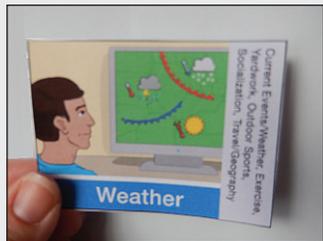
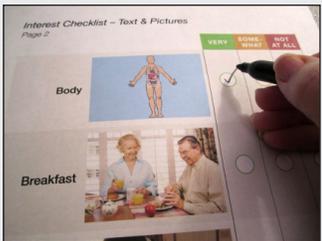
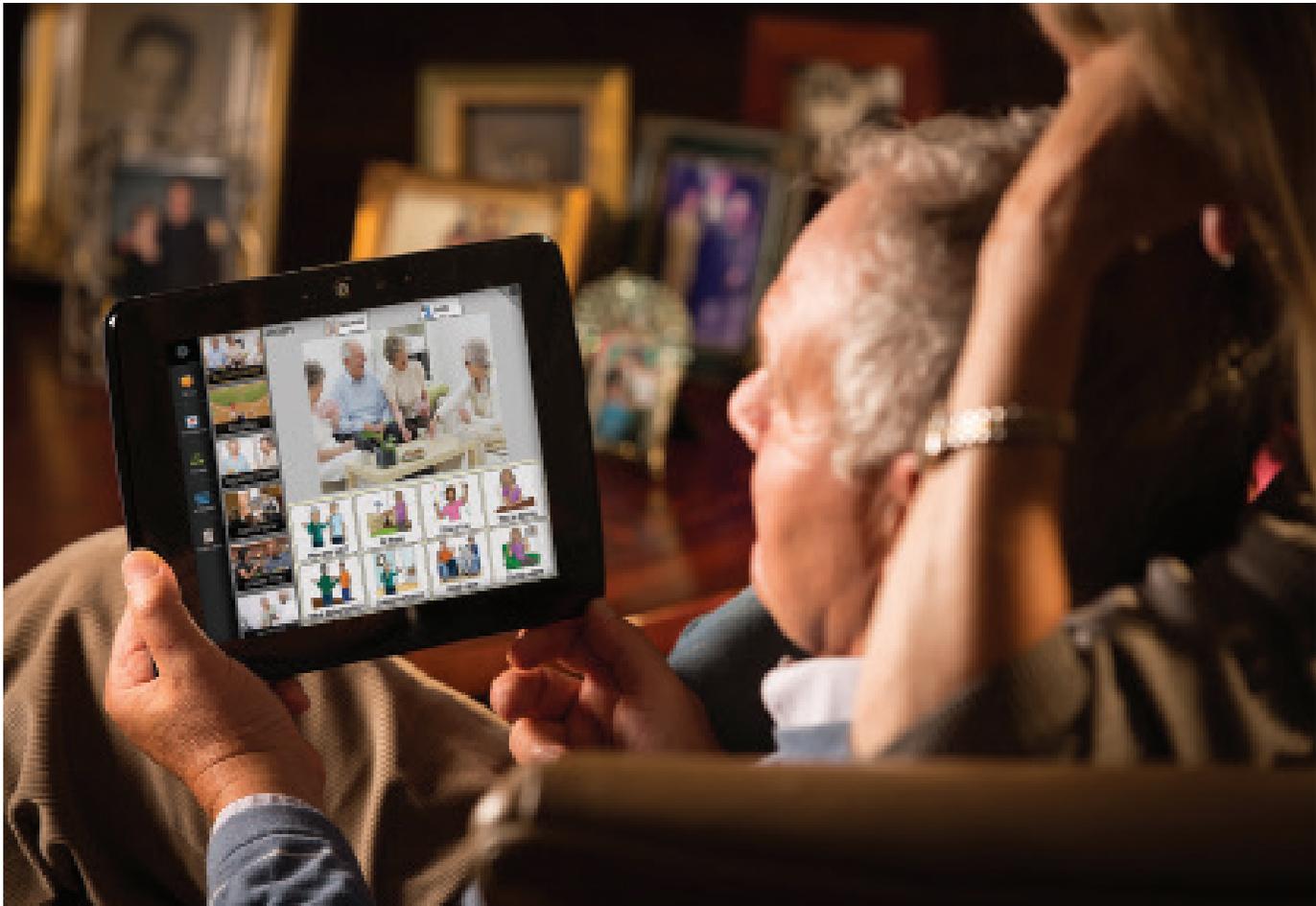


