

Navigator Guide

Welcome! We are thrilled that you are here and will have the chance to take advantage of this guide to increase your familiarity with the Navigator pages on your DynaVox Compass App, T10 or T15. Our hope is that you will feel supported in beginning to use your device during your daily activities.

We have provided several activities designed to support you in learning about the tools available in your Pageset. You'll learn how to use them alone and in connection with each other. Each activity begins with an exercise to get you familiar with using the new tool. Following that you will practice using it in realistic situations.

Level 1

- In Control: Using the Dashboard
- Quick Communication with Keyboards and Prediction
- Say it Again with Message History
- Communicating Needs and Conversing with QuickPhrases
- Making the Most of your Whiteboard*

** This lesson may not apply to all individuals using the Navigator pageset*

Level 2

- Controlling your Environment with Remotes
- Engage Others with QuickFires
- Telling Stories with Photo Albums
- In Control: Using the Dashboard—More Tools

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Level 3

- Expressing Your Opinion with Rating Scales
- In Control: Using the Dashboard—More Tools

Level 4

- Optimizing Navigator Pageset for Different Situations: Profiles
- In Control: Using the Dashboard—More Tools

Level 5

- Talk about your Favorite Topics (includes how to find vocab and a list of resources)
- Be Specific with Word Lists
- In Control: Using the Dashboard—More Tools

Navigator Guide FAQ's

1. What are System Levels?

System Levels introduce Communication Tools in a systematic way to help you become comfortable with and begin to use them. Everyone starts on Level 1. You may go all the way up to Level 5 or you may stay at any Level from 1 to 4. Where you stop depends on the combination of tools with which you are most comfortable and where you are most successful. The important thing to remember is that you are not required to make it to Level 5. The System Levels are simply a structured way to add Communication Tools to the device.

2. Do I need to master each activity before moving on?

No! Moving on to the next activity is up to you. These activities are a guide to help you become more comfortable communicating with the Navigator page set. It is OK if you want to look ahead to the next set of Communication Tools before you fully master your current set. You may find a tool that makes you even more efficient and successful!

3. How long will it take me to complete one activity?

The time it takes to go through activities to complete a System Level will vary depending on your abilities, comfort level, and how much you want to tackle at once.

4. How do I know when to stop?

Settling in at one System Level is up to you. These questions may help you decide:

- Do I have access to the tools I need to communicate my needs and wants?
- Am I feeling comfortable at the level?
- Am I interested in additional tools?

5. How do I use this guide?

You can download the activities based on the Level you are working on. Each activity starts with a Focusing activity to introduce you to the tool, a Skill Building activity to practice exploring what the tool does, and a Participation activity to use the tool in real life scenarios.

6. Do I do these in therapy or at home?

These activities are written for you to do these at home; however your speech therapist may use them with you in therapy as well.

Remember, you can always move up or down Levels in the system as your needs change. You never have to worry about losing the customization you've done. It will move along with you!

Goal: Optimizing Navigator Pageset for Different Situations: Profiles

Description: Everyone moves from place to place and changes positions throughout the day. At times, you may experience fatigue or pain during these changes. In turn, this might impact your ability to make selections on your DynaVox. Profiles allows you to accommodate for those changes.

Activity 1

Focusing	<p>Here are some examples of position or place changes that may require the use of Profiles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In bed you might use a different access method than when you are up sitting in a chair.• When you are tired, you might need bigger buttons or other features to make your selections more accurate and efficient.• At work, you might want access to different tools or topics than when you are at home.• In bed, you might want to use emergency topics only versus the full set of tools when you are up during the day <p>Use profiles to meet your needs based on your position or environment.</p>
Skill Building	<p>Profile 1 is your main profile. It started out with the Level, Layout, Access Method and Settings you selected during Setup and it has been updated every time you've made changes since. You can have up to 3 Profiles including Profile 1. Switch between them from your Dashboard or from the Levels Menu. Switching may take several minutes and you may notice a couple seconds delay when you open pages for the first time after.</p> <p>Practice adding a new profile.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to the Levels Menu2. Select the drop down menu for Profiles at the top of the page3. Select "Manage Profiles"4. A new profile will appear on a menu page called "New Profile 1"5. Select "rename" and rename this profile "bed"6. Select Done7. Select Profiles at the top of the page8. Select "bed"9. Now you can make adjustments to your settings in the Levels Menu for your new profile10. For instance, select keyboard and change the layout to ABC w/ Prediction11. Select "Apply" and "Continue"12. Now you are in your "bed" profile with a different keyboard. Any other settings you change will now also be saved under this profile.
Participation	<p>Switch Profiles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open up the Dashboard from the Tool Bar2. You will see "Main" and "Bed"3. Select "Main" to switch to that profile <p>Think about situations and settings you may need in which Profiles would be helpful.</p>

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Goal: In Control: Using the Dashboard--More Tools

Description: The Dashboard allows you to adjust settings in your DynaVox as well as access additional tools. You access it from your Toolbar. What you see will depend on what level you are currently on. As your increase levels, more tools are added to the Dashboard. This activity will work on navigating to those tools.

Activity 2

Focusing	<p>If you have not done the Dashboard Level 1, 2, and 3 activities, you may want to complete those first in order to get familiar with all that is available on the Dashboard.</p> <p>Here is what is added at Level 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profiles *only active if Profiles have been set up. See Profiles Activity to set up Profiles.• MyDynaVox
Skill Building	<p>Practice the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Change profiles2. Go to MyDynaVox to look at implementation tools
Participation	<p>Practice using the Dashboard in the following scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You want to change the profile you are working in2. You want to look at more implementation tools3. You want to share your pageset with someone via MyDynaVox

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