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There are Smart Charts to help you learn where the words are located in the SGD as well as websites related to the book selection for the month. Watch your students' communication skills grow!

To quickly scan the QR codes throughout the planner, simply open the camera on your Apple or Android device and hover over the QR code. A popup will appear directing you to the corresponding link.

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Getting Started

The planner includes twelve monthly lessons that are based on a specific children's book. Each month will have information about the featured book, core and fringe words to focus on, materials needed for teaching the activities, suggested student objectives, and ideas for using these words during music, crafts, sensory, motor, and writing.

Look for the M for guidance on how to model the target words for your students in each activity.

At the beginning of each month, familiarize yourself with the target words and use the Smart Charts to learn where they are located. Review the student objectives and gather the necessary materials for each lesson.

There is also a section for you to take notes about extension activities or other ideas that come to mind as you plan and teach these lessons.

While each month provides target words for the featured book, feel free to introduce additional vocabulary to teach and model based on your student's individual needs.

Check out the tip from a professional, parent, or individual using AAC for helpful hints and inspiration.

Lastly, there is a blank template so you can create individualized lesson plans using your favorite books and activities.











The Tools section has supports you need to complete the lessons.

Smart Charts show the icon sequences for the target words in both Unity® 84 and LAMP Words for Life® vocabulary. Smart Charts can be removed, laminated, and stored on a notebook ring or worn on a lanyard for easy access by staff.

- The AAC Prompt Hierarchy to assist communication partners.
- The Profile Chart to keep information about individual student communication strategies, language system, speechgenerating device, name and Language Stage.
- Low Tech Core Boards for LAMP Words for Life and Unity 84 can be used as a low tech AAC option when teaching without a device available. They can also be printed smaller and worn on a lanyard for easy access by staff. When not used, store in the convenient pocket in the front of the planner.

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AAC Definitions



The following terms are important to know when working with individuals who have complex communication needs who require augmentative-alternative communication strategies.

AAC

AAC stands for Augmentative & Alternative Communication. Augmentative means to supplement or add to existing abilities. Alternative means to use something in a different way. So, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) offers individuals a communication system that can add to or replace speech.

Core Vocabulary

Approximately 300 words we use most often, in lots of different situations and activities. Core vocabulary accounts for up to 80% of what we say each day. Examples of core words include: I, you, like, give, want, go, more, good, finished, no, come, etc.

Fringe Vocabulary

The words specific to us and particular situations and activities. These are typically nouns and represent the names of people, places and things. Examples of fringe words include: dog, pizza, dig, mountain, Aunt Claire, scissors, etc.

Modeling

The communication partner points to/ touches symbols on an AAC system as they are speaking, so that learners experience how their AAC system can be used to communicate. Other names to describe similar strategies include: Aided Language Input, Aided Language Stimulation, and Partner-Aided Input.

Smart Charts

Visual representation of icon sequences used to represent various vocabulary words. Smart charts are organized by language system and key configuration.





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Low-Tech AAC (Low Tech)

An object or paper AAC system designed for communication, such as a manual communication board or Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS).

High-Tech AAC (High Tech)

An electronic computer-based AAC system with voice output that can be either dedicated (e.g., only used for communication) or computer-based (e.g., laptop computer, iPad, Tablets). Examples include Accent devices from PRC and NovaChat devices from Saltillo.

Speech Generating Device (SGD)

Electronic augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems used to supplement or replace speech or writing for individuals with severe speech impairments, enabling them to verbally communicate.

To learn more about AAC, go to **exploreaac.com**



Languages Stages Overview.

The "Stages" that form the foundation of the AAC Language Lab are a compilation of information on language development gathered from a vast number of resources, and organized in a single chart of teachable segments, called Stages. Because the acquisition of new language skills flows gradually from stage to stage, it is not unusual to find skill development overlapping the stage divisions. Therefore, the stages provide a general structure, but should not be interpreted rigidly.

Stage 1

Talking with one word at a time: The person speaks one word at a time. They learn to direct activities, request, and label.

Stage 2

Talking with two and three word phrases: The person learns more words. He or she begins to combine words to make phrases.

Stage 3

Building phrases and early sentences: The person combines words in meaningful order. Use of grammar endings for -ing verbs, such as walking, as well as -s to pluralize nouns begins.

Stage 4

Learning grammar and sentence structure: Asking questions and making negative statements begin. Use of irregular past tense verbs, or those that create their past tense without adding -ed. such as ate, begun.

Stage 5

Using sentences and phrases with more grammar endings: He or she learns to make nouns possessive by adding 's as in mom's car. Both third person present tense verbs which use -s, as in he eats, and the use of -ed to make regular past tense verbs, such as talked, begin.

Stage 6

Using correct grammar and word order in complex sentences: The person understands most grammar rules. Language continues to grow by adding vocabulary.



Not sure where to start? Use the Language Screener of the AAC Language Lab to help you find out which language stage to start with and for ongoing re-assessment. Then refer To the Stages Chart to plan intervention.

Use this chart to keep track of student's communication strategies, hardware/software, language system, and current language stage.

Use the Language Screener on the AAC Language Lab to help guide you in getting started with each student.

Date	Student	Low Tech Strategies	Device Hardware and Accessories	Vocabulary (language) Configuration	Stage 1-6
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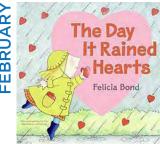
The Mitten

Jan Brett

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.6

Core: come, how, over, want Fringe: mitten/mittens





The Day it **Rained Hearts**

Felicia Bond

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.4 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.F

Core: different, get, make, same Fringe: heart



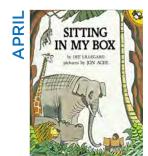


Another Monster at the End of This Book

Jon Stone

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.6 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.B

Core: not, turn, it, scary Fringe: *monster

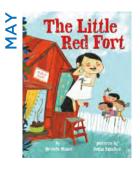


Sitting in My Box

Dee Lillegard

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.E CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.9

Core: in, let, me, we Fringe: box



The Little Red Fort

Brenda Maier

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.D CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.B

Core: busy, help, she, who Fringe: fort or house



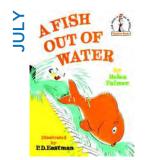
The Pigeon Needs a Bath!

Mo Willems

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.4 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.2

Core: clean, dirty, he, stinks Fringe: bath



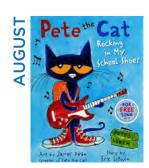


A Fish Out of Water

Helen Palmer

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.1 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.5

Core: all, down, put, stop Fringe: fish



Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

Eric Litwin

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.2

Core: go, in, my, no, where Fringe: school

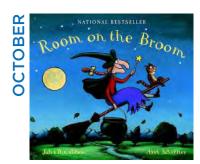


The Old Lady Who Swallowed Leaves

Lucille Colandro

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.1.B CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.2.A

Core: bad, eat, that, why Fringe: sneeze



Room on the Broom

Julia Donaldson

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.2 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3

Core: off, look, need, less Fringe: broom



More Spaghetti, I Say!

