

## **TAGteach Presentation**

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## **What is TAGteach?**

**T**eaching with **A**coustical **G**uidance

- Acoustical “tag”: Sound from a handheld device or other sharp quick atypical sound
- Guidance: “Tag” delivers precise feedback as it marks critical information
- Tag says “Yes”
  - Absence of tag says “self-assess and try again.”

## **Why TAG?**

- Immediate positive feedback to learner
- Nonverbal, non-judgmental
- Self assessment and accountability
- Applicable across settings, age, and ability levels
- Simple to use
- Game-like atmosphere

## **How Are We Using TAGteach?**

- Teaching flat foot walking
- Completing daily chores in the home
- Following multi-step direction
- Teaching “Touch Math”
- Enhancing reading skills
- Teaching adaptive PE classes
- Implementing discrete trial teaching sessions

## TAGteach Videos

- Following multi-step direction
  - Inclusive first grade
- Teaching “Touch Math”
  - Primary self-contained special education
- Teaching flat-footed walking
  - Primary self-contained special education

## TAGteach Videos

- Completing daily chores in the home
  - Junior high school level
- Teaching adaptive PE classes
  - High school self-contained special education

## Application



## ABCs

- **A**ccuracy
  - “To Do” (specific part of a task analysis)
  - Break down skills into small individual steps
- **B**inary
  - Yes or no with regard to completion
  - “Yes” (“I did it”)
  - “Self assess” (“try again”)
- **C**onsistency
  - No interpretation needed

## Getting Started...

- **“A”** = Tag point
  - Identify the ‘tag points’
  - Observable, measurable behavior
- **“B”** = Tag
  - Yes = Completion
  - No = Self assess; try again
- **“C”** = Teach next step

## TAG Point Rules

- State tag point in < 5 words
- Phrase tag points in the positive:  
“The tag point is \_\_\_\_\_”
- Work on one tag point at a time
- Ignore off-point errors
- Stop before fatigue or boredom sets in
- Encourage peer/sibling tagging

## Your Turn...



## TAG Point Teaching Model

- Demonstrate
- Teach
- Practice the ‘breakdown’ step
- Coach the tag point

## TAG Equipment

- A tagger
  - A handheld device that makes a sharp sound
- A "tagulator"
  - A counter using beads
- Reinforcement
  - Reward for earning a given number of tag points
    - Reinforcement is combined with overall reward system

## Information and Links

[www.tagteach.com](http://www.tagteach.com)

[www.tagteachautism.com](http://www.tagteachautism.com)

Yahoo group: TAGteach

TAG video library:

[www.tagteach.com/videos/tag](http://www.tagteach.com/videos/tag)

1. Click on the word: tag

2. Enter user ID: tagteacher

3. Enter password: tti2006

TAGteam e-mail:

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**Thank you!**

## Yoga Tree Pose

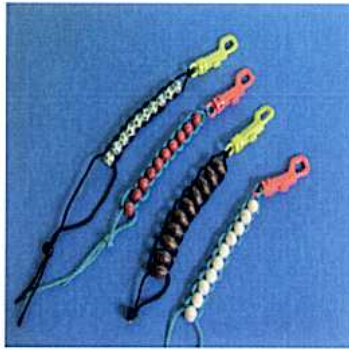


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1. Come to a standing position with your arms at your side. Distribute your weight equally on all four corners of both feet.
2. Shift your weight onto the left foot, lifting the right foot off the floor.
3. Bend the right knee, bringing the sole of the right foot onto the ankle or high onto the inner left thigh with toes pointing toward the floor. Keep both hips squared towards the front.
4. Firmly press the right foot sole against the inner left leg and resist with the outer left leg.
5. Turn your right knee towards your right side, so that it is pointing at the side wall.
6. Press your hands together at heart center.
7. Gaze at a fixed point in front of you on the floor about 4 or 5 feet away. Maintaining a focus on something that doesn't move to help you keep your balance. Stay for 30 seconds to 1 minute.
8. If you can keep your balance, move your hands together towards the ceiling. Then move your arms apart to make a "V" over your head. Stay for 30 seconds to 1 minute.
9. Place your foot on the ground, returning your arms to your side.
10. Repeat for the same length of time with the legs reversed.



## Directions for Making a Tagulator



### Material List

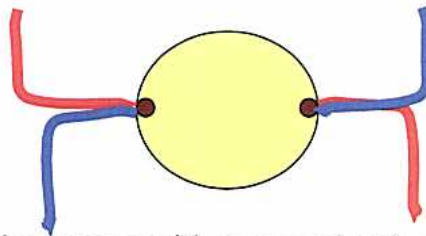
- Carabiner: 1 per tagulator
- Rat Tail Cording: about 24 inches per tagulator
- Pony Beads: any size or shape; increments of 5 work well.



1. To make stringing the beads easier, seal the ends of the cording with the flame from a lighter.
2. Fold the cording in half.



3. Attach the folded cording to a carabiner with a girth hitch.
4. Take a pony bead with the hole perpendicular to the direction of the laces.
  - a. Thread each lace end in opposite directions through the hole.
  - b. The bead ends up with threaded laces in opposite directions.



- c. Continue the process with as many beads as you need.
5. To give it room to slide, allow about 1 1/2 -2" below the last bead. Tie off with a knot.