

CHAT Bands

Instructions for use

It's as simple as YES or NO



You can use CHAT bands to talk to **NVC/LC's**

The CHAT Collective CHAT Bands are designed to be easily used by the verbal community to communicate with **NVC/LCs**.



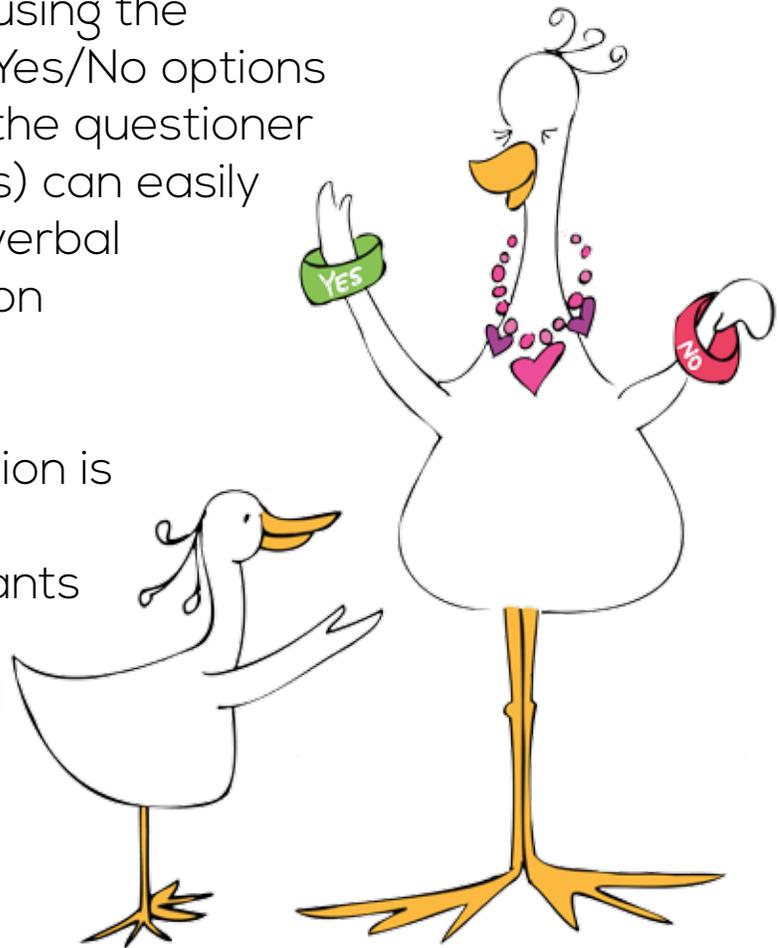
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Learning to ask questions that require simple “Yes” or “No” answers is a valuable skill for anyone who needs or wishes to converse with a nonverbal or limited communicator.

Once the concept of using the CHAT bands to offer Yes/No options has been introduced the questioner (who wears the bands) can easily socialize with the nonverbal respondent, carrying on conversations and developing a deeper relationship. Socialization is beneficial to both conversation participants and is critical to everyone’s intellectual and emotional health.

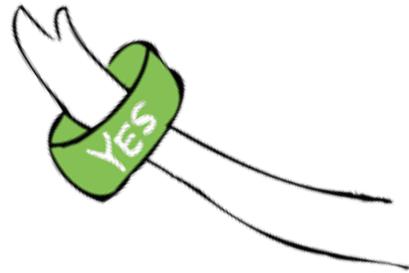


How to get started

“I have these yes/no wristbands that I would like to try to use with you today.

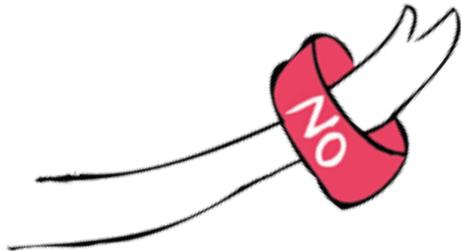
This green one means ‘Yes.’”

