

Engagement- full attention ON- **“Ready”** (ignore all distractions) OFF- **“Break”** or **“All Done”**

<b>“EYES”:</b>	
	Position puppy on the edge of a table, couch or use a tie back to keep them from moving toward the target.
	Mark looking at a target (something that can be replicated and made smaller and placed in different places like a blue post-it note). Can put a treat on it or tap it at first.
	Present the target in a different spot (high/ low/ further away/ slowly moving)
	Set/stick the target in place and work on getting the look with just a quick pointing motion
	Add cue when behavior can be predicted
	Generalize the behavior with several other objects (incl. my nose). This can later be the Judge you point to. Work with 2 or more potential targets you can point to
	Get duration of the behavior, then say <b>“break”</b> . Silence = correct. Talking = mistake was made
	Start to add in <b>“Ready”</b> training below
	Practice in many locations with lots of targets. Rewards off my body
	Add movement to the eye lock.
	Get sustained eye focus on a general direction I point to
	Practice pup maintaining eye contact even if I’m not looking at him. (use mirror) In heel/side pup should focus on my elbow.
<b>“READY”:</b>	
	No cue. Add distractions that might catch pup’s attention and mark for ignoring: treat in hand, hand movement, crinkle treat bag.
	When pup is ignoring the distraction and maintaining eye contact, cue <b>“eyes”-“ready”</b> just before the distraction. Then <b>“break”</b> . Ready predicts a distraction
	Get more duration
	Increase distractions: tossing things, moving a toy around, flirt pole, sounds, environment, etc.
	Practice in many places
	Incrementally increase delays between the Ready cue and the distraction.
	Work this with other stationary & moving duration behaviors: heeling, retrieves, go outs, stay
	Work on chained exercises until duration of <b>“ready”</b> (ignore all the distractions) can happen for the duration of an obedience routine
	Practice short bursts of ‘ready’ full attention around environmental distractors.
	Say <b>“ready”</b> then have pup do a behavior he knows well. Then <b>“break”</b> . Better to keep it easy than have several behaviors and then a look away.