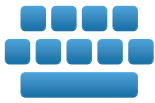# Communication Tools within the DynaVox Compass Navigator Pageset

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.

123 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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System Levels within the DynaVox Compass Navigator Pageset

What are System Levels? A step-by-step system designed to gradually introduce tools for communication and teach you how to use them. There are 5 levels and everyone starts at Level 1. You can progress through the levels at your own pace whether it takes a day, a month, or several months.

TIP #1
Move on to the next System Level when you and your communication partners are using the tools in your current Level even if you still need some help or if you need or want more communication tools.

1 LEVEL

- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - Keyboard with Word and Phrase Prediction
  - Message History
  - QuickPhrases
  - Dashboard
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - Whiteboard

2 LEVEL

- All the tools in the previous level
- Appears on the Toolbar:
  - QuickFires
  - Photo Albums
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - Remote Controls

TIP #2
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 on the bottom left corner of the Dashboard.

3 LEVEL

- All tools in the previous levels
- Appears on the Dashboard
  - Rating Scales
  - Texting

4 LEVEL

- All tools in the previous levels
- Creating Profiles (Levels Menu)

5 LEVEL

- All tools in the previous levels
- Appears on the Toolbar
  - Topics
- Word Lists
  - You have the option to place on the Toolbar or on the Dashboard

TIP #3
When you switch System Levels, be sure to watch the overview video for that level to learn more about the tools!

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