
AAC App Deep Dive



PENNSYLVANIA
TECH ACCELERATOR

LOGISTICS

- Live Transcription captioning is available
 - You may need to update your Zoom account to the latest version
- Type questions in the chat
- There will be time at the end for more questions

ACRONYMS

- AAC: augmentative & alternative communication
- AT: assistive technology
- DD: developmental disability
- ID: intellectual disability
- SGD: speech-generating device
- SLP: speech-language pathologist (speech therapist)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to...

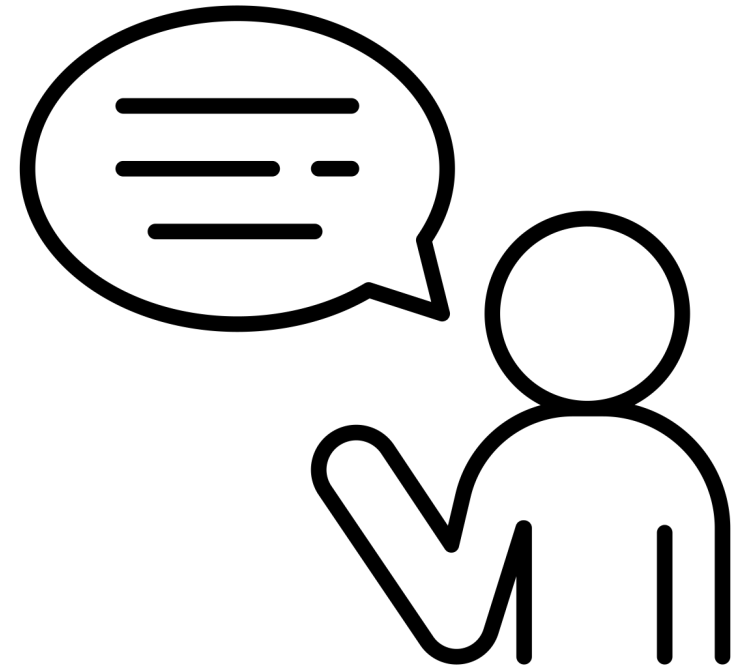
Recall at least 3
AAC apps
available from the
Lending Library

Make basic edits
to at least 1 AAC
app

Describe at least
1 difference
between 2
popular AAC apps

DISCLAIMERS

- We are speaking from the perspective of speech-language pathologists specializing in AAC.
- We will use a variety of identity-first & person-first language to accommodate both preferences.



TECHOWL OVERVIEW



TECHOWL

- TechOWL – Technology for Our Whole Lives
- A program at the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
- Pennsylvania's AT Act Program
- Implements all AT programs for Pennsylvanians with disabilities & older Pennsylvanians with AT needs



<https://techowlpa.org/>

TECHOWL PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library
- Demonstrations & trainings
- Information & assistance
- Free Special Phone Program (TDDP)
- National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (iCanConnect PA)
- Emergency preparedness
- ACES
- Reuse Program
- CreATe Together
- Connect with Tech
- TechOWL Community Space



WHAT IS AAC?

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WHAT IS AAC?

- **AAC** = Augmentative & Alternative Communication
 - **Augmentative:** adds to someone's speech
 - **Alternative:** used instead of speech
- Includes communication methods other than oral speaking/talking
 - Gestures
 - Facial expressions
 - Writing & drawing
 - Using pictures, symbols, etc.
 - Using a device
- We all use forms of AAC



Parts of an AAC App

OF AN AAC APP

Speech Display Bar

- Displays the target message
- Select to speak message
- Use clear button to remove previous messages or mistakes

Clear Button

- Removes the current message from the speech display bar

Core Vocabulary

- High frequency, everyday words
- Can be used across multiple contexts
- Can be on the homepage and other pagesets