(Shake the wrist with the green band and make sure the person looks at it. Ask a clearly true statement, e.g., “Am I a person? **YES!**”).



“This red one means ‘No.’”

(Similarly, shake the other wrist with the red band and make sure the person can see this. Ask a clearly false statement, e.g., “Am I a duck? **NO!**”).



Next, confirm that the person can identify the correct color and meaning of the bands by putting your hands behind your back for a moment, then presenting both options to the **NVC/LC**.

“Can you find the green ‘Yes’ wristband for me, please?”

Wait for visual, physical or verbal confirmation. Repeat with the other choice. When the person successfully locates the yes and no bands you are ready to use our product to communicate.

Now, simply ask **YES/NO** questions and have fun!

Let me show you how.

Do you like sports?

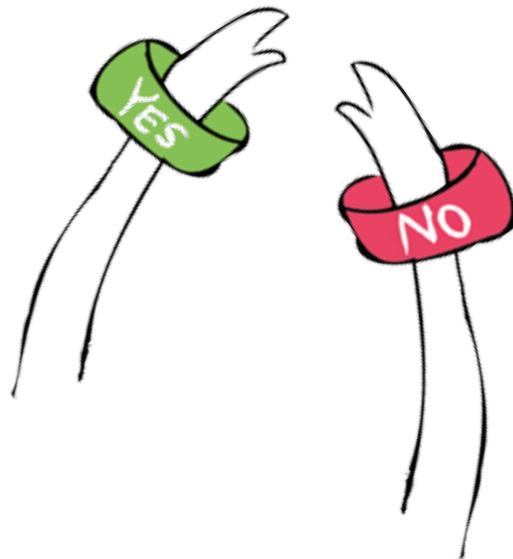
YES or **NO**

The person could answer by nodding their head

YES or **NO**

or saying the words

YES or **NO**.



But what if the person is nonverbal like Graham?
You might need to offer choices that help someone
know how to answer:

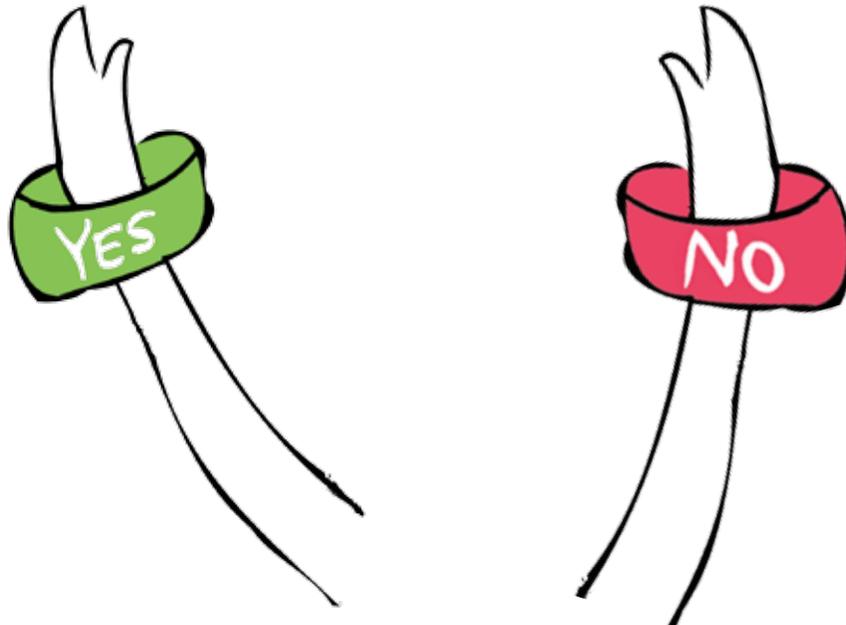
“Graham, look at me if your answer is yes.
Look away if your answer is no.”



