

USING CORE WORDS IN EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES



WATERING THE PLANTS

Get outside (or water the indoor plants) and enjoy some fresh air! Find the hose or watering can (or even a jug or old milk bottle). Give directions about where to water, who should water that plant, how much water to give, whether you like/don't like certain plants. See if you can find any insects like bees or butterflies too.

You could search "water plants song" on YouTube and sing along as you walk around the plants.

CORE	People/thing words	I, you, we, it
	Action words	like, not/don't like, go, get, put, take, get, give, eat, drink, feel, sit, help, see/look, hear/listen, turn, work, play,
	Position words	on, off, up, down, in, out, away, here, there
	Quantity words	all, some, more, again
	Describing words	all done/finished, little, big, cold, hot, happy, sad, same, different
	Question words	who, what, where
	Other words	problem, be careful, ready, it's time
WAYS TO USE THE WORDS		It's time (to water), you ready? I want help, who turn? where put (water)? how (much water)? my/your turn, it (plant) feel good, it (plant) want drink, you put (water) here/there/in/on, it (weather) hot/cold, you put more (water)/little/big (amount of water), I feel happy/sad, I all done/finished, I need more (water to fill watering can), I want look (at plants), I sit here, where you sit? that hot work (carrying watering can), I need drink - I same (I am the same as the plants who also need a drink), I like this, I see/hear it (insect), I have problem (watering can is empty)
REASONS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS		Giving directions, asking questions, answering questions, commenting, requesting, describing,
RELEVANT FRINGE WORDS		Describing words (thirsty, beautiful, favourite, pretty, etc), weather words (sunny, cloudy, etc), bug names (bee, butterfly, etc), colours 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.

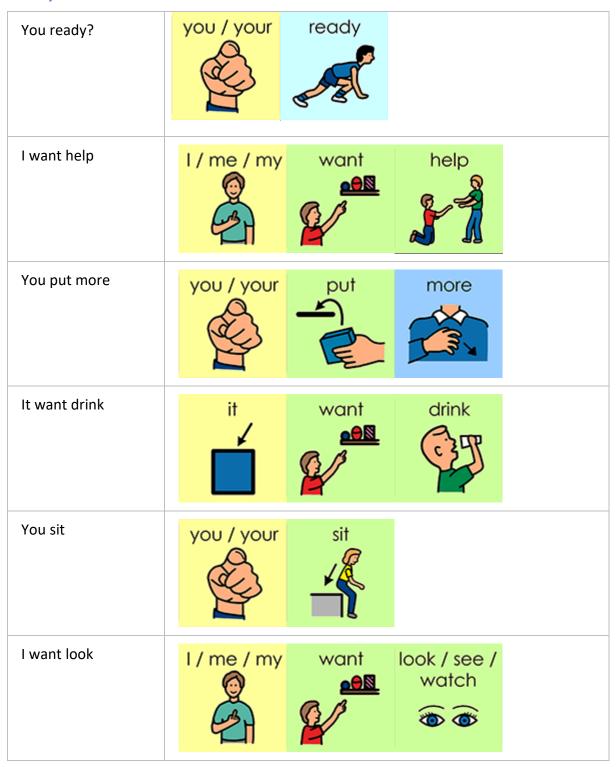
So you might say 'I like it', but just point to/press the 'like' symbol, until you feel confident to join 2 or 3 symbols together.

PATHWAYS FOR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

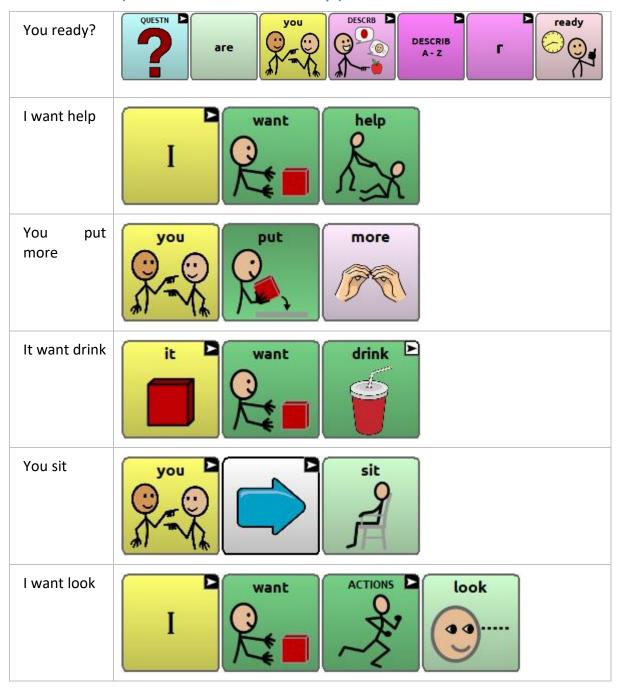
Different communication systems use different 'pathways' to find the words.

