

Exercise: What are functional skills and behaviors?

Look at the list of skills below. Which are examples of isolated skills? Which are examples of functional skills?

Skill	Functional	Isolated
1. Knows how to imitate a gesture when prompted by others		
2. Uses finger in pointing motion		
3. Uses 2-word utterances		
4. Watches what a peer says or does and incorporates it into his/her own play		
5. Points to indicate needs or wants		
6. Engages in back and forth verbal exchanges with caregivers using 2-word utterances		
7. Uses pincer grasp		
8. Can eat dry cereal with fingers		
9. Touches toy or adult's hand to restart an activity		
10. Makes stepping movements		
11. Moves toward a ball in order to continue play activity		