Folder

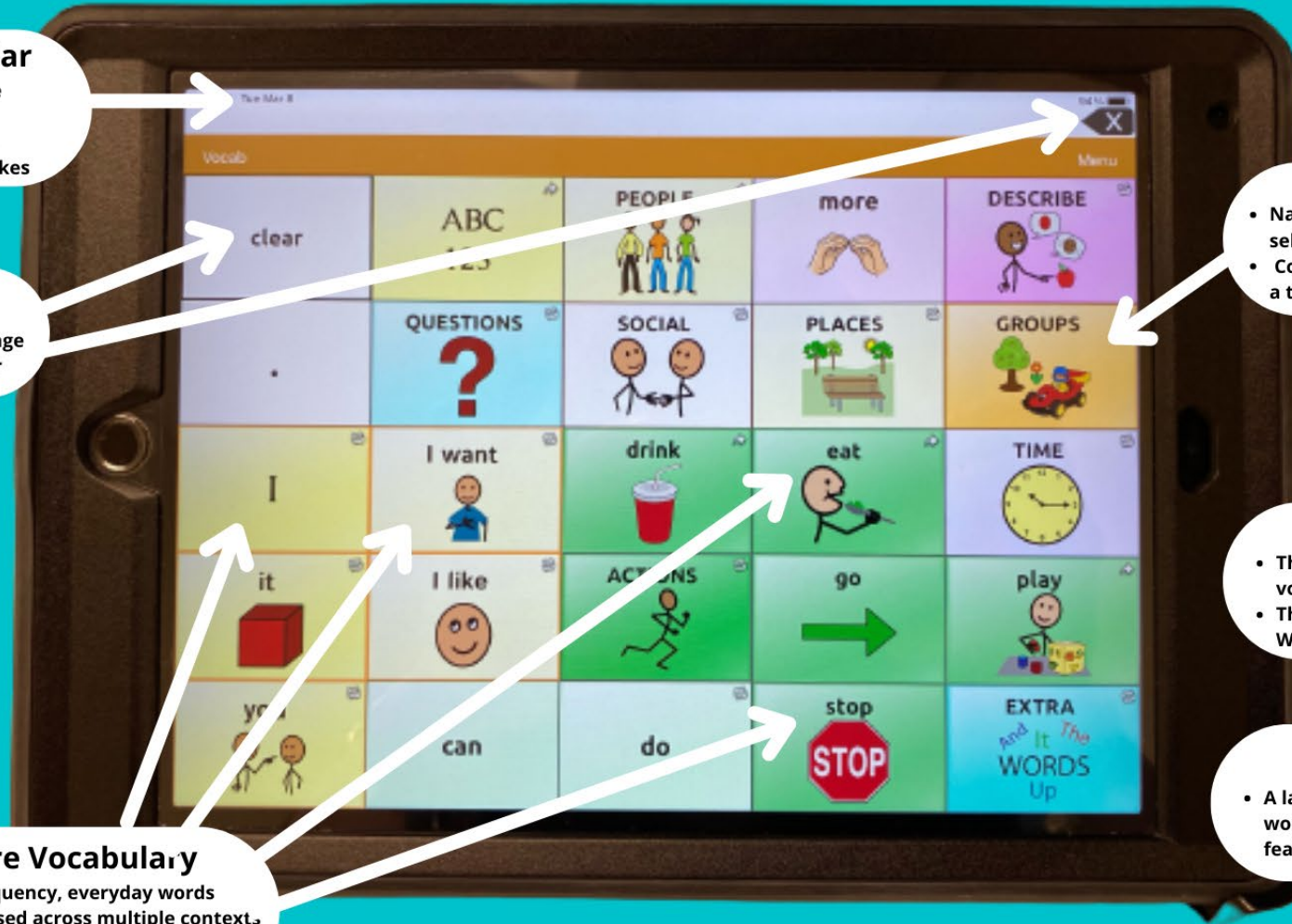
- Navigates to a specific page when selected
- Contains words/phrases related to a topic or category

Homepage

- The first or main page of the vocabulary set
- This is the homepage of TouchChat WordPower25

Pageset

- A layout on the device for different words/phrases, navigation tools, or features



