



Writing Effective Social Stories

Social Stories must feel:

- Descriptive rather than prescriptive
- Informative rather than persuasive
- Safe, reassuring and supportive

Social Stories should:

- Answer the what, when, where, why and how questions
- Reflect the child's knowledge and experience of the social context
- Be written in first or third person
- Use precise vocabulary, avoiding ambiguity and the potential for misunderstanding

Social Stories often:

- Have a format that includes:
 - a descriptive title
 - an introduction that defines the topic in general terms
 - a main body that give details and personalised examples
 - a final affirmative statement that summarises the information
- Include visual illustrations

