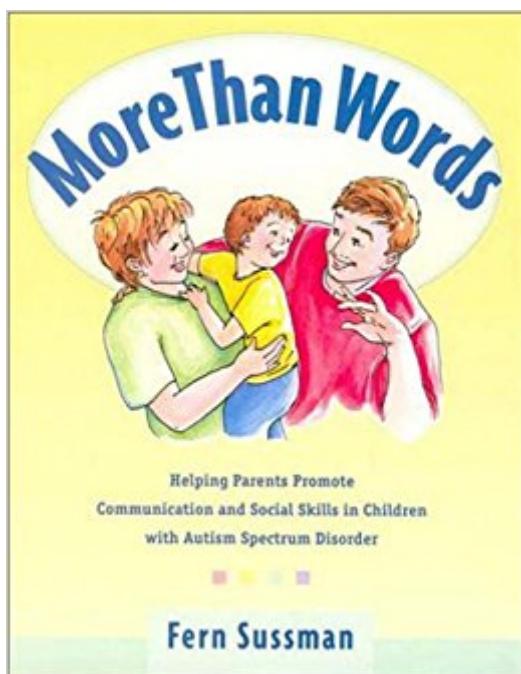


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# More Than Words: Helping Parents Promote Communication And Social Skills In Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder



## **Synopsis**

More Than Words presents a step-by-step guide for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder in an extensive, practical, and user-friendly format. Strategies are drawn from current research to help children develop more advanced communication skills, focusing on helping the child reach the following four goals: 1) improved two-way interaction, 2) more mature and conventional ways of communication, 3) better skills in communicating for social purposes and finally, 4) improved understanding of language. Wonderfully illustrated and with chapters divided into four color-coded stages of communication, this book was developed for The Hanen Program For Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Highlights Of More Than Words: - How your child communicates and the next steps to take - How your child learns best - What motivates your child to communicate - How to turn everyday activities into opportunities for learning to communicate - How to use pictures and print to help your child's understanding - How to talk so your child can understand you - How to develop your child's play skills - Why your child behaves in certain ways and what you can do about these behaviours - How to help your child make friends

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## **Customer Reviews**

The family-focused More Than Words Program and More Than Words guidebook were developed by The Hanen Centre and are offered to parents around the world. The Hanen Centre, a charitable organization, helps young children with or at risk for language delays communicate to the best of their abilities by developing books, videos, and programs for parents, educators and other important

people in children's lives.

Fern Sussman, BA, DSPA, resides in Toronto, Ontario where she is program co-ordinator for More Than Words, The Hanen Program for Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. She has more than 25 years experience working with families of young children who have communication challenges as well as the children themselves. Ms. Sussman developed the More Than Words Program for the Hanen Centre. The program teaches parents how to structure everyday activities, such as getting dressed or playing with toys, to help their child learn to communicate. In addition to being the author of the parent guidebook, More Than Words, based on the content of the program, Ms. Sussman and wrote and directed an accompanying teaching videotape. Fern Sussman speaks on the Hanen approach to helping children with autism communicate and conducts training programs for Speech Language Pathologists and other professionals all over the world. Currently she is developing a new program and guidebook on social skills for families with young verbal children with autism.

My son is currently in speech therapy, and I had been doing a lot of improvised activities to encourage my son's speech and comprehension. I stumbled upon this book in a google search. I've had it for about a week, and have already seen improvements in my son's speech and comprehension by applying the tactics outlined in this book. Before reading this book, I wasn't really sure exactly what type of speech delay he had, or what the future held for us. This book definitely outlined the types of delays that are typical and how to get them to the next level. Before this book, I didn't even understand what the next level would be. I knew conversation was a goal of ours, but it just seemed in the the distant future. Now we have attainable goals and methods to get there. My son has not been diagnosed with autism, but he fits the descriptions in this book. With the help and suggestions in "More than Words," my son has already started expressing ideas that he wasn't last week. I also recommend the "action" flash cards advertised on as well. The photos are bright and colorful - and my son loves them! I would recommend this book to anyone with a child with a speech/comprehension delay.

Bought this for a friend. She says that this book has some good information to help in developing a plan for helping an autistic child.

Wonderful book. Learning and continuing to learn so much from it. Wish it was translated into other

languages. My mom could definitely use a Chinese version!

Perfect for parents with asd!

Excellent book for any parent or clinician looking to better understand their child with ASD. I recommend it to anyone looking for a way to boost interactions with their child.

This book has some great information that you can use in therapy...as well as great explanations/ideas for parents to use at home. They're functional and easy to incorporate into everyday routines. You can also photocopy pages to give as handouts (citing the source of course!)

This book came highly recommended to us from several speech and language pathologists at the Kennedy Krieger Institute working with our daughter as a way to supplement our own communication with our 3 year-old with autism. It's targeted towards younger children and helps parents integrate learning in play-based settings using methodology set forth by the Hanen Centre. They warned me, though, that despite the fact that the book is still being printed, the prices on is far above its retail recommended price. For parents who are already coping with the emotional and huge financial burden of treating children with ASD, it was helpful to be informed that I didn't have to be taken advantage of and end up paying double for a book (that is still worth double, but still). I think you can get this item for its listed price through the Hanen Centre and the Special Needs Project.

I'm reviewing the availability of this book, as it was recommended by our autism clinic. Unfortunately, the book is unavailable to those who can't drop \$50 for a used copy. The public library does not have a copy. It's too bad people who start out with good intentions, can be so overcome with greed.

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