BUNDLED IPADS



**QuickTalker
Freestyle**



PRC Via



**Tobii SC
Tablet**

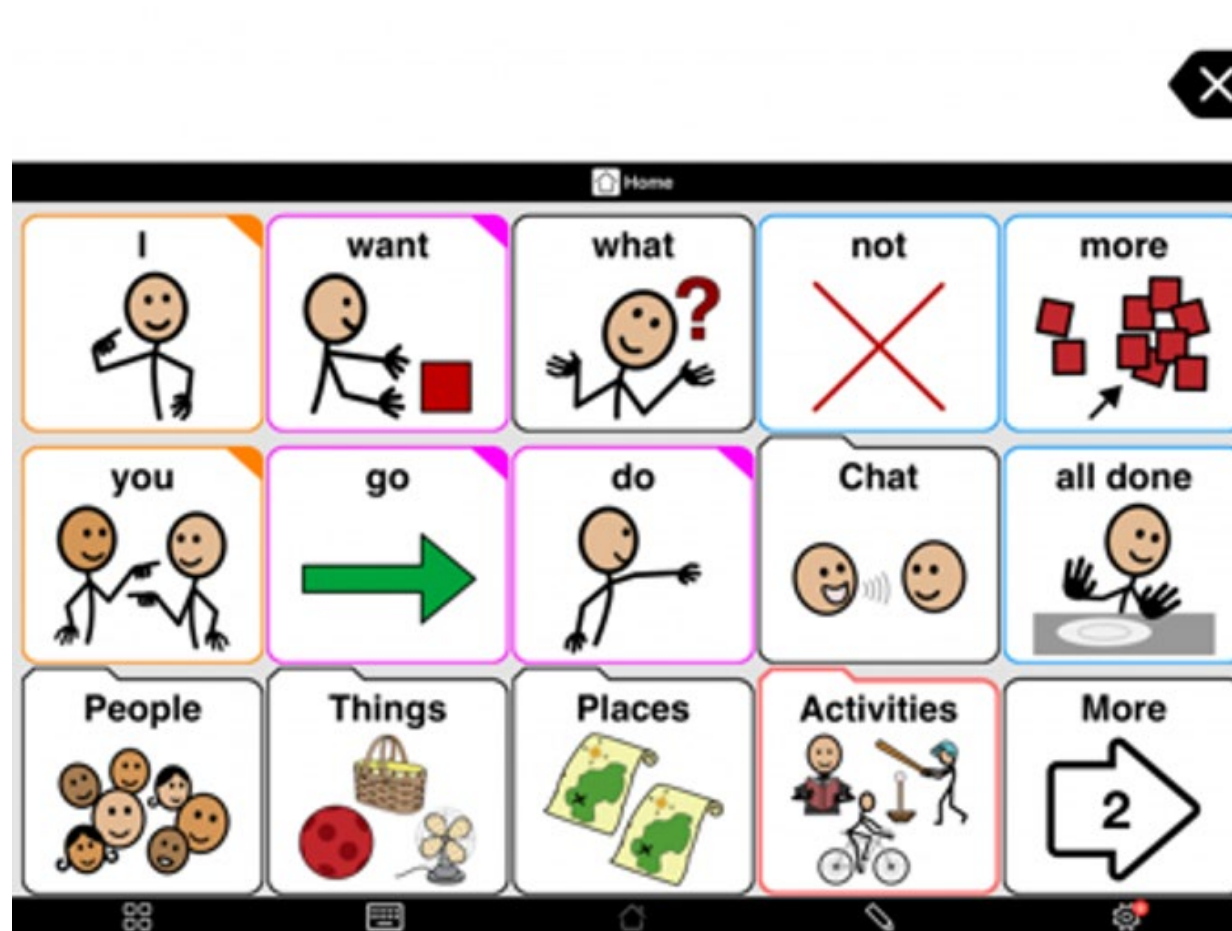


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