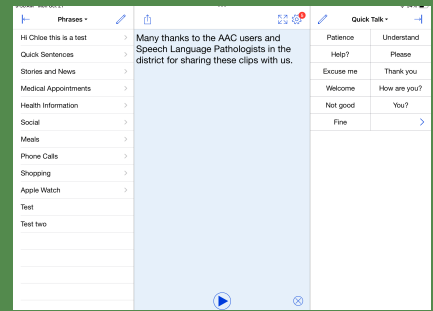


Communication: Text-Based Apps



What is it?

Robust text-based AAC apps assist individuals with communication challenges by providing text-based methods of expression. These apps typically offer extensive libraries of words and phrases, organized into categories for easy access. Users can compose messages by selecting words or typing text using on-screen keyboards. These apps often include features such as predictive text, word prediction, and customizable vocabulary sets, allowing users to communicate more efficiently and independently.

Why use it?

Robust text-based AAC apps are essential for individuals with speech and language impairments, offering independence through literacy and the ability to communicate novel ideas. In education, these apps help users overcome communication barriers and fully engage in learning and social activities. Features like predictive text enhance speed and accuracy, empowering users to express thoughts and needs with ease and independence across various settings.

How to use it?

Select words or phrases from the library or use the on-screen keyboard to type out text. Utilize features such as predictive text and word prediction to speed up communication and reduce typing effort. Customize the app to meet the user's specific needs and preferences, including adjusting settings for font size, keyboard layout, and language. Encourage communication partners to support the user by familiarizing themselves with the app and facilitating meaningful interactions.

Examples we use in Bellevue School District

- Proloquo4Text
- Predictable