## Evidence-based Practice: Pivotal Response Treatment

### Example Portion of a Language Sample

**Child:** _CODE__  
**Age:** 1.7 y.o.  
**Duration:** 20 minutes  
**Coder:** _GL__  
**Date:** 1/13/13

### Opportunuty

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Opportunity</th>
<th>Antecedent type</th>
<th>Word/words attempted</th>
<th>Actual utterance or vocalization</th>
<th>Communicative function</th>
<th>Setting, activity, and communicative partner</th>
<th>Nonverbal behavior</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 Choice</td>
<td>“Do you want a ball or a car?”</td>
<td>“ball” (Maintenance)</td>
<td>“buh”</td>
<td>Request</td>
<td>Playing ball ramp game in living room with mom.</td>
<td>With point Directed</td>
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<td>2 Time delay</td>
<td>held a ball and a car</td>
<td>“ball” (Maintenance)</td>
<td>“buh”</td>
<td>Request</td>
<td>Playing ball ramp game in living room with mom.</td>
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<td>3 Open-ended question</td>
<td>“What color do you want?”</td>
<td>“red” (Acquisition)</td>
<td>“wet”</td>
<td>Request</td>
<td>Playing ball ramp game in living room with mom.</td>
<td>No point Directed</td>
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<td>4 Time delay</td>
<td>(and hid the balls when toddler was turned)</td>
<td>“where?” (Maintenance)</td>
<td>“where ball?”</td>
<td>Question</td>
<td>Playing ball ramp game in living room with mom.</td>
<td>Directed &amp; shrugged shoulders</td>
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<td>5 Independent Initiation</td>
<td>(bird flew to the window)</td>
<td>“bird!” (Maintenance)</td>
<td>“birt!”</td>
<td>Comment</td>
<td>Playing ball ramp game in living room with mom.</td>
<td>With point No eye gaze alternation</td>
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### Example codes:

- Model prompt
- Partial model-prompt
- Choice
- Time delay
- Open-ended question
- Initiation

### Nonverbal behavior:

- With point
- No point
- Directed (oriented toward partner)
- Not directed

### Antecedent type:

- Maintenance or acquisition?
- Request
- Comment
- Question
- Echolalia (echoed and nonfunctional)

### Communicative function:

- Maintenance or acquisition?
- Request
- Comment
- Question
- Echolalia (echoed and nonfunctional)

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