



A Year of Words



Individuals who are learning to use their AAC systems need lots of practice on their core vocabulary words. This packet contains 12 grids of core words, one for each month. Speech-language pathologists, educators, and families can keep the grid of the month handy, and use it as a reminder of which words to focus on for that month. Over the year, you will have given the AAC learner focused practice on 144 words that will help them communicate effectively across many environments and activities.

How to Use: Determine which symbol set(s) your learners have in their AAC systems (e.g., PCS/Boardmaker, SymbolStix, Pixons, etc). Before the start of the month, insert the appropriate AAC symbol in each box and print the grid. Keep it handy as you provide focused language stimulation on those 12 words throughout the month. You may also want to share copies with the family and other team members.



For more information on semantic intervention for individuals with significant communication challenges see our Vocabulary Instruction Round-Up at <http://bit.ly/SKQP5W>, a Pinterest board with activity ideas (<http://bit.ly/ZJVOqK>), and a SpringPad (<http://bit.ly/RPKosa>).

JANUARY WORDS

again	all gone/ all done	different
help	mine	more
not/don't	stop	that
want	what	you

FEBRUARY WORDS

again

eat

get

go

happy

here

I/me

like

on

play

put

this

MARCH WORDS

away

bad

come

good

it

make

now

off

read

there

thing

where

APRIL WORDS

big

busy

do

drink

feel

he

in

make

out

some

tell

who

MAY WORDS

all

down

good

little

my

question

sad

she

turn

up

who

why

JUNE WORDS

after

am/is/be

because

can

cold

fast

fun

have

hungry

let/let's

need

talk

JULY WORDS

and

before

color

find

is

later

love

much

ready

same

they

with

AUGUST WORDS

any

bring

day

fall

give

hot

job

know

other

sick

sorry

together

SEPTEMBER WORDS

almost	call	listen
name	nice	over
place	sit	take
time	we	write

OCTOBER WORDS

another

change

every

for

idea

pretty

say

start

thank you

think

try

under

NOVEMBER WORDS

body

dress

full

guess

hi

live

maybe

one

ride

tired

very

walk

DECEMBER WORDS

ask	favorite	goodbye
hear	of	please
silly	surprise	these
use	way	work