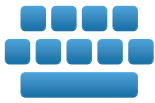# Communication Tools within the DynaVox Compass All Access Pageset

Keyboard

Use the Keyboard to communicate with a single letter to a full word. Your Keyboard may be Alphabetical, QWERTY or AEIOU format and have word and phrase prediction that will guess the words you might be typing based on the letters you enter.

Message History

Message History is a running record of what you entered into your message window. The Message History is used to repeat a message or to send the message to other locations. You can choose the amount of time (one week to forever) that the Message History will be stored. Message History can be searched by time span or key word/s.

QuickPhrases

QuickPhrases are a fast and easy way to comment in social situations. Use them to greet others, interact socially, share personal feelings, ask questions, and even repair communication breakdowns.

QuickFires

QuickFires are little words you can use in every Topic and environment. Use them to ask and answer questions, get attention, manage conversations or to be polite. Use them alone or in combination.

Profiles

Profiles gives you a way to alter your communication access method with one button click, to meet your current position needs. For example, you might use a different Access Method when you are in bed than when you are sitting up. From your Dashboard, you can switch up to 3 different access profile settings.

Photo Albums

Photo Albums are a convenient way to share photographs. Photo album creator allows you to place up to 4 captions below any series of pictures. It's a simple and effective way to share personal information or to create a memory book to support memory and orientation activities.

Whiteboard

The Whiteboard is like a blank piece of paper that you write or draw on with your finger to help you communicate. Use it to write letters, numbers, or words or to draw pictures to show your communication partner. Your communication partner could use it to write or draw too. You can save your drawing or message to use in a future conversation.

Rating Scale

The Rating Scale can be used by you and your communication partner to make conversation easier to understand. You can use it to share your opinion ("Great-OK-Bad"), or rate pain clearly (1-10). Your communication partner can use it to make what they say more clear as well.

Topics & Topic Messages

Everyday we have conversations about Topics that are important to us - the weather, what's for dinner or our families. Use Topic Messages to communicate about the things you say every single day more efficiently.

Word Lists

Word Lists are lists of words organized in categories. If Word Lists are a helpful tool for you, you have the option to enable it in the Toolbar or access it through the Dashboard. Word Lists can be customized by adding or deleting words.

Dashboard

The Dashboard offers you a way to adjust settings in your Compass software, providing access to additional control tools. From the Dashboard you can quickly adjust access method, IR set up and access, volume setting, communication level and layout, as well as access to the backup and restore menu.

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Ability Levels within the DynaVox Compass All Access Pageset

What are Ability Levels? Each ability level provides the tools to support your communication needs while taking advantage of the skills that you already have to encourage use and progress. The tools remain consistent per level, no matter how many buttons your page layout contains.

TIP #1
Move on to the next ability level when you and your communication partners are using all the tools in your current level. Remember you have the flexibility to modify grid size at any level, adding communication complexity while providing consistent access to existing communication tools.

1 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - Topics
  - QuickFires
  - QuickPhrases
  - Dashboard
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - Whiteboard
  - Rating Scale
  - Photo Albums
  - Levels
  - System Controls.

2 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - Topics
  - QuickFires
  - QuickPhrases
  - Core
  - Wordlists
  - Keyboard
  - Dashboard
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - All items in previous level

3 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - All tools in the previous level
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - All items in previous level

TIP #2
When you switch ability levels, be sure to watch the overview video at that level to learn more about the available tools!

4 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - All tools in the previous levels
  - Creating Profiles (Levels Menu)
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - All items in previous level
  - myDynaVox
  - Settings
  - Access Settings
  - Backup/Restore
  - Help

5 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - All tools in the previous levels
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - All items in previous level

TIP #3
All of the communication tools are customizable. Only show the ones that are most helpful to you. Enable or disable the tools on the Toolbar through the Levels Menu configurations. Toggle any Dashboard tool on or off with the Modify button.

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