Flexible Communication Tools in TD Snap

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Get Ready to Learn....

- The communication tools needed to provide a robust system
- The strategies for implementing use of these communication tools
- The resources needed to support success for the communicator
Novel Communication Tools
Flexible Communication Tools
Formulaic Communication Tools

Core words can be used in a variety of contexts
Core Words are flexible.

- Cheering at a community event
  - End of day
  - I want to "go"

- Social setting
  - I gotta "go"

- Comparing in class
  - Those concepts "go" together

- Arguing
  - "Go" away

### Flexible Communication Tools

Word Lists provide vocabulary that is specific to a topic, environment, or individual.

### Word Lists are flexible.

- Misha's Cupcakes
  - Nutella cupcake
- Sesame Street
- Spiderman
Flexible Communication Tools

Keyboards target literacy skills at any level.

Keyboards are flexible.

Topics provide efficient access to motivating phrases.
Topics are flexible.

Flexible Communication Tools

QuickFires act as conversation starters, fillers, and turn-taking messages.

QuickFires are flexible.
Let's See The Tools in Action!

Now What?: Implementing the tools

Implementing the Tools

Modeling  Creating a Positive Communication Environment  Recognizing Success
What is modeling?

Modeling is using the communication system while YOU interact and talk with the AAC communicator.

Why model?

AAC communicators need to see and hear other people speaking in their own modality.

Modeling Top Tips

- Touch and speak
- Use key words
- Remove demands
- Make mistakes
- Think out loud
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What is a positive communication environment?
Fostering positive attitudes and strategies to help AAC communicators feel safe and encouraged.

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Creating a Positive Communication Environment Tips
- Respond to all attempts
- Assume competence
- Focus on use
- Wait
- Provide support when needed
- Address challenges
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How Can we Recognize Success?

Recognize success as it applies to natural interactions.

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Signs of Success

- Increased attention
- Increased imitation
- Longer or varied interactions
- More enjoyment
- Increased use of AAC
- Increased initiation

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Let's discuss: Does this change the way you'll approach measuring progress?
You Can Do It!: Implementing resources

Implementing Resources

Communication Book
Core First Learning
Books and Lessons

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