

USING CORE WORDS IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

BUILDING A FORT



Building a fort can be a great physical activity to get rid of some extra energy as well as relaxing in later. First google "epic indoor fort" and comment on whether you like/don't like the ideas you see. Then, hunt around the house for items to make a cozy space and decorate with fariy lights or a battery powered camping lantern. Gather books, boardgames, drawing materials, yummy snacks and other relaxing activities and spend the afternoon in your fort. You could also set up a movie on a tablet or laptop or listen to music.

CORE WORDS	People/thing words	I, you, we, it
	Action words	like, not/don't like, go, get, put, eat, drink, feel, read, sit, stand, help, watch, listen, turn,
	Position words	on, off, up, down, in, out, away, here, there
	Quantity words	all, some, more, again
	Describing words	silly, all done/finished, little, big, same, different
	Question words	who, what, where
	Other words	problem, be careful
WAYS TO USE THE WORDS		I want more/read/play/watch/listen, who turn? my/your turn, you put here, where put? you get it, put it in/out/on, take it out/off, I like/don't like, it big/small, I have problem, you help my problem? I need help, you want help? I want play more, I go in, you sit here/there/on/in, I want eat more/different, where I put this? it ready, I ready go in, I want, this good big (fort), it all done/finished, who go in? where I sit? be careful!
REASONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS		Requesting (items, help, turns, more), commenting, giving opinions, describing (dark/beautiful/silly/cool/etc), protesting/rejecting, asking question, answering question, giving directions
RELEVANT FRINGE WORDS		Item words (blanket/sheet/pillow/chair/table/box), food words for making choices/commenting, names of favourite books, feeling words, action words (find/stick), let's pretend, music words (loud/quiet/choose song), reading words (choose book, turn page, find different, read again)

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.

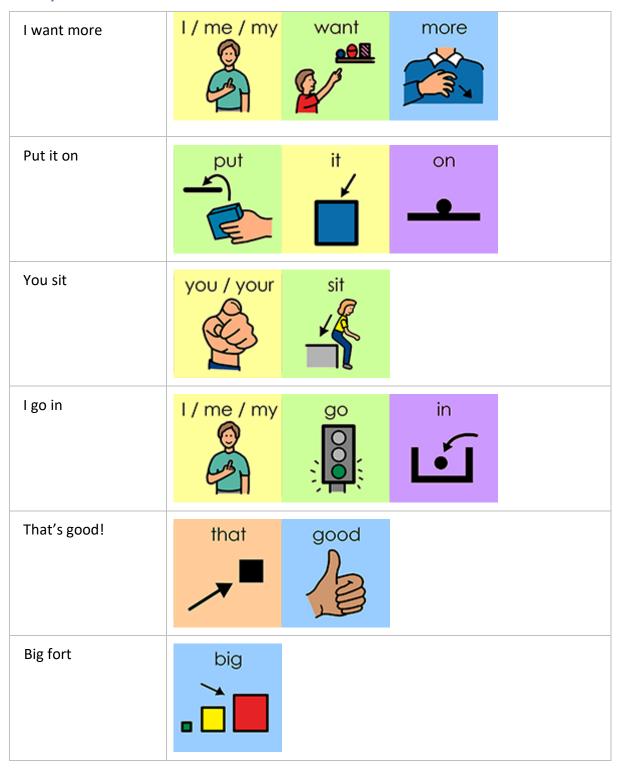
So you might say 'I like it', but just point to/press the 'like' symbol, until you feel confident to join 2 or 3 symbols together.

PATHWAYS FOR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

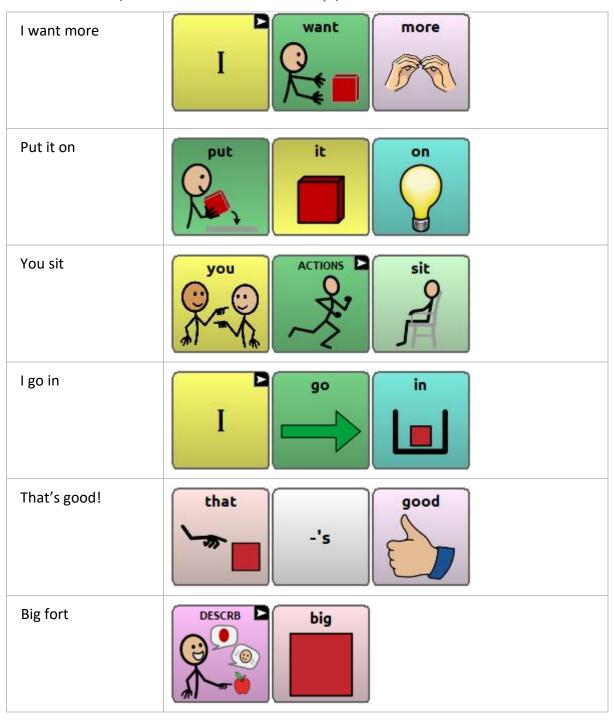
Different communication systems use different 'pathways' to find the words.

Below are some of the pathways for commonly used communication systems.