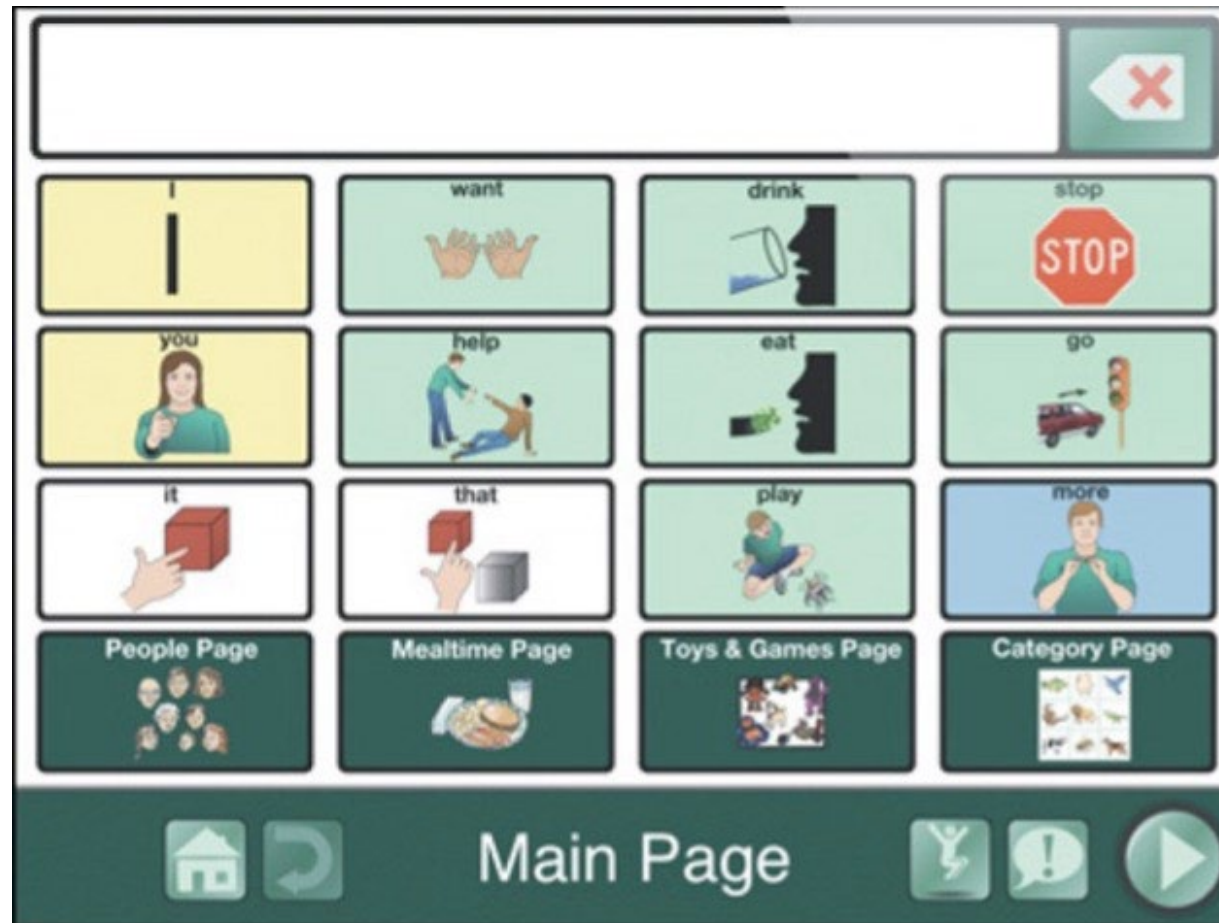
APP DEMO



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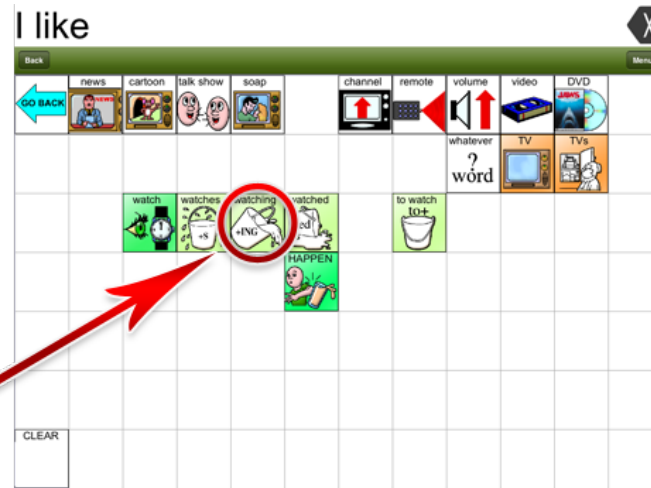
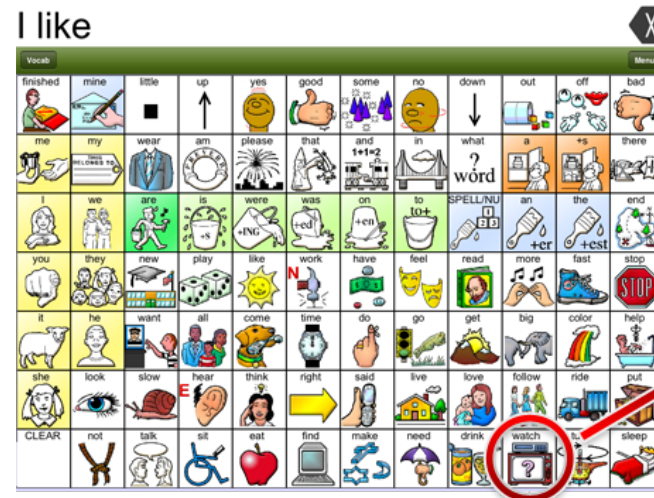