Rita Golden Gelman

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.5 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.F

Core: I, can, more, play Fringe: spaghetti



The Biggest Snowman Ever

Steven Kroll

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.9

Core: big, biggest, want, work Fringe: snow

JAN BRETT

The Mitten

Core Words

come, how, over, want

Fringe Word

mitten/mittens

Summary

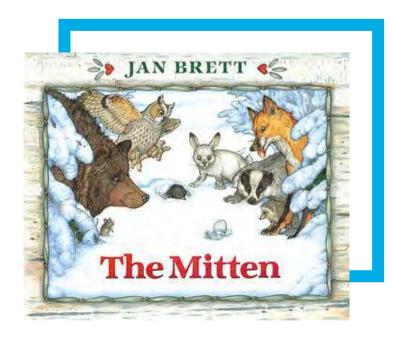
After a boy drops his mitten in the forest, animals begin to make it their home. Finally a mouse moves in and his actions cause the rest to move out.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use single words to comment or direct others in activities using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will write a word to caption his mitten, with varying levels of support, using the AAC system.

Materials

- · Paper, paint, glitter, stickers
- Paper mitten cutouts or real pairs of mittens
- One large mitten with small objects
- Smart Chart of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model. This book is called The Mitten. I think it will be about a MITTEN. Do you have MITTEN(S)?
- Take a picture walk by looking through the pages and briefly talking about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: He dropped his **MITTEN**. They **WANT** in. **HOW** will they all fit?
- Model 2-3 word combinations: They need to move **OVER**. He wants to **COME** in the **MITTEN**. **HOW** will he find his **MITTEN**? They **WANT** to **COME** in the **MITTEN**.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Feel and Guess

- Put small objects of different textures (balls, animals, blocks) in a mitten.
- Pass it around and let each student feel inside and try to guess what he/ she is touching.
- I wonder what's in the MITTEN? COME look inside. HOW will we see what's in the MITTEN? I WANT to take something out of the MITTEN.

"If You're Wearing Red Mittens, Clap your Hands"

- Pass out different colored mittens, (either real ones or use paper cut outs).
- Watch the video and sing the song.
- Pause the video and model MITTEN(S).
- M Model color words **RED MITTEN(S)**, **GREEN MITTEN(S)**, etc.
- Ask students to hold up different colored mittens.



Craft Make Your Mitten

- Trace each students' hand in the shape of a mitten.
- · Decorate with glitter, paint, stickers.
- HOW will we draw your MITTEN? MOVE your fingers together. What color do you WANT to make your MITTEN?

Writing Caption the Mitten

- The student will use a single word for a caption to describe his/her mitten.
- The adult models the process by using a single word on the AAC system to describe his/her mitten. This doesn't have to be one of the target words: i.e.: Mine, Fun, Like
- Ask the student to use a word to describe his mitten using the AAC system. Do not tell the student what to write; the goal is for him to learn that his words can be written down rather than telling him words to write.
- Write the word. The adult can connect the speechgenerating device to the computer or open Google Docs and use Voice Typing to translate the voice output into a document. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer by scanning the QR code below.
- Print off the caption and let student glue to his mitten.



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FELICIA BOND

The Day it Rained Hearts

Core Words

give, make, same, different

Fringe Word

heart

Summary

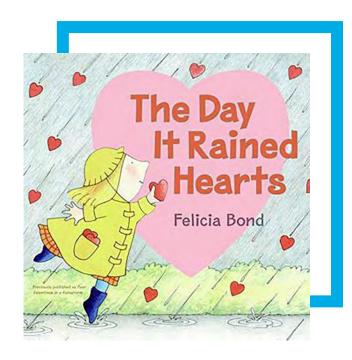
When it rains hearts the day before Valentine's Day, Cornelius Augusta collects them to send to her friends.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use single words to comment about the story and related activities using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use at least 3 words with varying levels of support on the AAC system to write a list poem to describe a self-selected valentine card.

Materials

- White tissue paper squares, glue, red construction paper, string, scissors, tape, cardstock or cardboard (try empty cereal boxes)
- Paper heart cutouts of various sizes
- · Valentine cards
- Smart Chart of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model "She is holding a HEART."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: MAKE the hearts. GIVE valentines, They are the SAME, These are DIFFERENT.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: MAKE them the SAME. GIVE the HEART to a friend, Her friends MAKE a HEART for her.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Trail of Hearts

- Leave a trail of various colored hearts on the floor around the room/ building to follow.
- Model single words: I see a **HEART**. These two are the **SAME** color. It is **DIFFERENT**.
- Model two and three words: This **HEART** is **DIFFERENT**. Should we **GIVE DIFFERENT HEARTS**?

"Boom Chicka Boom Valentine's Day"

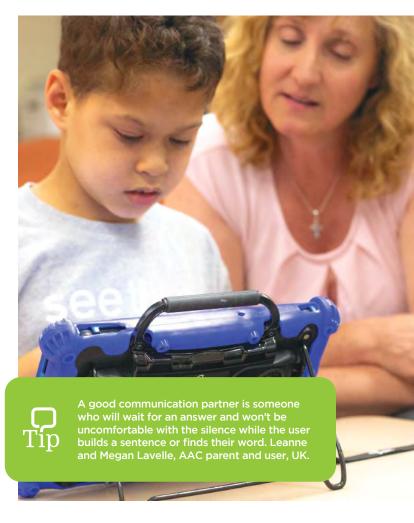


Craft Cloud Raining Hearts

- Cut out cloud shapes from cardstock/cardboard.
- Crumple tissue paper and glue on the cloud.
- Tape 6 lengths of string to the back of the cloud.
- Tape hearts cut-outs to the underside of the string.
- I'm going to GIVE you paper. This is the SAME. This one is DIFFERENT. GIVE a HEART to her, MAKE it a DIFFERENT HEART.

Writing Valentine List Poem

- Student and teacher both choose a valentine card or related photograph as a writing prompt.
- The adult models the process using his/her photo. On an AAC system, model 3 single words to describe the valentine. These do not have to be the target words. DO not make a sentence; use single words, such as "like, good, red." Read your poem out loud.
- Encourage the student to recall single words on the AAC system.
- Write down the words. If using a speech-generating device, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the words into text, or connect the device to a computer. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer by scanning the QR code below.
- Print the words and attach to the valentine/photo.
- · Read the poems out loud.



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Another Monster at the End of This Book

Core Words

not, turn, it, scary

Fringe Word

*monster

Summary

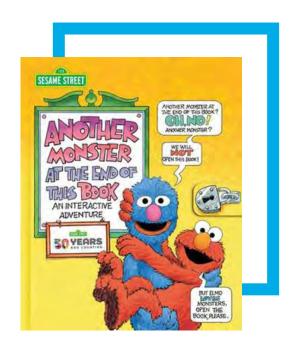
Grover tries to keep Elmo from turning the pages of the book because there is a monster at the end of the book.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use the word "not" to indicate negation in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use at least 4 words with varying levels of support to write a list poem to describe his/her monster.