# TOPIC INTEREST INVENTORY



# INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select the Interest Inventory that best suits the reading level or physical ability of the individual and/or communication partner from the three versions.
  - Text-based checklist (page 2)
  - Text/picture checklist (page 7)
  - Picture-based (page 24)
    - Sorting
    - Yes/no or multiple choice
2. Complete the Interest Inventory with the PWA participating as independently as possible.
3. Encourage the communication partner(s) to complete an Interest Inventory if desired.
4. Share and compare responses between the individual and communication partners. Utilize the comparison chart on page 32 if it would be beneficial.
5. Use results to:
  - Select or add Topics in the individual's Tobii Dynavox augmentative communication software.
  - Identify interest areas (page 34) to point you toward ideas for additional topics. If the individual selects baseball for example, sports is an area of interest. Consider adding other sport-related topics.
  - Point you toward topics and interest areas to use in intervention to increase motivation and participation.

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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text

Rate each of the interest areas below.

	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT AT ALL
<b>Activities</b> (games, cards, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Advocating</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Aphasia</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Arguing</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Ask and answer questions</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Asking for help</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Baseball</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Body</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Caregiver</b> (directing, chatting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Cat</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Choices</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text

	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT AT ALL
<b>Cleaning</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text

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<b>Military</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Movies</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>My Info</b> (identifying, family, device, interests)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text

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Planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presentations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

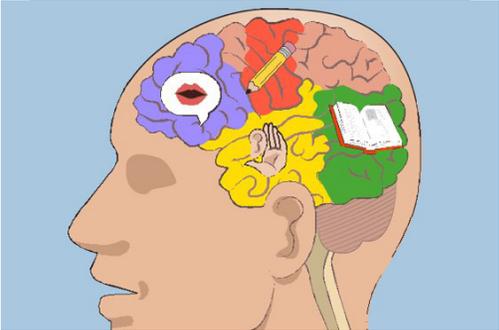
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

Rate each of the interest areas below.

			
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Arguing 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
	VERY	SOME-WHAT	NOT AT ALL
Ask/ Answer			
Asking for help			
Baseball			
Body			

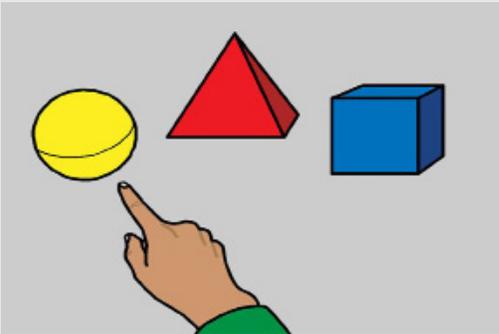
# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

				
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Cat		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
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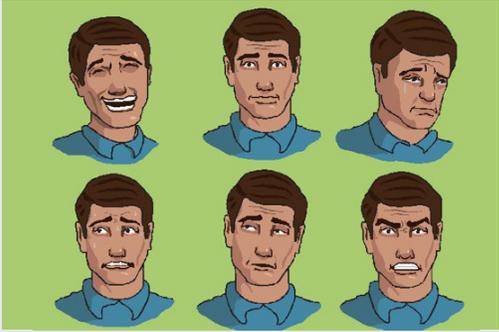
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Text & Pictures

				
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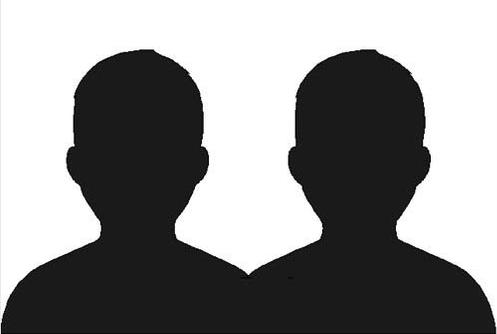
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Text & Pictures