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LAMP WORDS FOR LIFE

LAMP





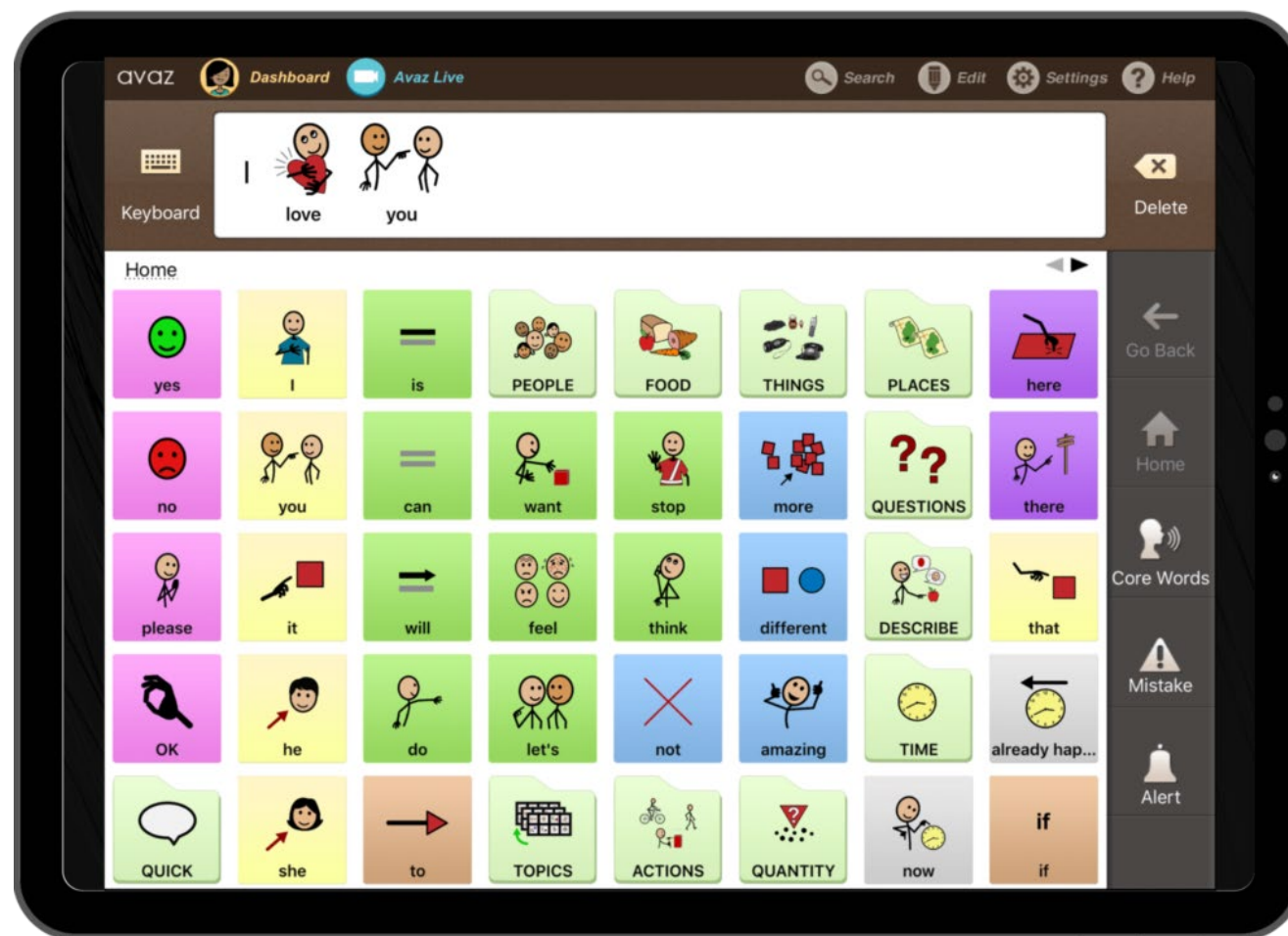
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