**TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS DEMENTIA**

1. Speak slowly & use simple language.

2. Allow the person time to respond. Do not interrupt them.

3. Speak face to face & minimize background noise / distractions.

4. Speak in a pleasant tone, with a calm expression.

5. Avoid asking open-ended questions. Yes or No questions are easier.

6. Use visual prompts if possible. (e.g. "Do you want the blue one or the green one?")

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