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## FITZGERALD KEY COLOUR CODING FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND STORY WRITING

Professionals may recommend that schools and parents make use of Fitzgerald Key Color Coding to facilitate appropriate language development in an individuals expressive language. The Fitzgerald Key is simply colors assigned to specific grammatical forms as follows:

yellow - people

green - actions

purple - places

- orange nouns
- blue describing words
- red social vocabulary
- white other

## For Face to Face Communication

In theme and communication displays, one may color code and arrange vocabulary on a page to facilitate the user to sequence words together ( ie. Person + Action + Object).

## For Written Communication

For use with programmable keyboards (Intellikeys, Discover Board) or onscreen keyboards (Writing with Symbols, Clicker 4, Intellitalk) you may use colour coding to encourage the individual to write in a grammatical format (ie all people in one area, followed by the action vocabulary and finally all the objects/places in the final area). To aid the user in using the colour coding effectively a cue card could be set up to remind the user in what order to pick the vocabulary.

