

The Basics of Augmentative and Alternative Communication

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What is AAC?

- Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) includes all forms of communication (other than oral speech) that are used to express thoughts, needs, wants, and ideas. We all use AAC when we make facial expressions or gestures, use symbols or pictures, or write.
 - <http://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/AAC/>

No-Tech to High-Tech

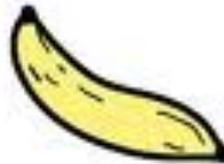
- Gestures, body language, etc.
- Pencil and paper, marker and dry erase board
- Single and two-message devices
- Multi-level devices with multiple messages
- Dynamic devices with many, many words/
messages

Goals:

- Learn about AAC options
- Make the least dangerous assumption
- Find out where to go for help

No-tech to Low-Tech Examples

- Gestures
- Drawings
- Words
- Pictures



Mid-Tech Examples

- Single-message devices
- 2-message devices



High-Tech Examples

- Dedicated speech generating devices



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