10 Tips for Developing Your Own Social Stories

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- 1. Observe the current behavior of the child.
- 2. Write your story in the first person.
- 3. Explain the current situation or problem.
- **4.** Use positive, affirming statements.
- 5. Address undesirable behavior only if it may cause harm.
- **6.** Give instruction on the target skill.
- 7. Use engaging illustrations.
- **8.** Read the story frequently.
- 9. Tailor stories for a particular child.
- 10. Be creative, and have fun!

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