Materials

- Colored paper, paint, pipe cleaners, glue, scissors, toilet paper rolls/ cardboard tubes, googley eyes,
- Shaving Cream, Corn Starch, plastic tub or tray
- Smart Chart of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make comments and model "This book is about a **MONSTER**."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- · Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: Should we TURN the page? Do NOT! Grover thinks this is SCARY. Grover says there is a MONSTER at the end.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: **TURN IT**. He says do **NOT TURN** the page. Do you think **IT** is **SCARY**? Do **NOT TURN IT**!
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Monster Mash

- Spray a can of shaving cream in the tub. Add corn starch, little by little, and mix with your hands until it can be formed into a ball.
- Mold the mixture into balls and make monsters. Add googley eyes and pipe cleaners for arms and hair.
- Model words: MY TURN. Roll IT. Your MONSTER is SCARY. Do NOT drop your SCARY MONSTER.



KIDZ BOP Kids - "Monster Mash"

- Model the words while watching the video.
- Pause the video to use words to describe and comment **TURN** it up, The **MONSTER/IT** is **SCARY**.



Craft Make Monsters

- Paint or cover the toilet paper rolls/cardboard tubes in colored paper.
- · Glue on the eyes.
- Poke holes for arms and legs and insert pipe cleaners.
- Glue pipe cleaners inside the top for hair or use paper strips.
- IT is scary. It is **NOT** scary. My **TURN** to make a **SCARY MONSTER**.

Writing Describe a Monster

- Write about your Monster.
- The adult models the process using his/her monster. On an AAC system, use words to describe the monster out loud and write or type each word (Make, Like, Scary, Go).
- Encourage the student to recall single words on the AAC system to describe his/her monster.
- The adult writes the words, connects the student's speech generating device to a computer, or uses Google Docs Voice Typing to translate the device speech into words. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer by scanning the QR code below.
- Print out the poem and display with the monster.



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DEE LILLEGARD

Sitting In My Box

Core Words

in, let, me, we

Fringe Word

box

Summary

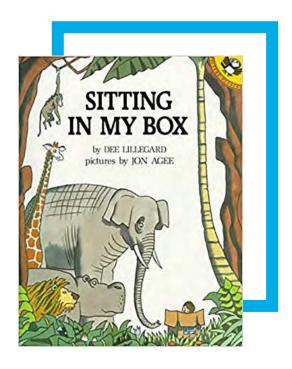
A boy playing with an empty box finds himself surrounded by animals as they join him one-by-one. Thanks to a small flea, the boy finds himself alone in his box at the end of the story.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use the pronoun we to answer "who" questions on the AAC system in 4/5 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use 1-2 word combinations on the AAC system to direct others in 8/10 opportunities.

Materials

- Cardstock, yellow/gold and brown paint, markers, glue, scissors
- Large cardboard box with plastic animals or pictures of animal pictures from the story
- Backpack
- Large cardboard boxes
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model.
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: He's sitting in his **BOX**. The giraffe wants **IN**.

 WE move over
- Model 2-3 word combinations: **WE LET** him in. The lion says **LET ME** IN. **WE** are **IN** the **BOX**. The animals said **WE LET** them **IN**.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Sitting in a Box

- Cut the top and bottom out of a large box
- Give student the chance to sit in the box by placing the box around him/her
- Present an animal to him and pretend the animal uses the speech generating device to say words, such as: I want IN, LET ME sit in the BOX.
- Give the student the chance to say "Come IN," or "NO" (You may want to model these choices for him or her).

"Various Animal Songs"



Craft Handprint Lion

- Student paints his/her hand in yellow or gold paint on cardstock.
- When dry, turn the handprint upside down so the fingers become the legs. Help student make lines on fingers for claws.
- Cut out a lion's mane from cardboard and paint a yellow circle for the face
- Fill in the face, whiskers and ears with a marker, or provide cut-outs for the student to glue on.
- WE are making a lion. Put your hand IN the paint. LET ME help.

Writing What Else Can You Do In A Box?

- Provide the sentence frame: "_____in my box" on chart paper or a document on the computer.
- Adult models a word on AAC system "Sleeping in my box."
- Each student then has a chance to fill-in-the-blank with a verb (it does not matter if the student uses an -ing verb; accept any verb).

Write down the words. If using a speech-generating device, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the words into text, or connect the device to a computer.

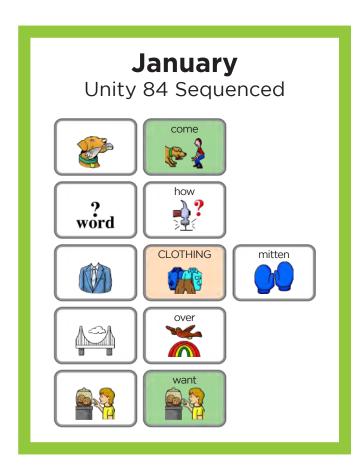
- Read all the sentences once everyone has had a turn.
 Print them out and staple together to make a book.
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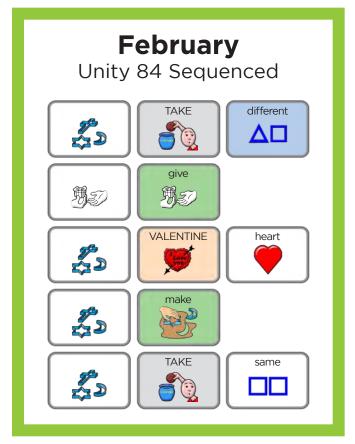
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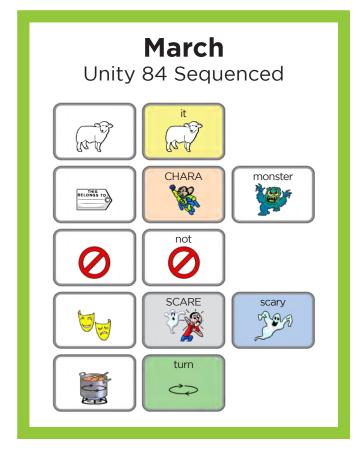


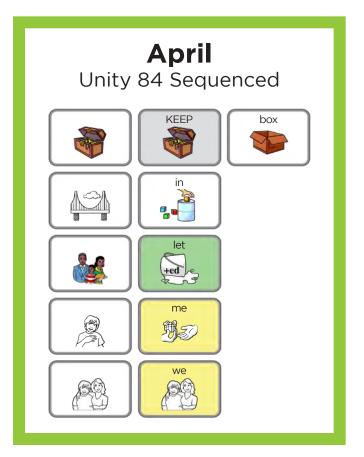
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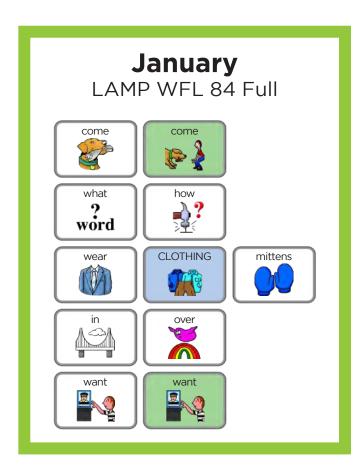


