

Module 1: Understanding Various Modes of Communication

Important Terms to Know

- ✓ **Assistive Technology (AT):** Any device, software, or equipment that helps people work around their challenges
- ✓ **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC):** Communication methods used to supplement or replace speech or writing
- ✓ **Nonverbal Communication:** An exchange between people that does not have a direct verbal translation
- ✓ **Objective:** Not influenced by personal feelings or opinions
- ✓ **Progress Monitoring:** Used to assess students' academic performance, to quantify a student rate of improvement or responsiveness to instruction
- ✓ **Subjective:** Depends on your own ideas and opinions