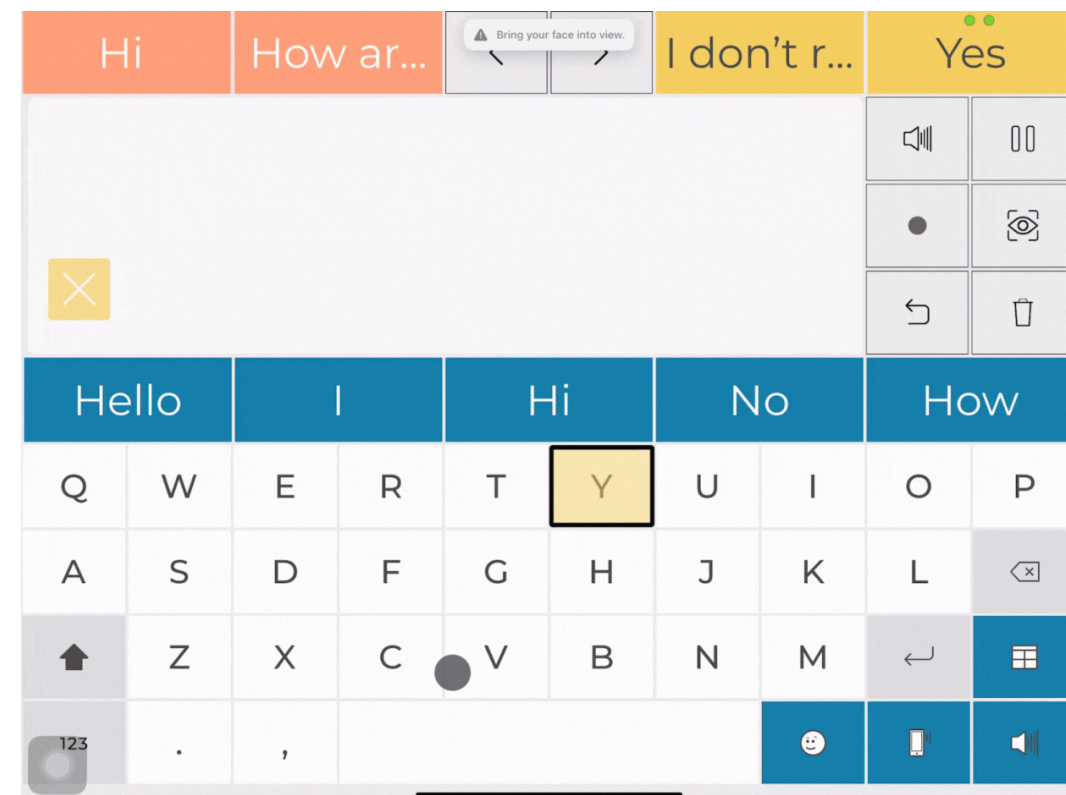
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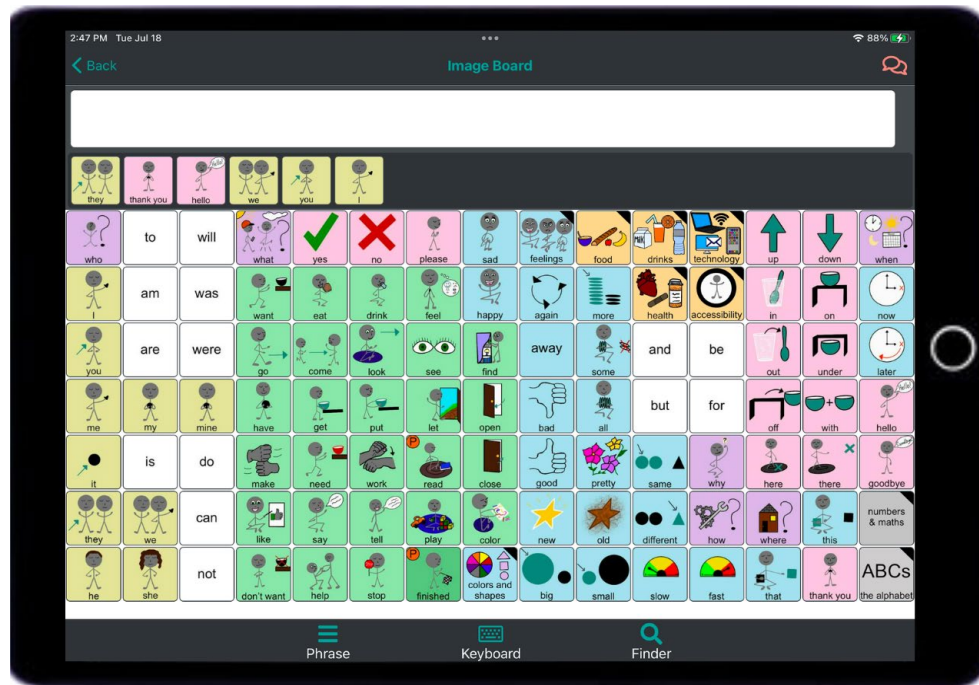
