



More than Words
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The way we express ourselves matters. This goes for everyone, even our youth. Children may not realize it, but they are constantly communicating, whether through talking, body language, hand gestures, or facial expressions, they have a lot to say. But how do kids learn how to better read these signals from others and become more aware of their own?

Communication in this digital age can result in misunderstandings or confrontations. We've seen communication skills among children wane drastically throughout the pandemic and it is important, now more than ever, for kids to develop their communication superpowers.

This informative and illustrated guide teaches children how to communicate effectively and confidently. With quick tips, comic strip-style illustrations, and a glossary of communication-related terms, this book provides fun and engaging instructions about the magical world of communication, including speaking, non-verbal communication, active listening skills, good grammar, conflict resolution, and more.

With a little guidance, communication can be every child's superpower.

The Authors

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The Illustrator

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Reviews

"*More than Words* offers great advice to increase self-awareness, engagement both in-person and online ... sets the reader up for success."

— *Quill & Quire*



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