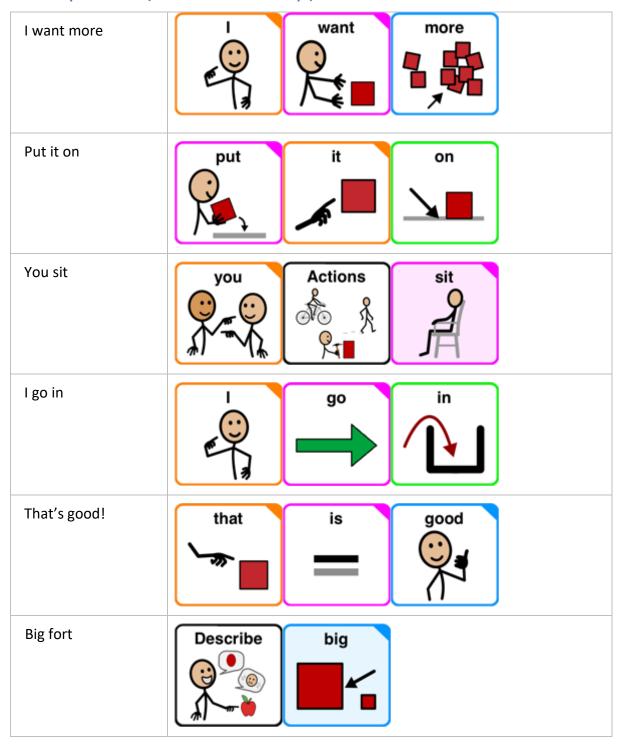
77 symbol core board



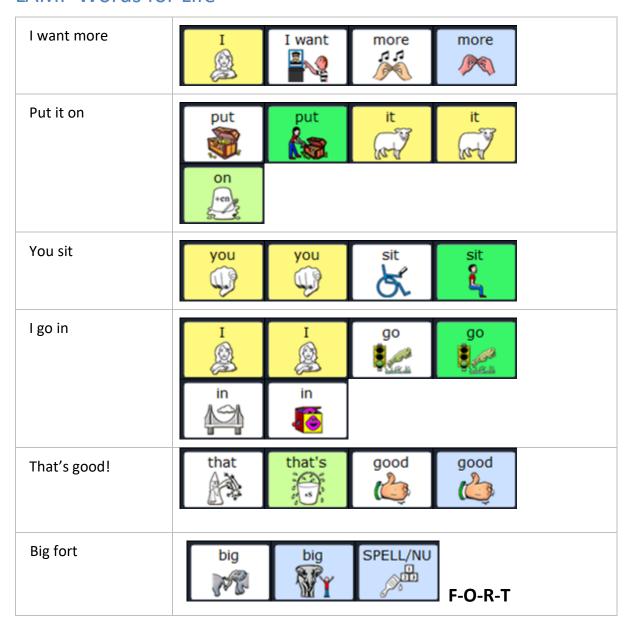
TouchChat (60 button basic setup)



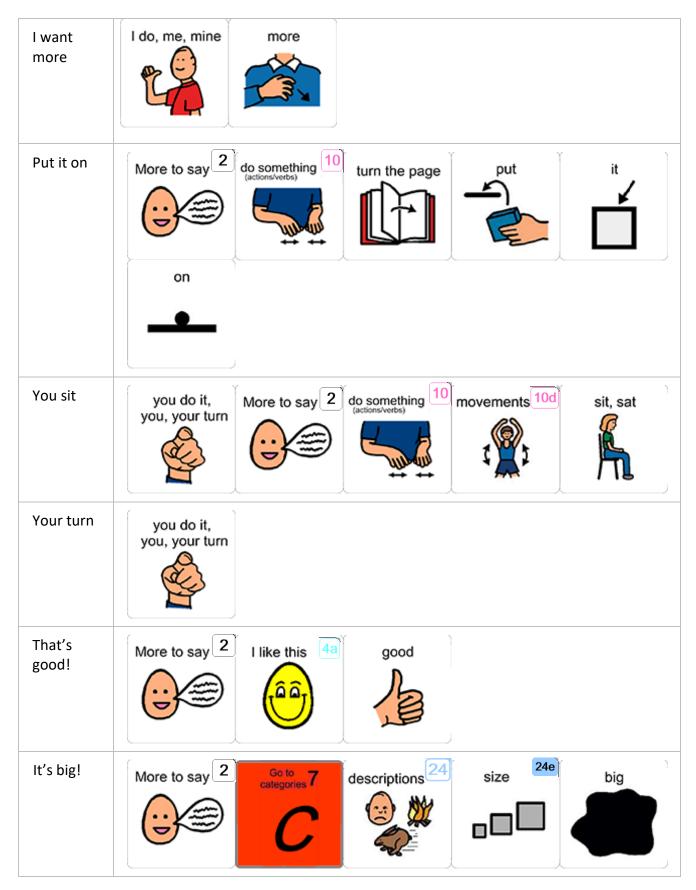
Proloquo2Go (60 button setup)



LAMP Words for Life



PODD (12 symbol per page expanded book)



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

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