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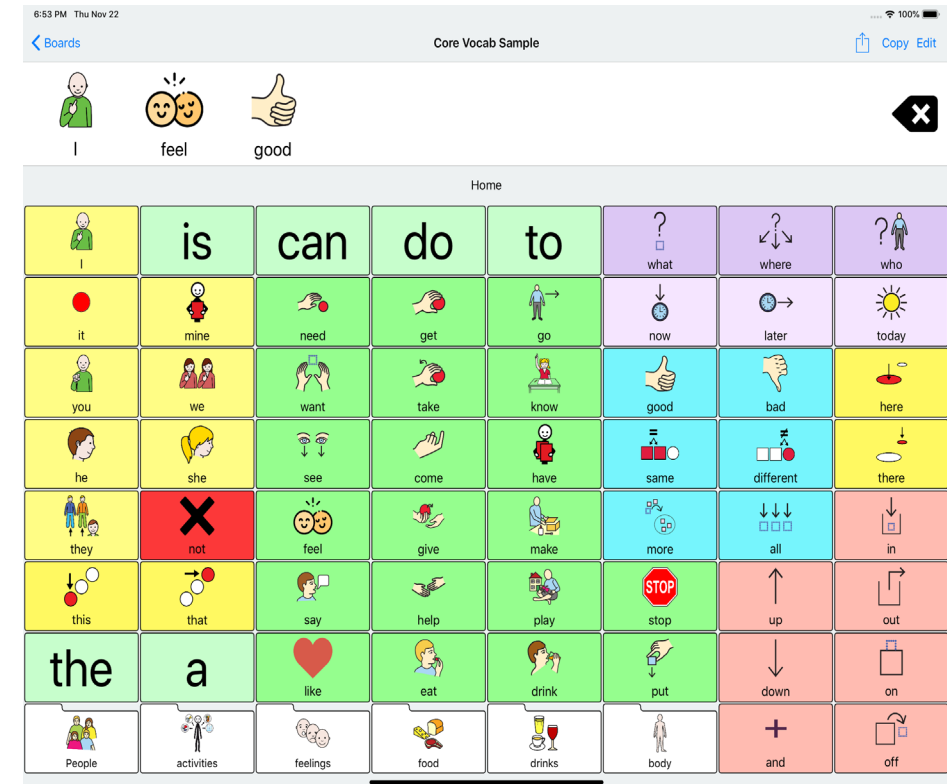
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FREE AAC APPS