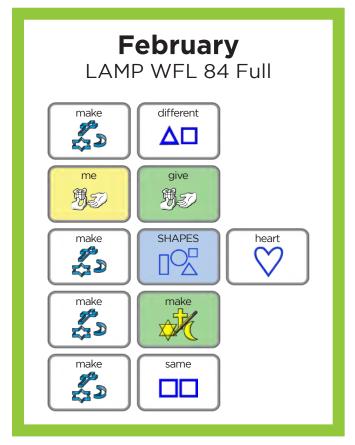


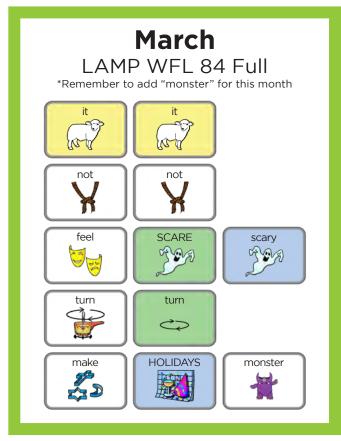




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BRENDA MAIER

The Little Red Fort

Core Words

busy, help, she, who

Fringe Word

fort or house

Summary

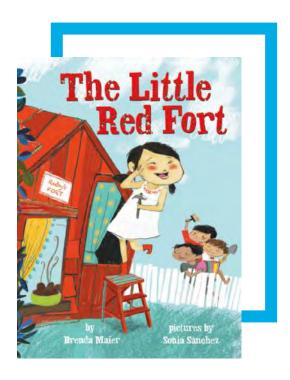
Ruby finds some boards and decides to build a fort. She asks her brothers to help, but instead they laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build a fort. Once Ruby has her beautiful fort built, guess who wants to play in it?

Objectives

- 1. Student will use the word "she" using the AAC system to refer to the character in the story in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will request or offer assistance using the word "help" on the AAC system in 8/10 structured situations.

Materials

- Paper, paint, markers, large cardboard box, glue, packing tape, scissors
- Building materials (smooth wood, sand paper, play tools, small common items)
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model WHO will build a fort? I think SHE will.
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- · Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: WHO wants to help? He said I'm too BUSY. And SHE did. Here is her FORT (or little HOUSE).
- Model 2-3 word combinations: WHO wants to HELP? SHE is BUSY. SHE is BUSY building a FORT/HOUSE.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Feel a House

- Put various items in a bag (sandpaper, smooth wood, plastic saw, hammer along with common items not used for building a house).
- Have the student put his hand in the bag to feel items.
- When he pulls it out, talk about what it is used for and if it is used to build a house.
- Act out using the item when possible.
- M Model single words: WHO wants a turn? Can you HELP hold the bag?
- Model 2-3 words: Did **SHE** use that to **HELP** build her **FORT/HOUSE**?

"Johnny Hammers"
(change the words to Ruby Hammers).



Craft Build a Classroom Fort

- Cut off the flaps of a large box.
- Use brightly colored tape to connect the flaps together to make a triangle for the roof.
- Cut off one side of the box for the door.
- Decorate with markers, spray paint, glue on colored paper for bushes and shutters.
- Model single words: Let me know if you want to **HELP**. We are **BUSY**, We're making a **FORT/HOUSE**.
- Model 2-3 words: WHO can HELP me? We are BUSY making our FORT/HOUSE just like SHE did.

Writing Create a Story Map

- Download a Story Map template from www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/storymap_complex3.pdf
- The adult guides the student through the process by "thinking out loud" to discuss the story elements and models words on the AAC system to complete each section.
- Use Descriptive Teaching to talk about story elements:
 - o characters mean "who"
 - o setting means "where"
 - o problem means "what"
 - o solving the problem means "how"
 - o solution to the problem means "so they"
 - o If using a speech-generating device, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the student's words into text, or connect the device to a computer. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.



Use Descriptive Teaching Strategies

The descriptive teaching approach refers to a strategy using common words (i.e.: core words) to describe, define, and predict rather than referential words (words that mean a specific concept). Using high frequency, core vocabulary that is already in a student's speech-generating device helps him/her learn to use existing vocabulary to explain key concepts. For example, rather than programming the word "fort" into the vocabulary of a LAMP Words For Life user this month, try using words to describe it, such as "little," "brown," "play," "house."

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MO WILLEMS

The Pigeon Needs a Bath!

Core Words

clean, dirty, he, stinks

Fringe Word

bath

Summary

We are told the pigeon is filthy and needs a bath. The pigeon thinks differently and tries to convince us he doesn't need a bath. Finally, he takes a bath and finds out he loves it!

Objectives

- 1. Student will use adjectives clean/ dirty to describe the character in the story and items in related activities using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will write a word to caption the picture of pigeon, with varying levels of support, using the AAC system.

Materials

- Shaving Cream, washable paint, tray, paint brushes, muffin tins, heavy paper
- Sensory bin for water play, soap, plastic animals
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster or speech generating device



Link to Pigeon Needs Bath Activities. Also check out Pinterest for more!



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make comments and model: The name
 of this book is The Pigeon Needs a BATH. HE says, "I do not."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: The man said the pigeon is **DIRTY**. He needs a **BATH**. Whew, he **STINKS**. **HE** likes it. Now he is **CLEAN**.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: The pigeon needs to take a **BATH** so he can get **CLEAN**. **HE** does not want to take a **BATH**. **HE** is so **DIRTY** that he **STINKS**. After his **BATH**, **HE** is **CLEAN**.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Bathtub Play

- Fill a sensory bin with water and soap.
- Talk and model about how CLEAN the water looks
- Show the plastic animals. They look **DIRTY**. They need a **BATH**.
- Let the students play with the animals.
- You can model words by projecting the free PASS Software from your computer



Free Software

Visit the Link to download free PASS software from www.prentrom.com by scanning the QR code to the right.



Craft Shaving Cream Painting

- Mix shaving cream and a few drops of washable paint into muffin tins for various colors.
- Use with paint brushes or finger paint to make designs on heavy paper.
- Let dry 1-2 hours.
- This smells **CLEAN**. Do you think it **STINKS**? We need to wash our **DIRTY** hands.

Writing Caption the Pigeon

- The adult models the process by using a single word on the AAC system to describe the photo. This doesn't have to be one of the target words: i.e. Need, Not, Bad, Good
- Ask the student to use a word to describe the pigeon using the AAC system. Do not tell the student what to write; the goal is for him to learn that his words can be written down rather than telling him words to write.
 Write the word. You can connect the speech-generating device to the computer or open Google Docs and use Voice Typing to translate the voice output into a document.
- Print off all the captions and let students draw a picture of the pigeon or find pictures to download from the Internet.
- See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.



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HELEN PALMER

A Fish Out OF Water

Core Words

all, down, put, stop

Fringe Word

fish

Summary

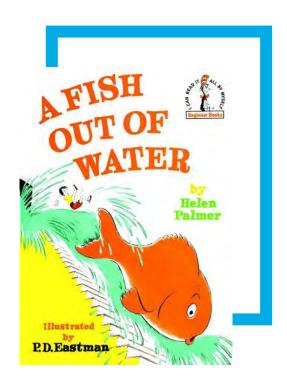
A young boy learns what happens when he feeds his fish more than the man at the pet store advised.

