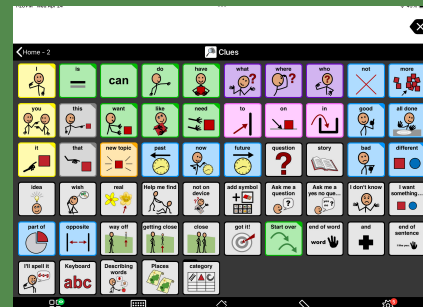


Communication: Robust symbol-based apps



What is it?

Robust AAC apps facilitate communication for individuals with speech and language impairments. These apps feature extensive symbol libraries, including commonly used words and phrases represented by symbols/pictures, enabling users to construct sentences and convey messages. Additionally, robust AAC apps often offer options for customization, allowing users to personalize their experience by selecting symbols, creating custom vocabulary sets, and adjusting settings to suit their unique needs.

Why use it?

These apps provide users with a comprehensive and effective means of communication, particularly for those who prefer access to picture symbols or who do not yet have the literacy skills needed to access a text-based app. By using robust AAC apps, individuals can overcome communication barriers, participate more fully in social interactions, and access educational and vocational opportunities.

How to use it?

Familiarize yourself with the app's layout, symbol libraries, and customization options. Use features like predictive text and voice output for efficient communication. Encourage communication partners to model AAC use and support interactions. Regular practice will help users gain proficiency and confidence in expressing themselves across different contexts.

Examples we use in Bellevue School District

- Proloquo2Go
- TouchChat with Word Power
- TD Snap
- LAMP Words for Life