

Communication Tools within the Master Page Pageset



Topics & Topic Messages

Everyday we have conversations about Topics that are important to us - the weather, what's for dinner or our families. Each Topic has a related Topic Picture and Topic Messages. You can communicate by pointing to things in the picture itself or by selecting a message. Use Topics to improve how you communicate about the things you say every single day.



Quick Phrases

QuickPhrases are a fast and easy way to communicate in social situations. Use them no matter what Topic you are communicating about to greet others and interact socially, share personal needs and feelings, ask questions and repair communication breakdowns.



Core Words

Core Words are made up of single words you use in any Topic when you want to put a message together that isn't saved somewhere else. Core is designed to grow with your skills. Core is systematically introduced so the user has a manageable number of words that increases while not changing position as they move through the steps. To support learning and use of Core, we've developed lesson plans with books and activities to help you found on myDynaVox. Use Core with Word Lists and the Keyboard to say anything you'd like!



Positive Behavior Supports

Positive Behavior Supports include the same visual strategies you've grown accustomed to using but now have available at the touch of your finger within the system. Sample content for each is available at each topic and it's easy to create your own for unique circumstances. PBS include visual rule scripts, first then charts, contingency maps, mini schedules, social narratives and visual timers.



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.



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. In addition, you can use one of the three variations of QuickFires – Normal, Formal and Casual – to quickly talk to a variety of people in different situations!



Word Lists

Word Lists are lists of words organized in categories. In each Topic, there are Word Lists related to that Topic. You also have access to all Word Lists from the Toolbar. Word Lists can be customized by adding or deleting words and turning symbols on or off.



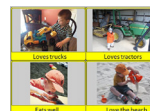
Keyboard

Use the Keyboard to communicate with a single letter to a full word. Your Keyboard may be alphabetical or QWERTY format and have Word Prediction that will guess the words you might be typing based on the letters you enter.



Scripts

Scripts are a series of messages that appear in order to help you communicate in situations that are important to you. In every Topic are sample monologues and dialogues to give you ideas and a model for how communication and conversation might happen within this Topic. Scripts can be used to tell stories, share information back and forth, and to practice, as a cue for what to say verbally.



Collages

Collages provide you with the ability to show several pictures or activities at one time. For example, you could have several pictures of yourself participating in activities you enjoy, or several pictures from a vacation to talk about the different places you visited.

Ability Levels within the Master Page Pageset

The Master Page pagesets in the DynaVox Compass™ software have been developed to introduce the right communication tools in the optimal arrangement for you. Each Ability Level or communication page layout will support communication needs while taking advantage of the skills that you already have to encourage use and progress.

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|  | 14 Topics Topic Messages VS-6, Grid-5 | 14 Topics Topic Messages VS-12, Grid-8 | 46 Topics Topic Messages VS-15, Grid-12 | Unlimited Topics Topic Messages VS-24, Grid-20 | Unlimited Topics Topic Messages VS-12, Grid-24 |
|  | 8 QuickFires | 15 QuickFires | 24 QuickFires | 35 QuickFires | 35 QuickFires |
|  | NA | QuickPhrases (Needs, Greetings, Feelings) | QuickPhrases (Needs, Greetings, Feelings, Questions) | QuickPhrases (Needs, Greetings, Feelings, Questions, Repairs) | QuickPhrases (Needs, Greetings, Feelings, Questions, Repairs, Your Choice) |
|  | Word Lists - All Categories Reduced # of words | Word Lists - All Categories Reduced # of words | Word Lists - All Categories Limited sublists / All words | Word Lists - All Categories All sublists / All words | Word Lists - All Categories All sublists / All words |
|  | Core Step 1 | Core Step 2 | Core Step 3 | Core Step 6 | Core All Steps (3 pages) |
|  | Keyboard Alphabet | Keyboard Alphabet | Keyboard Alphabet | Keyboard Alphabet | Keyboard Alphabet |
|  | Positive Behavior Supports & Scripts | Positive Behavior Supports & Scripts | Positive Behavior Supports & Scripts | Positive Behavior Supports & Scripts | Positive Behavior Supports & Scripts |
| | EMERGENT LEVEL 1 | EMERGENT TRANSITIONAL LEVEL 2 | CONTEXT-DEPENDENT LEVEL 3 | INDEPENDENT TRANSITIONAL LEVEL 4 | INDEPENDENT LEVEL 5 |