Objectives

- 1. Student will point to/touch/look at the front cover, back cover, and title page of the book when directed, with various levels of prompts, in 4/5 opportunities.
- 2. Student will direct the actions of others using 1-3 words on the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.

Materials

- gallon size freezer bags, inexpensive hair gel, small plastic fish, glitter, blue food coloring, packing tape
- 9" white paper plates
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model "I see a FISH."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- · Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: I gave him **ALL** the food. I **PUT** him in a pot. **STOP** growing.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: **PUT** the **FISH** in the tub. The **FISH** went **DOWN**. **STOP** giving the **FISH** ALL the food!
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Go Fishing

- Water Sensory Bin with various sizes of plastic fish, cups, and aquarium nets.
- Model words based on the student's actions You have a FISH. I see you poured ALL the water on the FISH. It went DOWN. You PUT DOWN the cup. ALL the FISH are in the water. Can you STOP the FISH from going DOWN?
- You can put a laminated low tech core board near the sensory area; or a large core word chart/poster to use for modeling.

Ten Little Fishies



Craft Make Fish Sensory Bags

- Gallon freezer bags, inexpensive hair gel, small plastic fish toys (erasers, party favors), packing tape, glitter and blue food coloring.
- Combine all in a freezer bag and secure with tape.
- Model words: **PUT** it in the bag. **ALL** the gel goes in. The **FISH** go **DOWN** to the bottom. The tape will **STOP ALL** the **FISH** from coming out.

Writing Create a Story Wheel

(This could be done as a group by projecting on a screen from the computer in a Word document and writing in it with the students).

- Provide each student with a 9" inch paper plate .
- Divide the plate into 4 sections, leaving a small circle in the middle.
- Write the title and author in the middle.
- Talk about the actions that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
- The adult models the process by using words from the AAC system while thinking out loud: First he bought a little FISH. Then he gave it ALL the food. It wouldn't STOP growing. Then Mr. Carp when DOWN in the pool and made him small again.
- Repeat the sequence, pausing at the target words to allow the student to provide the missing words. Write them in the story wheel. You can connect the speechgenerating device to the computer or open Google Docs and use Voice Typing to translate the voice output into a document. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.



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ERIC LITWIN

Pete the Cat: Rocking In My School Shoes

Core Words

go, in, my, where, no

Fringe Word

school

Summary

Pete the Cat discovers many places around his school. You can help your students make connections between Pete's school and their school. This months' core words can be used with students throughout their day.

Objectives

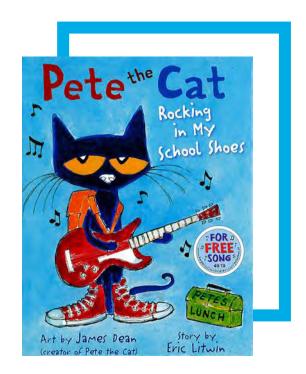
- 1. Student will use single words to ask questions about the story and related activities on an AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use the pronoun "my" to show possession an AAC system in 4/5 opportunities.

Materials

- Stuffed cat or large photo of Pete
- Footprint cut-outs
- Backpack
- Mini objects, photos/symbols of items from story: book/library, fork/cafeteria, swing/playground. CD/music, pencil/writing, paintbrush/art, numbers/math, bus
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



Link to Pete The Cat Activities. Check out Pinterest for more!



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model "Where will he GO?"
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: WHERE will he go? Does he worry? Goodness NO. Pete went IN the library. He's rocking IN his school shoes. Pete likes SCHOOL.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: **WHERE** did Pete **GO**? Did he **GO** here in his **SCHOOL** shoes? Did he **GO** to the store? **NO**. Pete says "I'm rocking **IN MY SCHOOL** shoes.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Feel and Guess

- Fill a backpack with objects from the story and others that were not in the story
- Have the student put his hand in and guess what he feels
- When he takes it out, talk about its use and it if Pete saw it in the story
- Did Pete see this at **SCHOOL**? **NO**, not at **SCHOOL**. **WHERE** would this **GO**?

"Rocking In My School Shoes"

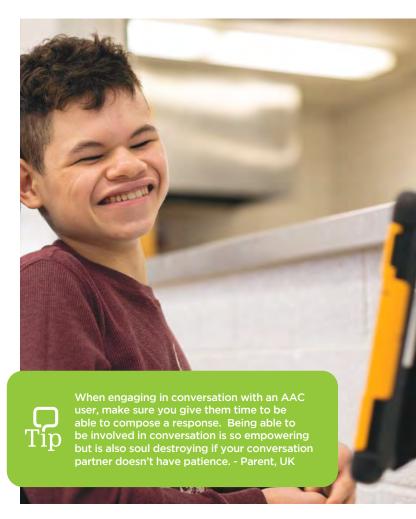


Motor Paper Footprints

- Leave paper footprints around the building. Follow the footprints and ask those you meet if they have seen Pete.
- "WHERE is Pete?" "Did he GO in the office?" "NO, he's not here."
- · Find Pete in the last location.
- M "He is IN the library."
- Afterwards, use photos or symbols of the locations to review where you went and discuss if Pete was there. Ask, "WHERE was he?"

Writing Read and Repeat

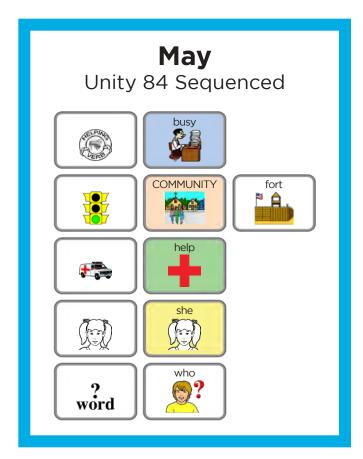
- Take photos of each student completing various actions.
- Print off each picture with the phrase "I'm (verbing) in school shoes" to explain what the student is doing ("I'm smiling in my school shoes").
- Staple into a book and give a copy to each student.
- Adult reads her page first, pausing at the blank for "my," then modeling it on an AAC system; saying it, and writing it.
- Read each page aloud, pausing at the blank for the student to say "my" with his/her AAC system.
- You can connect the speech-generating device to the computer or open Google Docs and use Voice Typing to translate the voice output into a document. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.