			
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
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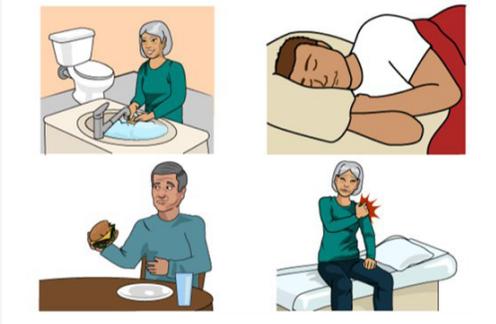
# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

				
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

				
		VERY	SOME-WHAT	NOT AT ALL
Movies		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My Info (identifying, family, device, interests)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
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Park outings 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Party 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phone calls 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text & Pictures

			
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# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text & Pictures

				
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Shopping		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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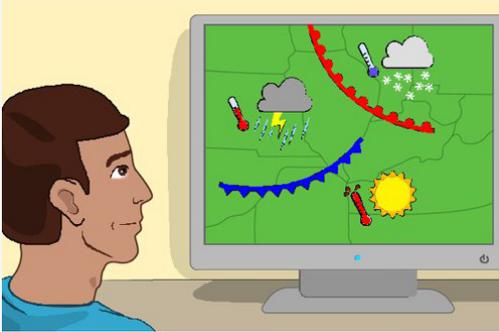
# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Text & Pictures

			
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Talk with my children 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Television 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

Text & Pictures

			
	VERY	SOME- WHAT	NOT AT ALL
Van outing 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weather 	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# INTEREST CHECKLIST

## Sorting

Rate each of the interest areas below.

1. Print the following pages (sorting template and images).
2. If desired, supplement the images provided with those pertinent to the PWA as well as brochures, cards, etc.\*
3. Orient the PWA to the task by modeling it first yourself using personal examples or examples related to him/her
4. Have the individual sort the images by importance to him/her by placing each image on/under the appropriate word

## Yes/No or Multiple Choice

Use this approach when individuals have physical disabilities but would benefit from a visual approach to identifying topics or for whom the sorting activity is not appropriate.

1. Print the following pages (sorting template and images).
2. If desired, supplement the images provided with those pertinent to the individual as well as brochures, cards, etc.\*
3. Tell the individual that they are going to tell you how important the topics are to him/her by answering questions. Model the activity if appropriate.
4. Show the individual each image then ask a yes/no or multiple choice question such as the following.
  - Is this very important, kind of important, or not important? Point to or look at your answer here (sorting template).
  - Do you love this, yes or no? Do you like this, yes or no? Do you dislike/hate this, yes or no?
  - Do you like this, yes or no?

