

## Phase 3 Cheat Sheet

**Purpose:** To teach graphic symbol discrimination.

**Setting:** Trainer will be sitting across a table from the child.

1. Conduct a preference assessment. Repeat this every 5 trials.

**Sub-Phase 1:** Preferred versus distracter item.

2. Take a preferred item and a distracter item (e.g., sock). Present both to the child to ensure child does not want distracter.

3. Place iPad with graphic symbols for the preferred and distracter items in front of child. Entice with both items.

- Correct response: Child independently selects symbol for desired item.
  - ⇒ Hand item to child and provide immediate verbal feedback (e.g., “pretzel, that’s right!”).
- Incorrect response: Child selects symbol for distracter item and gets irritated when receiving distracter.

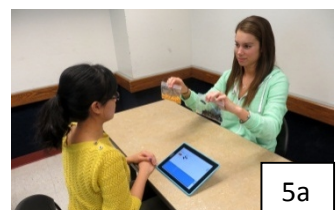
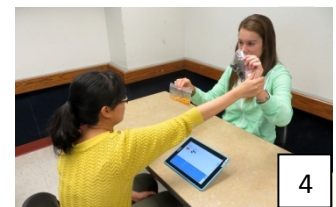
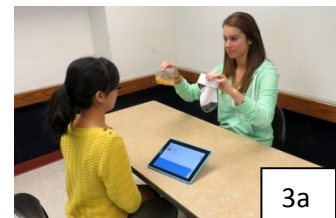
⇒ Do 4-Step Error Correction (see error correction sheet).

**Mastery:** Child independently selects correct symbol two times in a row.

**Sub-Phase 2:** Preferred versus non-preferred item.

4. Take a preferred and a non-preferred item (e.g. snack the child does not like). Present both to the child to ensure child does not want the non-preferred item.

5. Place iPad with graphic symbols for the preferred and non-preferred items in front of child. Entice with both.



- Correct response: Child independently selects symbol for desired item.  
⇒ Hand item to child and provide immediate verbal feedback (e.g. “pretzel, that’s right!”).
- Incorrect response: Child selects symbol for non-preferred item and gets irritated when receiving non-preferred.  
⇒ Do 4-Step Error Correction.



Mastery: Child independently selects correct symbol two times in a row.

### Sub-Phase 3: Preferred versus other preferred item.

- Place iPad with graphic symbols for two preferred items in front of child. Entice with both. Once child selects symbol, present both items on a plate. Say “go ahead and take it.” **Do not hand the selected item to the child.**



- Correct response: Child independently reaches for item that matches the symbol selected on iPad.  
⇒ Provide immediate verbal feedback (e.g. “pretzel, that’s right!”).
- Incorrect response: Child reaches for item that **does not** match the symbol selected on iPad.  
⇒ Stop child from taking the item and do 4-Step Error Correction.

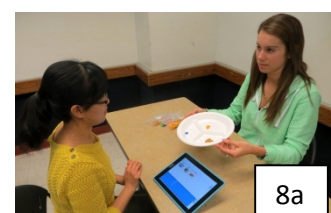


- For each new trial, rearrange the items on the tray so that they are in different spots.

Mastery: Child independently selects matching desired item two times in a row.

### Sub-Phase 4: Three preferred items.

- Repeat procedure from Sub-Phase 3 but with three preferred items. When child independently selects matching desired items two times in a row, insert a fourth preferred item, then a fifth, etc.



Mastery: Child independently selects the matching preferred item 80% of the time across 2 sessions in a row.