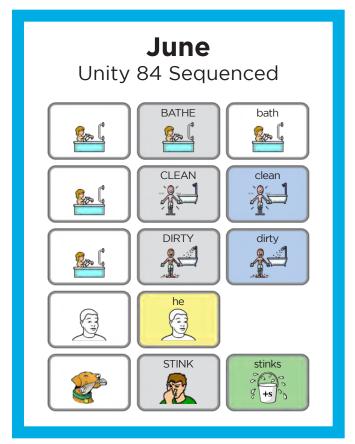


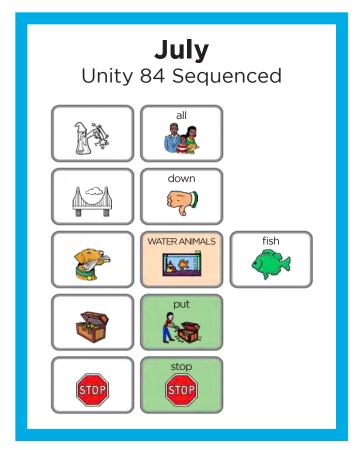
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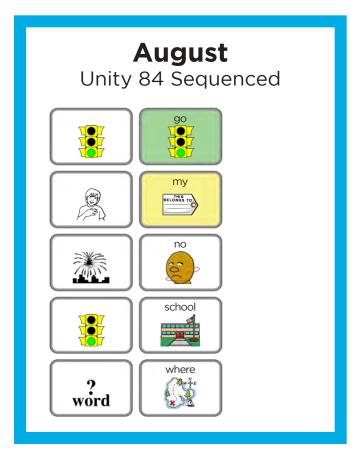


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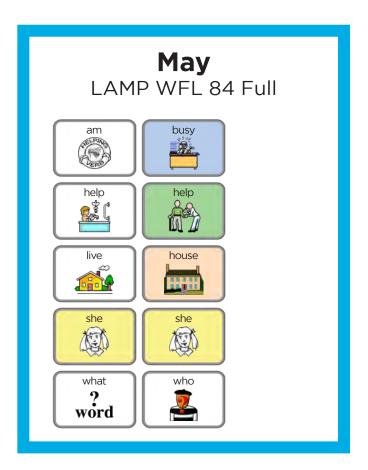


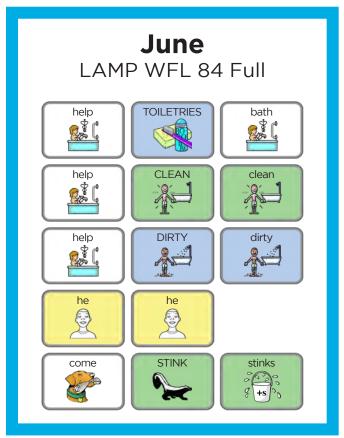


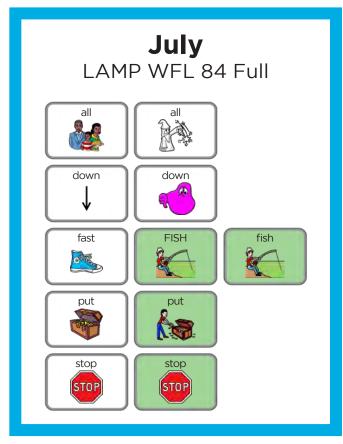


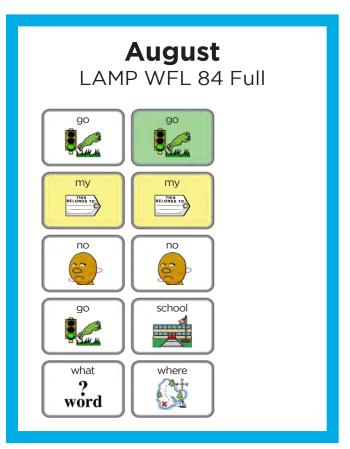


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LUCILLE COLANDRO

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Leaves

Core Words

bad, eat, that, why

Fringe Word

sneeze

Summary

An old lady swallows some leaves and then finds herself swallowing other unusual items. Will she sneeze?

Objectives

- 1. Student will use single words to comment/ask questions about the story and related activities using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will tell whether word pairs spoken aloud rhyme using single words (same/different or yes/no) on the AAC system with varying levels of prompts.

Materials

- paper, paint, glitter, stickers, craft sticks, glue, scissors
- Coffee filters, markers, water, leaf template or cookie cutter
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



Link to Scholastic for more activities. Also check out Pinterest for more!



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model. "What is she going to do?" Swallow means EAT."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- · Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: Yuck, she swallowed **THAT!** I bet leaves taste **BAD. WHY** would she swallow a shirt? I hope she doesn't **SNEEZE.**
- Model 2-3 word combinations: Can you believe she would **EAT THAT**? It will be **BAD** if she has to **SNEEZE**. She will **SNEEZE** if she tries to
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Craft Coffee Filter Leaves

- Trace a leaf on the coffee filter; use template or cookie cutter. Draw a thick circle with markers in the center of the filter leaf.
- Fold the leaf 3 times (in half, in half, and then in half again) to make a point in the middle of the circle.
- Dip the leaf in a cup of water just far enough to get tip wet then watch the water go up the coffee filter leaf & spread the ink
- Take it out of the water (keeping it folded) and let it dry. Once it is dry, unfold it and see the colors.
- Look at **THAT**. Do you know **WHY** it turns colors? Do not **EAT THAT**. It would be **BAD** if she decided to **EAT THAT**.



"Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down"



Writing What else could the old lady have swallowed?

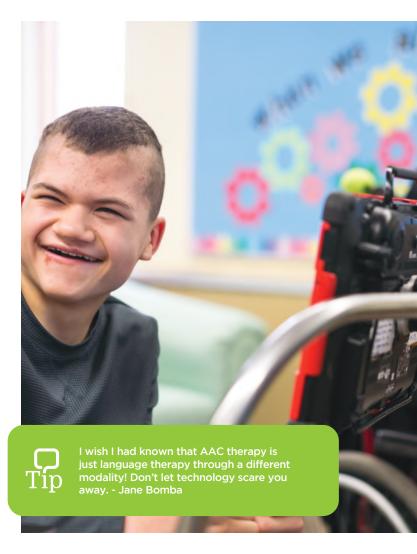
- Provide the sentence frame: "The old lady swallowed a _____" on chart paper or a document on the computer.
- The adult models a word on an AAC system to fill in the blank "The old lady swallowed a CAR."
- Each student then has a chance to fill-in-the-blank with a noun.
- Write down the words. If using a speech-generating device, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the words into text, or connect the device to a computer.
- Read all the sentences once everyone has had a turn.
 Print them out and staple together to make a book.

Extension Activity Same/Different, Yes/No

Ask the student to listen as you say word pairs from the story. First, say all the pairs that rhyme. Model using the word "SAME" on the AAC system after each pair. Then mix up the pairs, saying word pairs that do not rhyme and model "DIFFERENT" after each pair.

Provide opportunities for students to hear pairs that rhyme & those that don't to practice this skill.

Tell the student to listen in his head as you say the words so he can tell you if they sound the **SAME** or **DIFFERENT**. You could also use **YES/NO** if the student understands that response (Are these sounds the same? **YES** or **NO**) leaves/sneeze, hurt/shirt, pumpkin/bumpkin, pole/roll, pants/dance, mope/rope, say/hay.



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JULIA DONALDSON

Room On The Broom

Core Words

off, look, need, yes

Fringe Word

broom

Summary

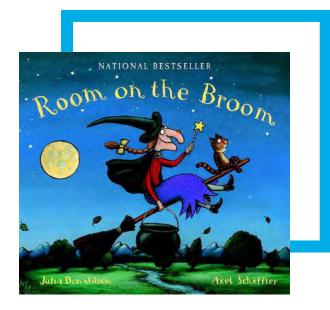
A witch and her cat are flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away her hat, bow, and her wand. She meets three animals who return her items in exchange for a ride on her broom.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use single words to comment/ask questions about the story and related activities in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use 1-3 single words to direct the actions of others during activities, on the AAC system, in 8/10 opportunities.

