

Steve's Communication Dictionary

When Steve:

Takes your hand and pulls on you

**Sings "Ahh-ahh-ahh",
Or "eee, eee, eee", etc.**

If Steve's in a store or if he is around other people who don't know him, and startles people with his noises;

Stands up and begins to walk away or towards something

It may mean:

"I want to go"

"I want something"

"I'm happy", "I'm enjoying this",
"I'm saying 'Hi'"

Then you should:

He wants to use the bathroom, get a drink of water, or do something purposeful (he has a reason for standing up and moving!)
He may also be attempting to get a twig or branch to twirl in his hand

We should:

Prompt Steve to touch the picture of the car/car keys then walk with him to the car. Then, use picture album to see if Steve points to a picture of a specific place.

Say "show me", and follow him to see what he wants

Say "Hey Steve, you sure are happy" so that community members understand that Steve is happy.

Say "Steve, you sure are happy", or "Hey Steve, are you saying 'Hi'?"

Follow him and see where he is going (his initiating getting up has a purpose!). Do not simply try to stop him or tell him to sit down, as he may have a toileting accident or need a drink.

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When Steve:

Slaps his stomach while looking at your face

Brings his fingers forcefully into his chin while making eye contact with you

Holding out his hand to you

Gets close to you and looks in the eye

Looks in the mirror or window at his reflection

When Steve stops walking/moving and gets "stuck"

When Steve refuses to get out of the car

It may mean:

I may need to use the bathroom

"I'm hungry/I want to eat"

I'm checking to see how you are doing

I love looking in your eyes and checking you out

I love checking "me" out!

He may be "stuck" and need a cue or touch to move again

He may be tired, or confused about what he is going to do, what's coming next, etc.

We should:

Let him know that you understand, and find a bathroom for him to use

Tell Steve that you know he is hungry and let him know when he can/will be able to eat.

Give him "five", or shake his hand

Say "Hi" and give him five or shake his hand

Let him know when it's time to go

Walk close to him (using your proximity) and hold out your hand to him as a cue. If he does not respond to this, then a gentle touch may help him to notice you.

Verbally review with him what he is going to do, and what's coming next. Give him more time.

Name:

DOB:

Communicative Act

Describe what the person uses as a display, symbol, gesture, etc.

Definition

Provide the various meanings.

Response

Suggested response.
