



A communication material for children – in Rolltalk Designer







The project found inspiration and background information from:





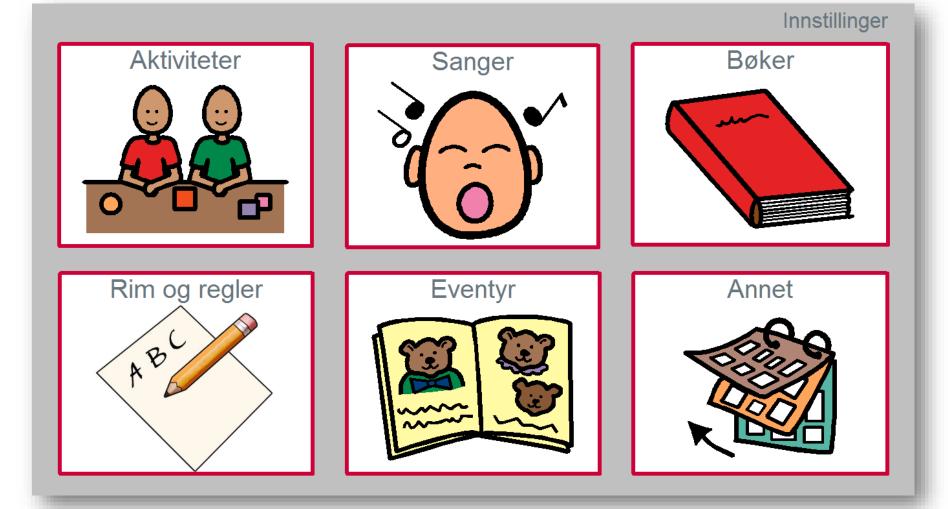
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Result



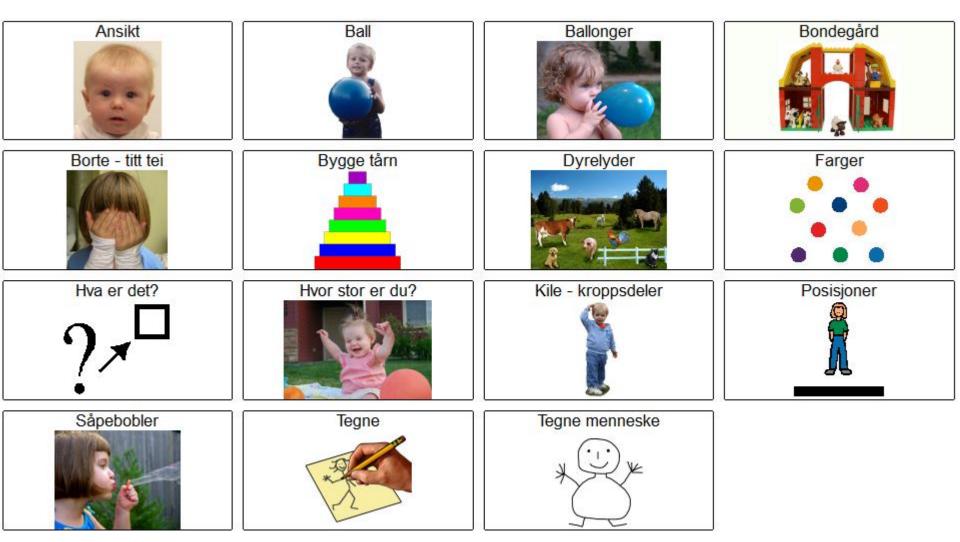


Main menu





15 activities





More than 20 songs





More than 30 books





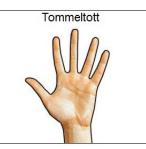
Rhymes



Tittil, tottil



Fem små apekatter





Fairy tales







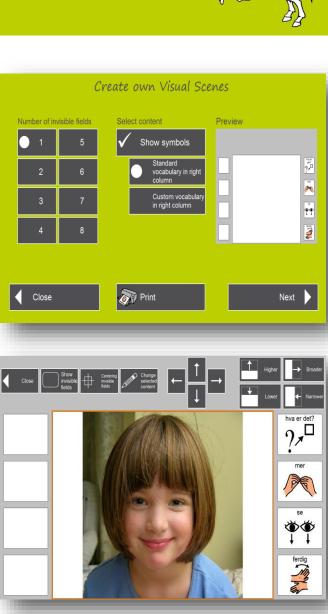
Individual adaptation

- Select which content to use
- Choose level and layout for each activity/book/song
- Use personal pictures
- Do all the changes directly in Pegasus
 - No need for mouse and keyboard
 - No traditional editing mode
 - Minimal need for training before startup

Create Visual Scenes

- Readymade templates for 15 visual scenes
- Use own pictures and symbols from symbol libraries
- Place and adjust transparent fields on top of the main picture
- Record sound
- Use on screen or print and use on paper

Everything directly from Pegasus – no editing mode









- 11 children from 11 months to 3 years
- Guiding the environments
- Response from the environment was essential for the program's design and content
- Booklet, DVD and website



- The facilitator is essential
 - The child's skills were not the key factor for Pegasus to be a helpful aid in play and for communication
- Pegasus is not a speech-training tool!!!!!!
- Communication and playing with help from Speech Generating Device is not intuitive
- Pegasus gave the child increased status in the children's group
- Early start is important



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Pegasus

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BOOK: Where is Maisy?

Visual Scene display «Hotspots» to activate - open and close





Hybrid (VSD with symbols)



Hybrid with «more words»



More words: Generic book reading vocabulay (C. Musselwhite) Choose between 9,16 and 32 words



Reading together



Grid





PEGASUS

Researchers from Penn State University have achieved positive results when

implementing VSD's early, along with a gradual transition to the more traditional symbol grids. Our Norwegian material is based upon the same principles.

Pegasus is the result of a project, between Statped (the national support system for special education), a local Child

Habilitation Centre (Health sector) and Abilia (a company developing AAC

systems) with contribution from 11 toddlers with complex communication needs and their communication partners.

The research has also shown that children learn to communicate and use language best when actively participating in play with others, and not just by being passive spectators.

Pegasus gives the child an active role in the communication, an early start on interaction and play and an entrance to the Norwegian children's culture. All this

through a collection of Norwegian children's songs, books and adventure, activities and rhymes.

Pegasus can easily be adapted by using personal photos, and each activity, book, song etc comes in different versions with both visual scenes, hybrids and grids.

Pegasus for whom?

Pegasus is designed for children who are at a stage of development equivalent to approximately 9 months to 3 years. The program does not require that the child has specific skills.

SONG: Wheels on the bus Sequence



Sequence with symbols



Visual Scene display



Hybrid (VSD with symbols)



Grid



MAKE YOUR OWN VISUAL SCENE:



Hybrid (VSD with symbols)



With more of your own words



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