Materials

- Star cut-outs, stickers or scrapbook paper and star templates, glue, ribbon, paint sticks or sturdy cardboard, ribbon
- Props: A witch hat, wand, hair bow
- Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



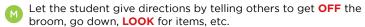
Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model. "Let's LOOK to find out who wants to ride on her broom."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: Uh oh, it fell **OFF**. They **LOOK** for the hat. The witch said **YES**! They **NEED** to get down.
- Model 2-3 word combinations: They **NEED** to **LOOK** for it. It fell **OFF** the **BROOM**. **LOOK**, It fell **OFF** the **BROOM**.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Music

"Witches On Halloween"

• Sing "The Witch Gets On Her Broom" to the tune of "Farmer In The Dell". Use props from the story.





Craft Magic Wand

- Use pre-cut stars or trace star templates on scrapbook paper Wrap ribbon around the paint stick or cardboard cut into a shape for the wand handle.
- Decorate the star and glue onto the handle.
- Model single words: I **NEED** glue. The wand goes down here. **LOOK** at mine!
- Model 2-3 word combinations: **YES**, I **NEED** more. I **NEED** you to **LOOK** down there!

Writing Describe the Witch

- Students use a single word to describe witch from the story.
- The adult models the process by using a single word on the AAC system to describe the witch. This doesn't have to be one of the target words: i.e.: happy, help, fun, on, go.
- Ask the student to use a word to describe the witch using the AAC system. Do not tell the student what to write; the goal is for him to learn that his words can be written down rather than telling him words to write.
- Write the word. You can connect the speech-generating device to the computer or open Google Docs and use Voice Typing to translate the voice output into a document. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.
- Print off or write all the words and make a classroom collage with a picture of the witch.



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RITA GELMAN

More Spaghetti I Say!

Core Words

I, more, play, can, not

Fringe Word

spaghetti

Summary

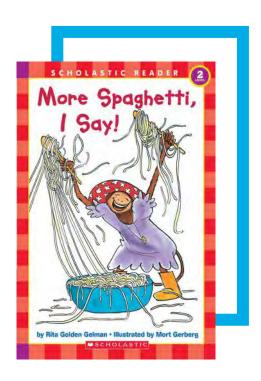
Minnie is too busy eating spaghetti to play with Freddy. She eats so much spaghetti that she makes herself sick.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use single words on an AAC system to comment/ask questions about the story and related activities in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will direct the actions of others by using the word "more" on the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.

Materials

- Scissors, white or yellow yarn and red paint, brown paper, paper plates
- · Cooked spaghetti; food coloring
- Mini objects for sensory bin
- · Smart Charts of target words
- Low-tech core board/wall chart poster and/or speech generating device



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model. "I wonder what she will eat? Looks like SPAGHETTI."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: She wants **MORE**. Freddy wants to **PLAY**. He says **CAN** you play with me?
- Model 2-3 word combinations: Minnie wants MORE SPAGHETTI. She says I CAN jump. He wants to PLAY but she wants MORE SPAGHETTI.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory/Motor Cutting Spaghetti

- Put cooked spaghetti in a large container. Add small objects, tongs, and large spoons. Practice cutting spaghetti using scissors. For added fun, make rainbow spaghetti by putting in plastic bags and adding food coloring - let dry 45 minutes before using.
- Let's PLAY. We CAN find things. Look for MORE. It's fun to PLAY in SPAGHETTI. I want MORE SPAGHETTI.

Music

"On Top of Spaghetti"





Craft Paint with Spaghetti

- Help student paint red "sauce" on the paper plate.
- Drizzle glue all around the plate and add the "spaghetti" varn.
- · Glue on brown circles for meatballs.
- Let's make SPAGHETTI. I need MORE paint/glue. This is PLAY spaghetti. I need MORE meatballs. We CAN make MORE SPAGHETTI.

Writing I can___

- Provide the sentence frame: "I can _____" on chart paper or a document on the computer.
- The adult models a word on an AAC system to fill in the blank: "I can GO."
- The student has a chance to fill-in-the-blank with a verb .
- Write down the words. If using a speech-generating device, you can use Google Docs and Voice Typing to translate the words into text, or connect the device to a computer. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.
- Read all the sentences once everyone has had a turn.
 Print them out and staple together to make a book.



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STEVEN KROLL

The Biggest Snowman Ever

Core Words

he, work, big, biggest

Fringe Word

snowman

Summary

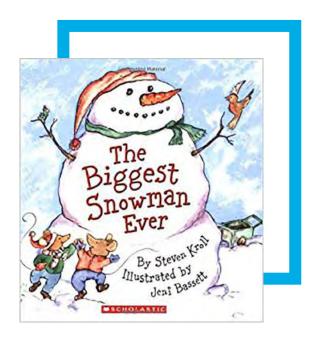
Clayton and Desmond compete to win the prize for building the biggest snowman.

Objectives

- 1. Student will use 1-3 words to comment/ask questions about the story and related activities using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.
- 2. Student will use targeted adjectives to describe items as "big" or "biggest" using the AAC system in 8/10 opportunities.

Materials

- Cornstarch, hair conditioner, glitter, peppermint extract
- · White 9" paper plate
- Jumbo craft stick
- · Colored cardstock paper
- Stickers, glue, markers
- · Scissors, glue



Introduce the Story

- Talk about the cover and author. Make predictions and model "That is a BIG snowman."
- Take a picture walk. Look through the pages and briefly talk about the pictures to build background knowledge.
- · Read the book, pausing to model target words.
- Model single words: That is hard **WORK**. **HE** is making a snowman. It is **BIG**. Who will make the **BIGGEST** snowman?
- Model 2-3 word combinations: It is hard **WORK** to make a **BIG** snowman. His **SNOWMAN** is **BIG**, but this one is the **BIGGEST**.
- Repeat the story several times this month. Provide students chances to learn, practice, and independently use the words!

Sensory Snow Dough

- Mix 2 cups of cornstarch and 1 cup of hair conditioner
- Optional: glitter, peppermint extract
- Refrigerate for a cold experience
- I'm going to make a **BIG** ball. This one is **BIG**, but this one is the **BIGGEST**. It takes a lot of **WORK** to make a **BIG SNOWMAN**.



Music

"5 Little Snowman Standing in a Row"
"Let It Go" from Frozen





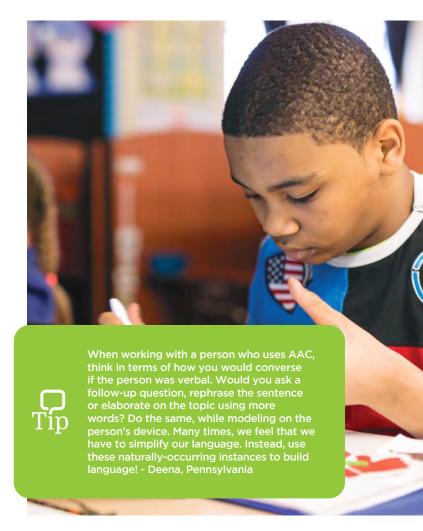
Craft Snowman Paper Plate Mask

- Cut out the middle of a white paper plate, leaving room for the child's face.
- Make and decorate a hat.
- Glue on a jumbo craft stick for the handle.
- Take photos of students being a snowman.
- We're going to be a **BIG** snowman. Let's **WORK** together.

