

Table 1 Checklist for selecting functional communication responses adapted from Houck et al. (2023)

Considerations	Functional Communication Response Modalities						
	Vocal	Sign or Gesture	Picture Exchange	Picture Touch	Button Press	Speech Generating Device	Other:
Individual Factors							
Modality is contraindicated by the individual's physical features/abilities (e.g., individual is legally blind)?							
Modality is already in the individual's repertoire?							
Modality fit best with the individual's current communication system?							
Modality can be prompted with limited exposure to establishing operations.							
Modality susceptible to damage due to individual's challenging behavior.							
Individual preference							
Environmental Factors							
Modality is socially recognizable in the individual's environment?							
Modality is cost efficient.							
Modality is readily accessible.							
Caregiver preference.							
Modality Features							
Modality is incompatible with challenging behavior?							
Modality will be easy for the individual to have with them at all times.							
If response restriction is needed, which responses can the clinician control access to?							