

# DIRECT COMMAND SENTENCE STEMS

## Quick Reminders:

Direct commands are not worded as questions, such as “Can you...” or “Will you...”.

Direct commands do not request feedback like asking, “Okay” at the end or “did you hear me”.

Direct commands are not worded to meet a parent request “I want you,” or “I need you to...”

If you use commands in a question form, asking style or from the adult request point of view the child is being given a choice to comply; therefore, if they decide not to comply a consequence for refusing cannot be given.

## **Practice these sentence stems at home to provide effective direct commands:**

1. Go \_\_\_\_\_ please.
2. Hand me \_\_\_\_\_ please.
3. Pass me \_\_\_\_\_ please.
4. Give me \_\_\_\_\_ please.
5. Put this \_\_\_\_\_ please.
6. Please bring me \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Please put \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Please use \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. Please get \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Please take \_\_\_\_\_ .

## **REMEMBER: The 8 rules to an effective command:**

1. Direct not indirect	2. Positively stated	3. One at a time	4. Specific
5. Age Appropriate	6. Polite & Respectful	7. Provide reason before command or after obeyed	8. Give command only when necessary