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

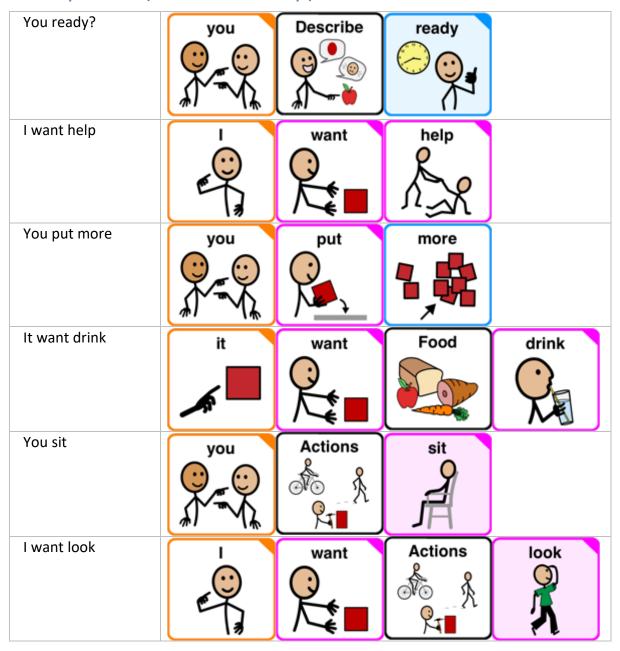
77 symbol core board



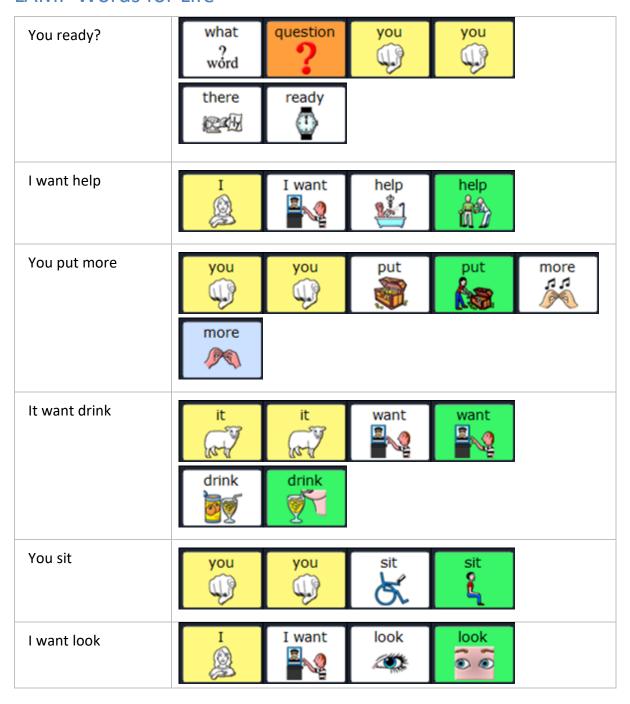
TouchChat (60 button basic setup)



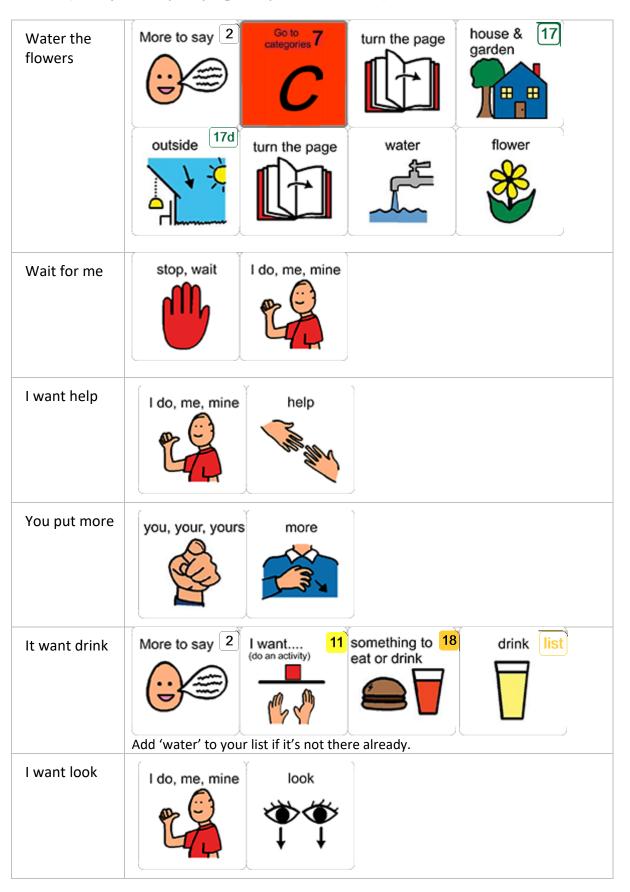
Proloquo2Go (60 button setup)



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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