Writing Complete a story map

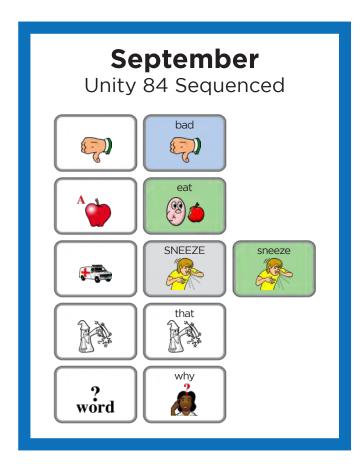
- Download a story map from: readingrockets.org
- Use the story map as a guide to talk about activities at the beginning middle and end.
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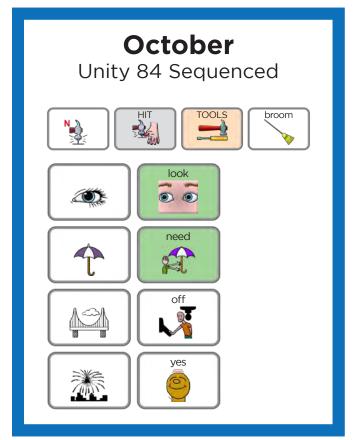
 Connect the speech-generating device to a computer, use Voice
 - Typing in Google Docs, or write what the AAC user says on his device in the blanks on the form. See how to connect the Accent device to a computer below.
- The story was about a contest to make the **BIGGEST** snowman. First, **HE** made one alone. They each made a **BIG SNOWMAN**. With hard **WORK**, they made the **BIGGEST SNOWMAN** together.



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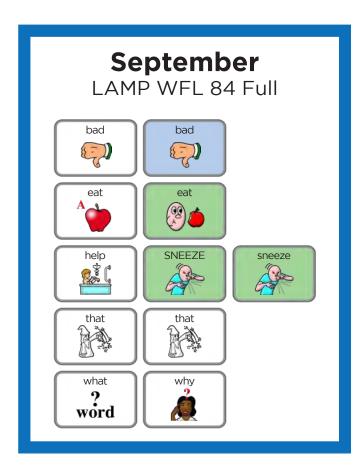


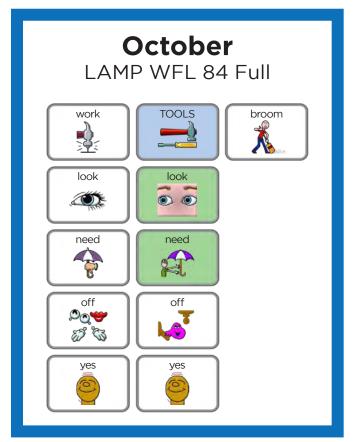


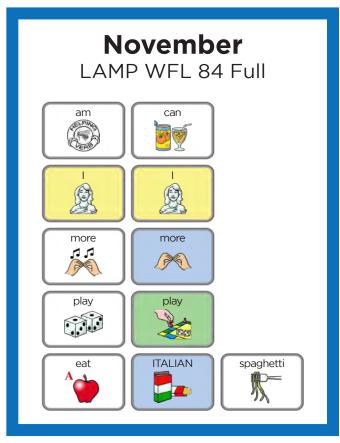




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Lesson Plan Template

Book Title		Author			
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Summary	Introduce the Story	/			
Objectives					
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*Refer to the AAC Prompt Hierarchy on page 45 if needed for help to encourage interaction.

AAC Prompt Hierarchy

LEAST





Pause • Sometimes a pause is all that's needed. It gives the person time to respond. Wait quietly (at least 10-15 seconds).



Non-Verbal Prompt • Use body language and facial expressions to show that you expect a response.



Environmental Cues • Use objects in the environment to show that you expect a response.



Ask Open-ended Questions • What should we do next? What do you need me to do?



Visual Prompt • Gesture or point toward the low-tech board or device without pointing directly to the target word.



Give two choices • Do you want to read or play?



Model • Model an appropriate response on a device or low-tech board.



Partial Physical Prompt • Providing support to the elbow.



Physical Prompt • Hand under hand provides support, but allow the individual to make their own selection.

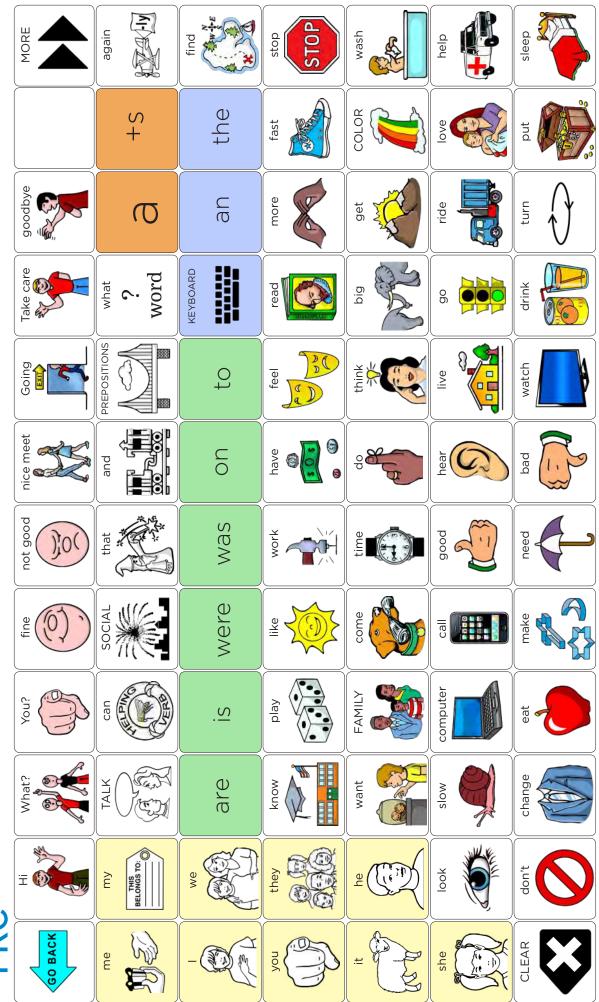




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Facebook Groups

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Other Resources

- Common Core: Learn why the Common Core is important www.corestandards.org
- **Project Core:** A Stepping-Up Technology Implementation Grant Directed by the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies **www.project-core.com**
- Reading Rockets: Story maps & information about literacy www.readingrockets.org
- Tar Heel Shared Reader: Resources for Shared Reading www.Sharedreader.org
- Literacy for All: Instruction for students with Significant needs www.literacyforallinstruction.ca
- Praactical AAC: Website & blog with information about literacy www.praacticalaac.org