

USING CORE WORDS IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

FINGER PAINTING



Finger painting is a great sensory experience. It can be fun and relaxing as well as stimulate creativity. There are lots of opportunities to target a range of communication functions while enjoying some messy play.

CORE WORDS	People/thing words	I/me/my, it, you/your, we	
	Action words	Do/does/did, feel, get, give, help, like, look/watch/see, make, open/close, put, sit, stop, turn, wait, want	
	Position words	Here, there, in, up, down, on	
Quantity words Describing words		All, some	
		All done/finish, all gone/gone, big, clean, cold, different, dirty, good, happy, big, little, more, same	
	Question words	Who, what, how	
	Other words	Be careful, again, this, that	
WAYS TO USE THE WORDS		I like it, I don't like it, its/that's good, its/that's bad. Stop/finished, I feel happy, want more, want different, I want do, you want (colour)?, I do it, you do it, it feel cold, help me, I want help, put it here/there, look here, help open, help close, do what?, who open?, put (finger) in, how feel?	
REASONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS		Requesting, commenting, giving opinions, giving directions, asking questions, answering questions, describing, choice making, protesting/rejecting, gaining attention, seeking assistance	
RELEVANT FRINGE WORDS		Colours, describing words, shapes, opinion words, actions, feelings, things, people	

Remember, you don't need to find every word you are saying on the communication system, just focus on the **key** words. These are the most important words. You can still speak a 'full' sentence out loud, while pointing to symbols for the key words.

So you might say 'I like it', but just point to/press the 'like' symbol, until you feel confident to join 2 or 3 symbols together. \Diamond

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PATHWAYS FOR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

Different communication systems use different 'pathways' to find the words. Below are some of the pathways for commonly used communication systems.

77 symbol core board

I do it	I / me / my	do / does / did	it ✓	
It feel cold	it	feel	cold "' ()" "	
Help me	help	I / me / my		
Put here	put	here		
Help open	help	open / close		
How feel?	how	feel		

TouchChat (60 button basic setup)

I do it	I do it
It feel cold	it Feels Cold
Help me	help me
Put here	put it POSITION WORDS
Help open	help open
How feel?	QUESTN Down does

Proloquo2Go (60 button setup)



LAMP Words for Life

l do it	I	I do	it R	it RH	
It feel cold	it COLD	it Cold	feel	feel	turn
Help me	help	help	me B Z	me HZ	
Put here	put	put	hear E	here	
Help open	help	help	put	OPEN	open
How feel?	what ? wörd	how	feel	feel	

PODD (12 symbol per page expanded book)

To get to the 'painting' activity page, follow this pathway:



This page has lots of words to talk about painting.

l paint	I, me, my, mine	paint	
My fingers in paint	I, me, my, mine	finger, hand	paint
Need more	need	more	
What colour?	what	colour 24c	follow navigation to colours page
Different colour	different	colour 24c	9
Wash hands	wash	finger, hand	

Speak for Yourself



Give it a go...and the most important thing to remember..... HAVE FUN together!

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