:

- ◆ You are  funny  looking. 
- ◆ You are  a  dumb  head. 
- ◆ You're  fat. 

- Correcting/Rebuking:

- ◆ That's  's  not  nice.

- ◆ Don't    do   that   again.  
- ◆ That's   bad.  