**\*Use this information to add new Topics when they are not already available in the communication software.**

# HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?



**VERY**



**SOMEWHAT**



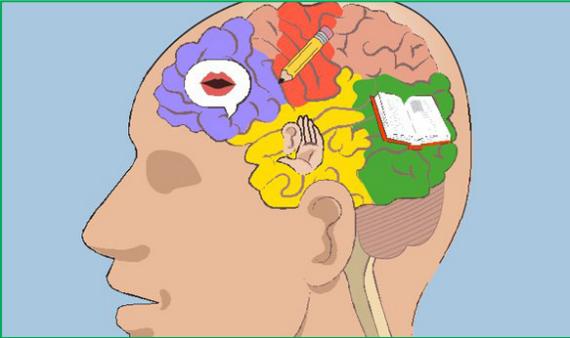
**NOT AT ALL**



**Activities**



**Advocating**



**Aphasia**



**Arguing**



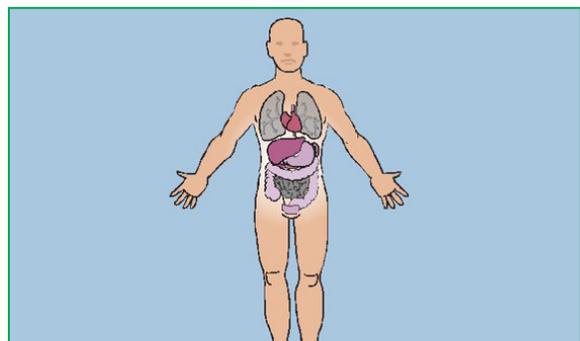
**Ask/answer**



**Asking for help**



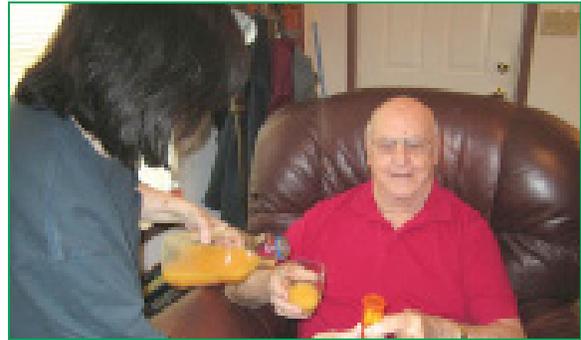
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**Body**



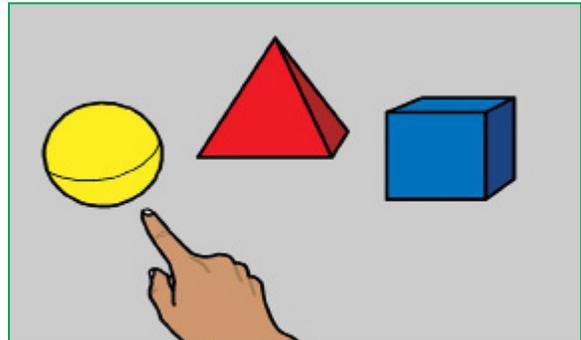
**Breakfast**



**Caregiver**



**Cat**



**Choices**



**Cleaning**



**Coffee**



**Computer**



**Concert**



**Crimes**



**Dating**



**Dinner**



**Directions**



**Doctor**



**Dog**



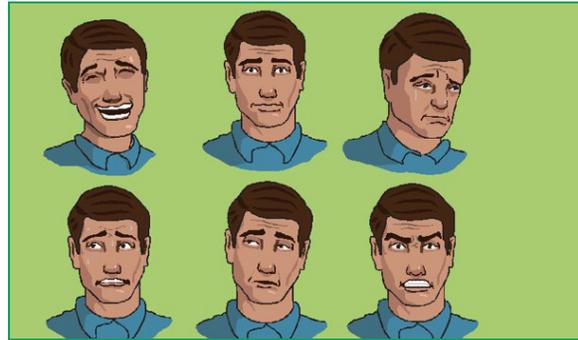
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**Exercise**



**Fast food**



**Feelings**



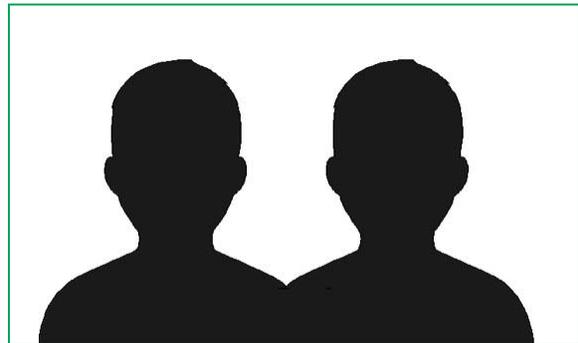
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**Football**



