

USING CORE WORDS IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

## TEA PARTY



A pretend tea party is a wonderful way to use our imagination and social skills. There are many opportunities for language and role play with any kind of pretend play/scenario. Find a cosy space to have your tea party, decide who will be invited, which characters you will each play, and let the social niceties begin! Lay out cups, teapots and pretend (or real) treats to share. You can incorporate dress-ups, costumes and make up to fully get into character. You can let it unfold informally, or decide who will "run" the party by establishing roles and responsibilities (e.g. who will pour the tea, who is hosting etc).

CORE	People/thing words	l, you, we, it		
WORDS	Action words	Am, drink, eat/taste, get, give, help, like, make, open/close, put, say/tell, sit, wait, want		
	Position words	Here, there, on, in		
	Quantity words	All, some, more, again		
	Describing words	All gone, good, bad, clean, dirty, happy		
	Question words	Who, what, where, when		
	Other words	Problem, be careful!, now		
WAYS TO USE THE WORDS		I want drink, I want taste, I put in, you open/close it, give me, help me, sit down, you wait, I want more, I like it, I'm happy, more tea, be careful!, it's hot, who give (tea)?, tastes good, tea hot, where go?, who you?, now more, eat later, play again		
REASONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS		Requesting (treats, items, tea, turns), Commenting (I like it, yum! Hot/cold), Naming (different items at the tea party), Give opinions, Ask and answer questions about what's happening		
RELEVANT FRINGE WORDS		Food/drink, Describing words, Characters/people at the party, Clothes, accessories and colours (if dressing up), Kitchen/picnic items and utensils (plate, saucer, cups, teapot, knife, spoon, napkin)		

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

l want taste it	it	want	eat / taste	I / me / my
Sit down	sit	down		
Who gives (the tea)?	who	give		
Play it again	play	it ✓	again	
I like cake!	I / me / my	like	Cake from fringe	words
Be careful, it's hot	be careful	it ✓	hot V	

## TouchChat (60 button basic setup)



# Proloquo2Go (60 button setup)

l want taste it	I want Food taste it
Sit down	Actions Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit Sit
Who gives (the tea)?	who Actions give it it it it it
Play it again	play
I like cake!	I like Food More Desserts
Be careful, it's hot	Chat Negative Uh oh IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII

## LAMP Words for Life

l want taste it	I	I want	eat A	TASTE	to taste
	it Ref	it			
Sit down	sit	sit	down	down	
Who gives (the tea)?	what ? word	who	me	gives	the +est
	drink	tea			
Play it again	play	play	it of the second	it and a second se	
	there	again			
I like cake!	I M	I like	eat A	SNA/DES	cake
Be careful, it's hot	am	be	love	CARE	careful 23
	it	it's	turn	hot	

l want	I do, me, mine
What do you want?	More to say 2 A question 8 A question 9 A
Who gives (the tea)?	More to say 2 A question 8 Who, whose 0 More to say 2 A question 8 A question 0 A question 0
l want more	I do, me, mine more
l like it, it's yummy!	More to say 2 I like this 4a yummy
Uh oh, it's finished	uh oh finish

## PODD (12 symbol per page expanded book)

# Speak for Yourself

I want taste it		WANT	want		taste
Sit down	SIT	sit		down	
Who gives (the tea)?	WHAT	who	GIVE	gives	
Play it again	PLAY PLAY	play	П	AGAIN	
I like cake!			like	WITH	cake
Be careful, it's hot	BE	be	ARE	careful	

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

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