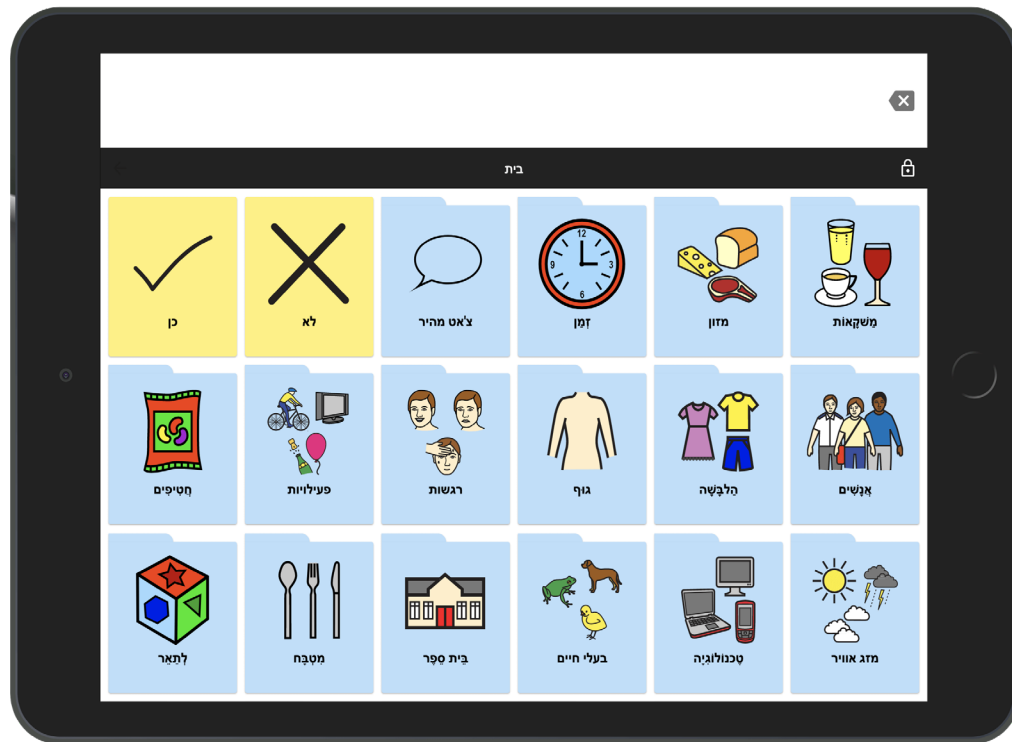


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ChatterBoards

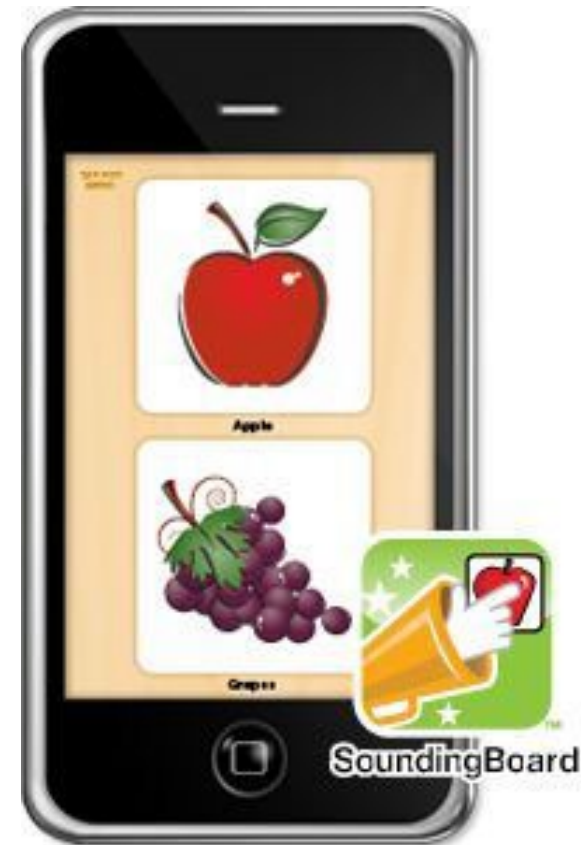
MORE FREE AAC APPS



Cboard



GoTalk Lite



SoundingBoard

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



TECHOWL AAC SERVICES

- Project contracts with Philadelphia IDS & Pennsylvania ODP
- Free device demonstrations & video chats (informal consults)
- Fee-for-service evaluations & formal consultations
- Augmentative Communication Empowerment & Supports (ACES)
- AACCommunity.net

HOW TO BORROW FROM THE TECHOWL LENDING LIBRARY

- Go to <https://techowlpa.org/library/>
- Register online using an email address & creating a password
- Check out the items online
- Items are sent directly to you via UPS



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LET'S CHAT!



AAC ESSENTIALS

- Online learning modules to increase understanding of AAC
- Free & asynchronous
- Tracks available for:
 - Supports Coordinators
 - Family, Friends, & Supporters
 - AAC Users
 - Administrators & Leaders
- <https://aaccommunity.net/aac-essentials/>

TechOWL

AAC Essentials

**Learn about AAC–
Augmentative and Alternative
Communication**

**Take a FREE online course to learn about AAC.
At the end, you will receive a certificate of completion.**

A photograph showing a person's profile as they interact with a tablet. The tablet screen displays a grid of colorful icons, which are part of an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system. The person is sitting at a desk, and the background shows a window with blinds.

ACES

- **Augmentative Communication Empowerment & Supports**
 - Program for young adult AAC users (18+)
 - Sunday, July 20-Friday, July 25, 2025
 - At Temple University in Philadelphia, PA
 - <https://techowlpa.org/aces/>



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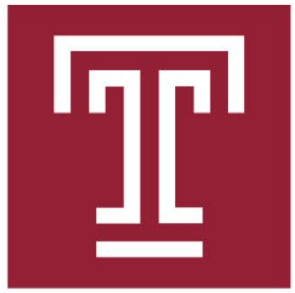


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Presenter: SLPs

