

5 Steps to Writing an Individualized SOCIAL STORY

- 1) Write a single sentence that describes the situation or context of the social story. Address the student directly.

Example: When you come to school, you have to ride on a school bus.

- 2) Describe the existing behavior. Be specific.

Example: Sometimes when you ride on the bus you get out of your seat and walk in the aisle.

- 3) Describe the result of the behavior. Be specific.

Example: It is dangerous to get out of your seat when the bus is moving. You can fall and get hurt when you walk in the aisle of a moving bus. The bus driver has to stop the bus until you sit down because she wants you to be safe.

- 4) Describe the expected behavior. Be specific.

Example: When riding on a bus you need to stay in your seat. You cannot walk in the aisle because it is not safe. You can fall and get hurt.

- 5) Describe the positive result of desired behavior. Be specific.

Example: When you stay in your seat while riding on the bus, you will be safe. The bus driver will not have to stop the bus. The bus driver will be happy. Your family and friends will be happy because you will be safe on the bus.

Include pictures of the behaviors to reinforce the concepts, and photographs of the student practicing the desired behavior.