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Assistive Technology Services

USING CORE WORDS IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

PLAYING ON A SWING

Playing on a swing is a fun activity regardless of your age. It's a great way to enjoy being outdoors and a lovely opportunity to be silly. You can mix up the way you swing, providing lots of opportunities for commenting and giving instructions.

CORE WORDS	People/thing words	I, you, me, my, it
	Action words	do, stop, go, more, finished, want, feel, like, sit, turn
	Position words	up, down
	Quantity words	big, little
	Describing words	fast, slow, good, happy, silly, sick, different
	Question words	who, how
	Other words	again, not/don't, ready
WAYS TO USE THE WORDS		I do/I do it, you do /you do it, I want do, me/you go, me/you stop, want more, want stop, want finish, go up, go down, go fast, go slow, go/do turn (spin the swing around), sit down, my turn, you turn, do big (push), do little (push), ready go, do again, want again, it good, I happy, it/you silly, who turn, how do (push), feel happy, feel silly, feel sick, not/don't go, not/don't like, not silly, not happy, not stop
REASONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS		Commenting, giving instructions, requesting, directing, expressing feelings, negotiating, negating
RELEVANT FRINGE WORDS		Swing, park, playground, describing words

⭐ 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. ⭐

PATHWAYS FOR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

Different communication systems use different 'pathways' to find the words.

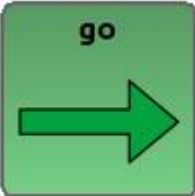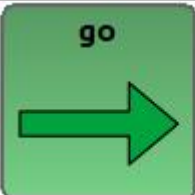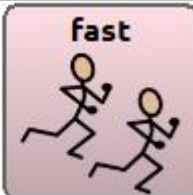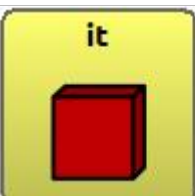Below are some of the pathways for commonly used communication systems.
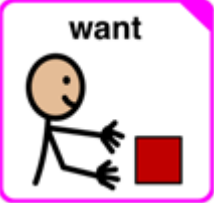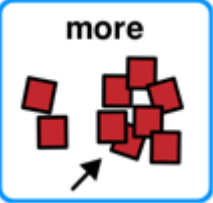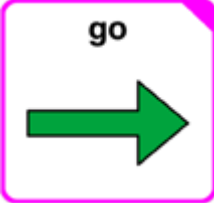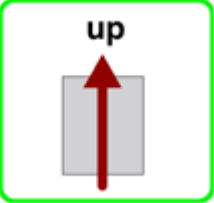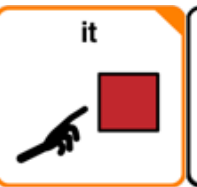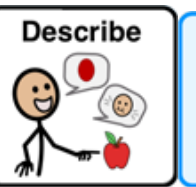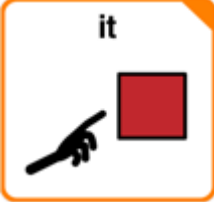
77 symbol core board

Want more	want / more	
Go up	go / up	
Go fast	go / fast	
Do again	do / does / did / again	
I'm happy	I / me / my / happy	
It's good	it / good	
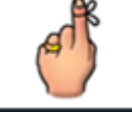
TouchChat (60 button basic setup)

Want more	I	want	more	
Go up	go	up		
Go fast	go	DESCRB	fast	
Do again	do	it	again	
I'm happy	I	am	DESCRB	happy
It's good	it	is	good	
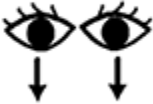
Proloquo2Go (60 button setup)

Want more	I	want	more		
Go up	go	up			
Go fast	go	Describe	fast		
Do again	Questions?	Do	it	Describe	again
I'm happy	I	Feelings	happy		
It's good	it	good			
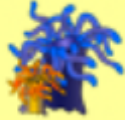
LAMP Words for Life

Want more	want	want	more	more
Go up	go	go	up	up
Go fast	go	go	fast	fast
Do again	do	do	there	again
I'm happy	I	I	feel	happy
It's good	it	it	good	good

PODD (12 symbol per page expanded book)

More	more			
Do you want help?	you do it, you, your turn	help		
I don't like it, it's scary	More to say [2]	I don't like this [4c]	scary	
Look at me	look	I do, me, mine		
I'm happy	More to say [2]	Go to categories 7 C	turn the page	feelings [23]
	happy			
It's great	More to say [2]	I like this [4a]	great	

Speak for Yourself

Want more	WANT	want	MORE
Go up	GO	go	UP / up
Go fast	GO	go	WALK / fast
Do again	DO	do	AGAIN
I'm happy	I	FEEL	happy
It's good	IT	GOOD	good

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

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