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Show

Point to symbols as you talk to model language! You don't need to point to every word, just the most important ones.

I₂

Interesting

Keep things motivating and fun. Base activities for learning AAC on the learner's interests.

M₃

Months and months

Learning AAC takes lots of time - just keep modelling! Don't worry if the learner is not using AAC straight away.

P₄

Pause

Give learners lots of time to respond. Pause to show them it's their turn to talk. Try counting to 10!

L₅

Language

Teach different types of words - describing words and action words and more. Not just things!

E₆

Explore

Give learners plenty of time to explore their device and 'babble'. As they select the words, just respond to them!

A₇

Always available

If they don't have their AAC with them, they can't learn to use it! This can be high tech or low tech.

A₈

Add words

Add a word to what the learner says. If they say one word, repeat it back with another word added.

C₉

Comment

Don't ask questions you know the answer to. Instead, say the answer, or simply comment on what is happening.