Or if the person can move their hands you could write the words **YES** and **NO** on two pieces of paper, hold one in each hand and ask them to touch **YES** or **NO**.

Or someone could look at **YES** or **NO** to give their answer. Or you could use CHAT bands and ask them **YES** and **NO** questions.

This can work for your friend, classmate or even an adult who is sick or unable to talk because they got hurt.



The following are sample **YES/NO** questions for common situations and conversation topics:

Meals and dining:

Instead of “What is your favorite food?”
ask “Is pasta your favorite food?”

Other examples:

Do you like this restaurant? Food?

Are you hungry? Thirsty?

Do you want chicken?

Are you all done?



Other people:

Instead of “Who are your friends here?”
ask “Is Bill one of your friends?”

Other examples:

Is Julie nice to you?

Do you want to see your cousin?

Do you know that person?

Do you remember Charlie?

Pain or injury:

Instead of “How do you feel?”
ask “Do you feel OK?”

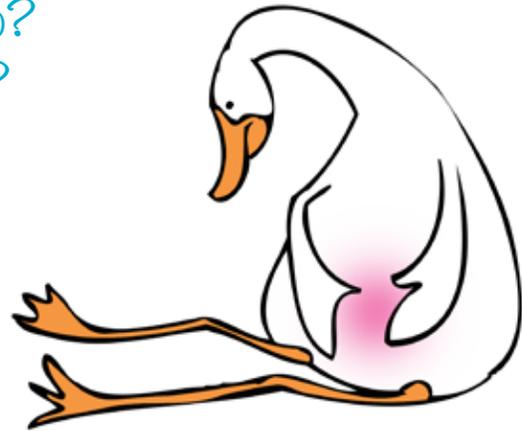
Other examples:

Are you in pain?

Does it hurt when I push here?

Did this hurt yesterday? Two days ago?

Do you understand why I’m doing this?



Shopping:

Instead of “What do you want?”
ask “Do you want me to buy some bananas?”

Other examples:

Do you need more tissues?

Do you like clothes shopping?

Do you like the red one better than the blue one?

Do you have enough money to purchase that?

School:

Instead of “Where do you go to school?”
ask “Are you in school?”

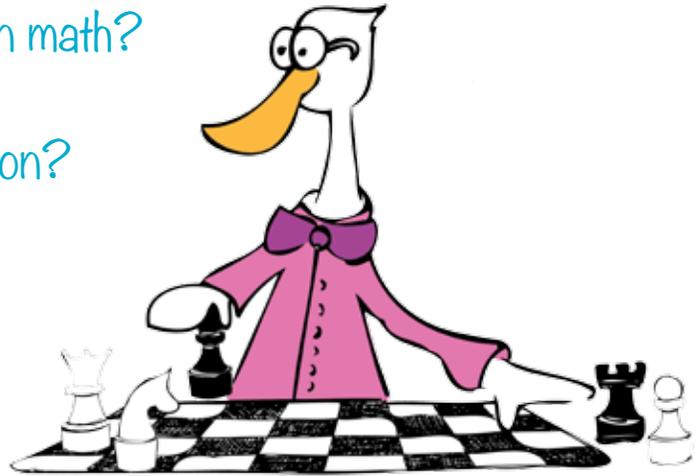
Other examples:

Do you like school?

Do you like reading better than math?

Is your teacher nice?

Do you understand this question?



Hobbies/interests:

Instead of “What do you like to do?”
ask “Do you like to watch game shows?”

Other examples:

Is “Frozen” your favorite movie?

Do you want John to do this with you?

Do you want me to read a book to you?

Are you better at this than your brother?

Sporting events:

Instead of “Who is your favorite team?”
ask “Do you like (name of team) better than (name of team)?”

