# Setting up an AAC implementation plan for AAC users at home: Practical activities and examples Part 2

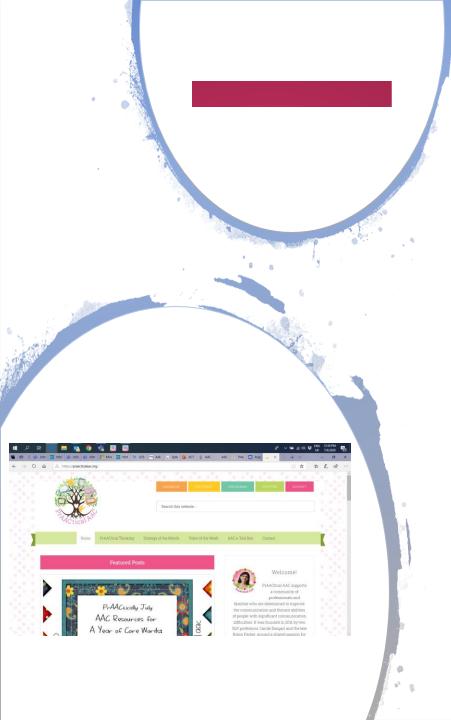
Resources

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#### So where do I find resources?

- Depends on
  - who you are: a parent, a teacher, a speech and language therapist etc
  - The kind of resource you are looking for: games, low tech boards that replicate your child's system, specific activity to target a goal that you are working towards, assessment resources



#### Resources

- Genesis Augmentative and Alternative Communication website:
  - https://sites.google.com/view/e scdaac/home
  - This site is a resource for everyone! Particularly useful for parents and educators
- PraAACtical AAC:
  - https://praacticalaac.org/
  - This site is an excellent resources for professionals
- PRC-Saltillo:
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### I want to know more about my child's AAC device

- Genesis centre:
  - Videos of Snap & Core First, Touchchat, LAMP WFL. Prologuo2Go, PODD books
  - https://sites.google.com/view/escdaac/aac-calendar
- AVAZ:
  - youTube channel
  - https://www.youtube.com/user/avazapp
- Grid 3:
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- Assistiveware: Prologuo2Go
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### Parent specific resources

- AAC Calendar
- There are videos for various vocabulary softwares including Proloquo2Go, Words for Life, Snap and Core First, Novachat
- It is divided into different weeks: younger and older learners
- Each week is themed e.g. Week 1 is about Aided Language Stimulation
- Week 2 is about Teaching core vocabulary and the art of waiting
- Each week has activities for 5 days
- Each day includes activities such as videos for you to watch, books to read with your child, activities to do with your child, and articles for you to read







Aided Language Stimulation & Following Your Child's Lead

Day 1

Day 2

## Parent resources: I don't have time!

- Communication does not stop at home or at school. Successful communication happens when people with communication difficulties can use their AAC system in all environments.
- Take a look at this article by Assistiveware:
- https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/languageopportunities-using-aac-home
- Videos for how to use AAC in these situations:
- Photo album
- Reading catalogues
- Arts & Crafts
- Watch TV
- Cooking
- Reading books
- Tidy up
- Play hide and seek



#### Therapy resources: core words

- Genesis website
  - https://sites.google.com/view/ escdaac/core-vocabulary
  - Videos to learn more about core words and links to other sites
- Assistiveware core word classroom:
  - https://www.assistiveware.co m/blog/assistiveware-coreword-classroom
  - Activities which tackle each core words
  - Free access



#### Therapy resources: Core words

- Pathways for core words:
  - Companion app to Snap and Core First
  - Lesson plans, videos & a goals grid for tracking progress
  - app: <a href="https://www.tobiidynavox.c">https://www.tobiidynavox.c</a>
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  - IPad option also available





## Therapy resources: game ideas

- Inclusive teach has ideas on everyday toys plus communication boards
- https://inclusiveteach.com/aaccommunication-resources/
- Mr Potato Head

#### Therapy resources: Older children-Cooking

- PraaCtical AAC
- https://praacticalaac.org/praactical/ praactical-supports-for-olderlearners-at-recipes-for-success-part-5-lets-cook/
- Recipes which are symbolised
- Ideas on which core words you can use to support communication in the cooking activity using your child's AAC device/book



Recipes for Success:

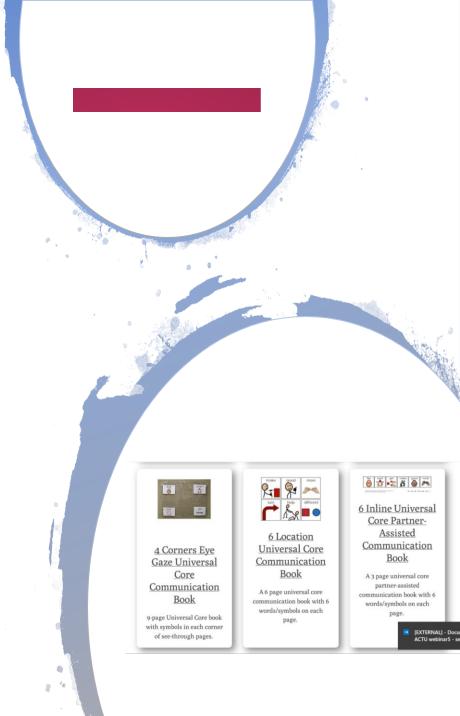
Let's Cook!

- You might want a low tech paper based communication board to try out or to replicate your child's system
- Liberator: Explainer video & resources https://www.liberator.co.uk/resourc es/low-tech-support-books
  - Words for Life
  - EasyChat
  - Word Power



# ...Low tech communication boards

- Project core
  - http://www.projectcore.com/communicationsystems/
  - Communication boards/books/classroom posters/3D symbols
  - Includes low tech resources for children who use their eyes to communicate and for those who are using a system of yes/no with partner assistance to select words



# Resources for educators/speech & language therapists

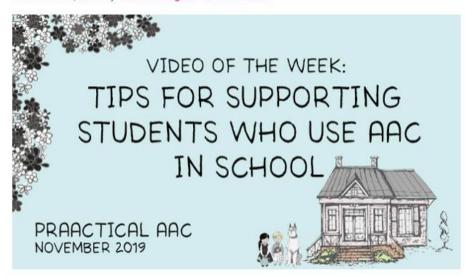
- AACLanguagelab: <a href="https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources">https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources</a>
  - Evaluation tools
  - Therapy material
  - Language charts
  - Yearly fee but there are free resources plans, activities & resources
  - Works well with any of the Liberator devices and vocabularies



### Resources for educators and the school setting

- Interesting video from PrAACTical AAC
- https://praacticalaac.org/video/videoof-the-week-tips-for-supportingstudents-who-use-aac-in-school/
- Projectcore has professional development modules:
- http://www.projectcore.com/professional-developmentmodules/
- AAC Scotland also has professional developent modules
- https://www.aacscotland.org.uk/mod ules/

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#### **Thank You**

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