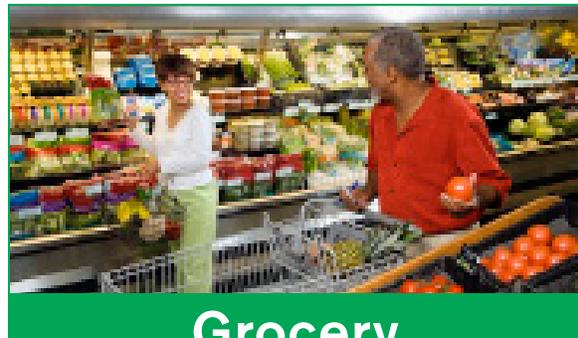
**Funny things**



**Grandchildren**



**Greeting**



**Grocery shopping**



**Laundry**



**Lunch**



**Medications**



**Military**



**Movies**



**My Info**



**Needs**



**News**



**Park outings**



**Party**



**Phone calls**



**Planning**



**Presentations**



**Reception desk**



**Restaurants**



**Schedules**



**Shopping**



**Snack**



**Speech therapy**



**Spouse**



**Talk with grandchildren**



**Talk with my children**



**Thanksgiving**



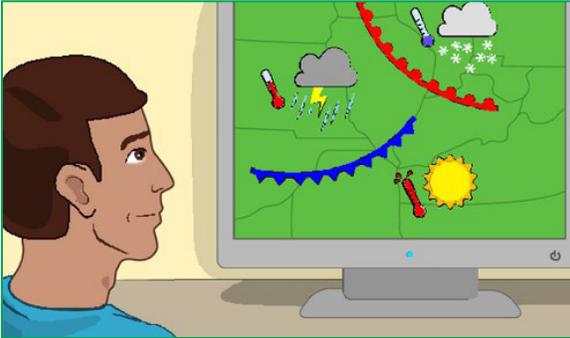
**Television**



**Van outing**



**Walking**



**Weather**

# INTEREST INVENTORY – RESULTS COMPARISON

1. Transfer results from the PWA and their partners (P)
2. Select those that are ranked “very” giving preference to the rankings of the PWA

TOPIC	PWA	P	P	TOPIC	PWA	P	P	OTHER:
Activities				Dating				
Advocating				Dinner				_____
Aphasia				Directions				_____
Arguing				Doctor visit				_____
Ask/answer				Dog				_____
Asking for help				Driving				_____
Baseball				Exercise				_____
Body				Fast food				_____
Breakfast				Feelings				_____
Caregiver				Finances				_____
Cat				Football				_____
Choices				Funny things				_____
Cleaning				Grandchildren				_____
Coffee shop				Greeting				_____
Computers				Grocery				_____
Concerts				Laundry				_____
Crimes				Lunch				_____



# TOPICS TO INTEREST AREA

Locate a topic of interest to see the broader interest areas to which it is related.

TOPIC	About Me	Computer/ Technology	Current Events/ Weather	Entertainment	Exercise	Food/ Drink	Gardening/ Yardwork	Holidays	Household/Activities of Daily Living	Medical/ My Care	Outdoor Activities	Restaurants	Shopping	Social Interaction	Sports	Travel/ Geography
Activities			X	X							X			X		
Advocating	X									X				X		
Aphasia	X									X						
Arguing/ Negotiations			X							X				X		
Ask/answer														X		
Asking for help									X	X				X		
Baseball				X							X				X	
Body	X				X					X						
Breakfast						X			X			X				
Caregiver	X								X	X						
Cat	X															
Choices	X								X	X				X		
Cleaning									X	X						
Coffee						X						X		X		
Computers		X	X	X										X		
Concert				X				X						X		
Crimes	X		X							X				X		
Dating	X													X		
Dinner						X			X			X				
Directions		X														X
Doctor	X									X						
Dog	X															
Driving				X					X							X
Exercise					X					X	X			X	X	
Fast food						X						X		X		
Feelings	X							X		X				X		

TOPIC	About Me	Computer/ Technology	Current Events/ Weather	Entertainment	Exercise	Food/ Drink	Gardening/ Yardwork	Holidays	Household/Activities of Daily Living	Medical/ My Care	Outdoor Activities	Restaurants	Shopping	Social Interaction	Sports	Travel/ Geography
Finances									X							
Football				X							X				X	
Funny	X													X		
Grandchildren	X													X		
Greeting								X						X		
Grocery						X		X		X			X			
Laundry									X	X						
Lunch						X			X			X				
Medications	X									X						
Military	X													X		
Movies		X		X												
My Info	X													X		
Needs						X				X						
News			X	X										X		X
Park outings				X	X						X			X		X
Party				X		X	X	X					X	X		
Phone call		X		X										X		
Planning	X			X		X		X	X	X			X			X
Presentations	X									X				X		
Reception										X						
Restaurants				X		X						X		X		X
Schedule	X															
Shop																
Snack						X			X			X				
Speech	X									X				X		
Spouse	X													X		
Talk G-kids	X													X		
Talk Kids	X													X		
Thanksgiving						X		X								
TV		X	X	X											X	
Van Outing				X	X							X	X	X		X
Walking				X	X		X				X	X			X	
Weather			X		X		X				X			X		X