

## Scripting Strategies

Participants will review the examples of behavior intervention plan scripts related to intervention strategies and practice developing their own. Examples were developed by Rose Iovannone (2015).

### Example of Teaching Strategy Script

**Instead of:**

Teach Jeff to remain engaged on a writing assignment

**Script:**

Engagement is defined as working on a task without wandering around the room, talking to others, or sharpening pencil more than one time

Steps

1. Divide writing task into 3 major sections – starter, details, conclusion
2. Tell student that for each section completed, he earns a “dot” that he should place in the envelope hanging on the side of his desk
3. Inform him that he can use dots later to get out of work
4. Review his self-management checklist/dot total sheet with him
5. Review each section of writing assignment, his goal and academic engaged behavior
6. Every Monday morning, a weekly goal should be discussed and collectively developed with student

### Example of Response Strategy Script

**Instead of:**

Reinforce replacement behavior of Mike saying “I need to calm down” instead of screaming

## **Script:**

### Steps

1. As soon as Mike begins to show signs of screaming, the adult will immediately prompt Mike to say “I need to calm down” by presenting the communication device and saying, “What do you need?”
2. If necessary, provide physical or partial physical prompting to have Mike say what he needs.
3. Immediately after Mike says “I need to calm down,” present the choice board and ask him, “What do you want to do?”
4. Provide positive praise for Mike saying what he needs, “Thank you for telling me what you need.”
5. Allow him to engage in his choice for 2 minutes.

### Activity

With your small group, develop a script for **reinforcing the new behavior** or a script for **redirecting back to the replacement behavior** when the target behavior occurs. If you finish one, begin working on the second script.

## **Behavior:**

Teaching the use of a HELP card instead of crying

**Steps:**

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