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“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
Flexible Communication Tools

Core Words  Word Lists  Keyboards  Topics  QuickFires
Flexible Communication Tools

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

Cheering at a community event
“Go!”

Social setting
I gotta “go”

Comparing in class
Those concepts “go” together

End of day
I want to “go”

Arguing
“Go” away
Flexible Communication Tools

Word Lists provide vocabulary that is specific to a topic, environment, or individual.
Word Lists are flexible.
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Keyboards target literacy skills at any level.
Keyboards are flexible.
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Topics provide efficient access to motivating phrases.
Topics are flexible.
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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
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
What is a positive communication environment?

Fostering positive attitudes and strategies to help AAC communicators feel safe and encouraged.
Creating a Positive Communication Environment Tips

- Respond to all attempts
- Assume competence
- Focus on use
- Wait
- Provide support when needed
- Address challenges
How Can we Recognize Success?

Recognize success as it applies to natural interactions.
Signs of Success

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

Introduce communication tools right away

Provide for all communication partners for modeling

Use where it may be inconvenient to have a device
Core First Learning
Visit the Learning Hub

Magic of Modeling Course

Creating a Positive Communication Environment Course

Core First Lessons and Books
Find your Solutions Consultant

Looking for personalized support?
Your local Solutions Consultant can help you with products, funding, and more!