



A Social Story:

HELPER PAGE!

I Can Use A Screen For School When I Am At Home!

Suggestions: This social story is designed to help a student who is struggling with coming to a screen such as a tablet or computer to participate in 'school-at-home'. The student may have never experienced using a tablet in a live- interactive experience while in their home. They may never have seen their school staff on a video screen talking to them before.

Read the story to your child, and repeat it regularly to help them better understand the issue and the solution. Other visual supports such as a First/Then or other visual schedule and/or token achievement board may also be additional helpful strategies depending on needs. The story emphasizes that it is OK, and that they will be helped as they get used to the new idea.

About the use of Social Stories:

Social stories are an informal type of support tool originally developed by Carol Gray that use words and visuals to help explain specific concepts, experiences, social situations, skills or other necessary tasks in a first-person narrative story line that is supportive and reassuring. Social stories are often used for children with developmental delays or autism. They can also be useful for helping to simply explain a complex concept to any child.

Carol Gray, the creator of Social Stories states that: "Social Stories describe a situation, skill or concept in terms of relevant social cues, perspectives and common responses in a patient and reassuring manner that is easily understood by its audience" (NOTE: This materials is not affiliated, approved, or endorsed in any way by Carol Gray.)

While Social Stories are not 'cures' for any and all situations or behaviors they can be helpful! Improvements from social stories will not typically happen after one reading. It is recommended to repeat reading the story to the child over time and talking about the ideas presented in a positive manner. The change and improvements will hopefully occur in a gradual way over time as the child better understands the issue and solutions for this area of struggle.

I like school! Sometimes I will have school at home!



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When I am having school-
time at home, I can use a
screen to see people!
That can be fun!



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My teachers will talk with me on the screen, and I can talk to them too!



It may feel different at first to
see people from school on a
screen at home now.



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But it is OK!

It can even be fun to
talk with someone
through a screen!

My family can
help me!



Sometimes I may even be able to see
and talk to my classmates on a screen
while we are all learning at home!



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I will try to learn school
work at home now!



My teacher on the screen, and my
family at home will both help me!



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