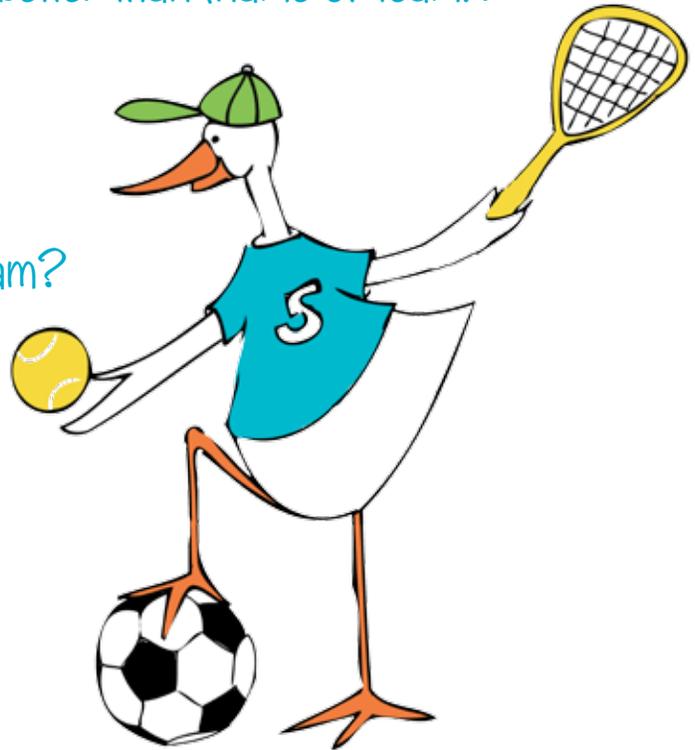
Other examples:

Is your team winning?

Did you like to play soccer?

Do you know someone on the team?

Do you understand the rules?



General conversation:

Instead of “How are you?”
ask “Are you having a good day?”

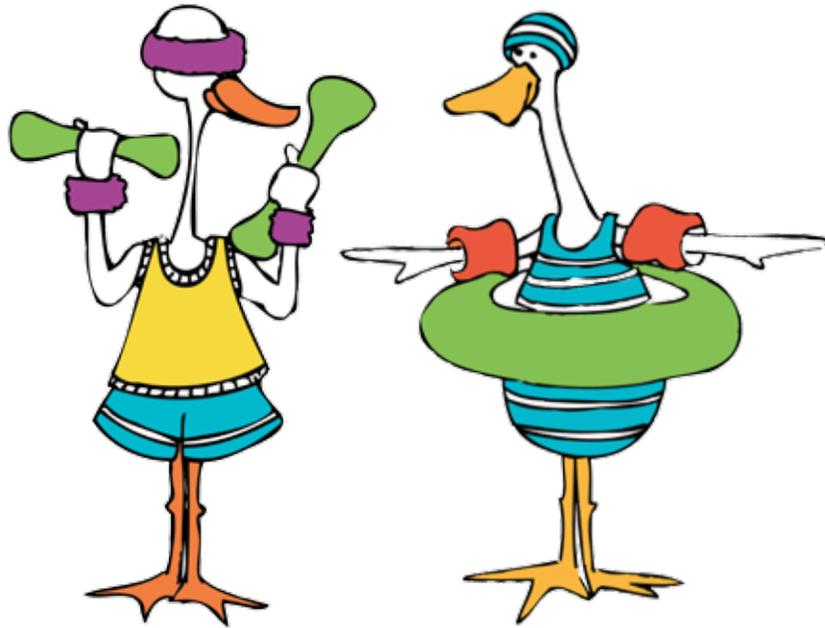
Other examples:

Are you happy?

Do you like the weather today?

Do you like this place?

Do you want me to help you with that?



If you have CHAT bands with you it is possible to communicate where ever you are!

In the car, in the pool, in the rain, in the snow, during gym or physical therapy.....

Even if you have a device, they sometimes break or the batteries drain...CHAT bands always work and can help you say even more than you can with your device!

They can be quicker, easier and more fun to use!

