

# TOKEN BOARD



I am working for.....



# Teaching & Using the Token Board

Token boards can be a great way to motivate a learner to engage, as well as help them recognise they're getting closer to a goal.

## Instructions:

Cut out and laminate the token board, and each of the token squares. Affix a small piece of Velcro on the white squares of the token board where the tokens will be placed, and on the back of the tokens.

The board also has a space for the learner to place an icon of the selected reinforcer. This is usually done at the beginning, but you might also use a general choice or break icon, and allow the child to select the reinforcer or break activity after filling the board.

If the learner is not familiar with using a token board and would have difficulty understanding a verbal explanation, you would need to teach meaning first. We often do this through backwards chaining. In other words, we would:

- First present the token board with all but the last token on the board. The child must then only earn one (the last) token before accessing the reinforcer.
- Once the child understands that they can access the reinforcer with a full board, you can remove another token. Present the token board with the last 2 tokens missing, requiring the child to earn 2 tokens before accessing reinforcement.
- Continue in this manner until you have worked to the beginning of the token board.