



A Year of Words - 2014



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 192 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, SmartySymbols, 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 16 words throughout the month. You may also want to share copies with the family and other team members. Watch our site for practice ideas each month.

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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			
are	boy	but	house
clean	look	made	open
problem	see	slow	stand
to	wait	when	yes

February			
afraid	father	girl	how
hurt	many	myself	new
school	sing	stuff	thirsty
trouble	watch	wet	will

March			
baby	dirty	easy	friend
finish	home	loud	mother
next	red	sleep	smart
teacher	toy	win	wrong

April			
blue	brother	close	family
head	last	long	no
old	right	scared	soft
thing	top	wash	whole

May			
bathroom	car	child	confused
green	hard	how much	man
mean	never	part	remember
sister	so	today	us

June			
about	back	buy	grandmother
hand	inside	lose	move
okay	people	quiet	short
show	two	water	yellow

July			
black	bottom	cut	face
foot	grandfather	high	maybe
morning	one	really	share
something	then	wear	weather

August			
aide	animal	clothes	finger
from	leg	only	must
night	pick	room	stay
still	town	white	woman

September			
around	bug	cool	far
fly	hair	kind	less
lunch	middle	money	open
orange	sometimes	through	tomorrow

October			
afternoon	break	food	hide
hold	if	keep	medium
most	near	never	party
picture	quick	shop	story

November			
at	count	drive	first
few	his	least	light
none	push	real	sharp
stand	street	sun	table

December			
already	clear	doctor	fix
great	grow	her	high
jump	outside	ride	room
side	straight	wake	wash

