

Free and Low-Cost AAC Products

Additional information on products is available at the AAC Institute web site.

The Periodic Table of Questions is a 30" x 36" poster for classroom use. It provides guidance for the proper asking and answering of questions.

To Use This Table

1. When asked a question, look at the question word at the top of the table. Choose one of the options below it to help you answer the question.
2. When asking a question, use this table to help you determine the difficulty of the question you ask. For example, a "which and why" question is extremely difficult, but a "what and why" question is a less difficult way of asking about the same topic.

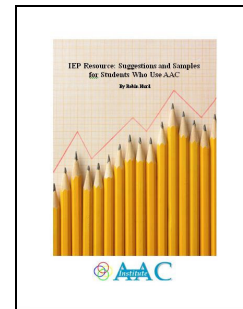
The Periodic Table of Questions

Use this chart to help choose the words to ask and answer questions properly.
Find the question word you need, then look down the row to find words you will need to form your answer.

who	what	when	where	how	Multi-step questions	
I	it	now	in	first	which	why
me	this	later	on	next	decide on your options	because
he	these	yesterday	under	last	pick one	put in your own words
she	that	today	over	then	To Use This Table	
they	those	before	here	before	1. When asked a question, look at the question word at the top of the table. Choose one of the options below it to help you answer the question.	
we	thing	after	there	after	2. When asking a question, use this table to help you determine the difficulty of the question you ask. For example, a "which and why" question is extremely difficult, but a "what and why" question is a less difficult way of asking about the same topic.	
specific name	specific thing	specific time	specific place	(other)	© Copyright 2008 Robin Hurd	

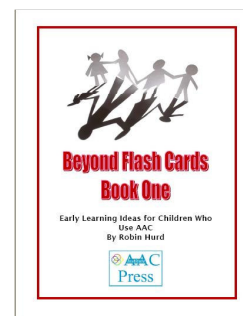
\$19.95

IEP Resource: Suggestions and Samples for Students Who Use AAC is a book that contains suggestions and sample IEP goals specifically designed to build literacy, math and language skills for students who use AAC.



\$19.95

Beyond Flashcards: Book One is full of ideas designed to teach young children with communication needs colors, shapes, sorting and sequencing in a way that helps children see these ideas at work in their everyday lives. Each section includes introductory activities to explore the concepts in a fun way, and progresses to activities of increasing complexity as the child's understanding increases. Designed for parents to use at home, this book will also be useful for teachers and speech language professional who work with young children.



\$19.95

Communication First Aid Kit was designed to provide quick access to communication in case of a breakdown of the high tech system. The pouch has an emergency communication board with Pixon™ symbols on each side. A zippered area allows for storage of device mounting tools, contact information and important medications. A strap allows the pouch to be attached to the wheelchair.



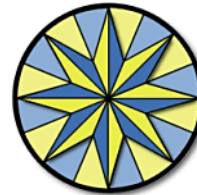
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AAC Keys, now available for both PC and Macintosh, is a keyboard and mouse emulation program. This allows a person who uses an AAC system for talking to also use it to control a computer. Advantages of this include the potential of being much faster than spelling one letter at a time using the normal keyboard.



Free

Compass software supports clinical and educational professionals doing AAC and computer access assessments. It provides quantitative measurement of users' skills in various kinds of computer interaction. Eight tests include scanning, switch use, text entry (letter, word, and sentence), and pointing (aim, drag, and menu). Compass supports evidence-based practice.



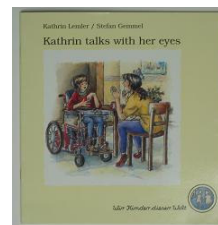
\$179

Considering AAC Language Representation Methods is a tool to facilitate the process of presenting AAC language representation methods (LRMs) during an AAC assessment. Recent evidence shows that, perhaps more than any other issue, LRMs influence communication performance. This tool facilitates the interaction with the AAC client and family members on this topic.



Free content; \$50 assembled

The Gallery is a selection of creative works of people who use AAC. Products offered presently are in the areas of writing and music. The books include poetry, a children's book, an autobiography, and sensible advice for people who use AAC. The music area includes DECTalk speech singing, both original works and popular songs. One CD is a self-study for learning how to program AAC systems to sing. These items can be inspirational and practical gifts.



\$8 - \$16

Modified Mouse is used to connect a single switch to a computer. A mini jack has been added to both the left and right mouse buttons. Both USB and PS/2 versions are available. (For those willing to try, instructions for modifying a mouse are available as a free download at the AAC Institute web site.)



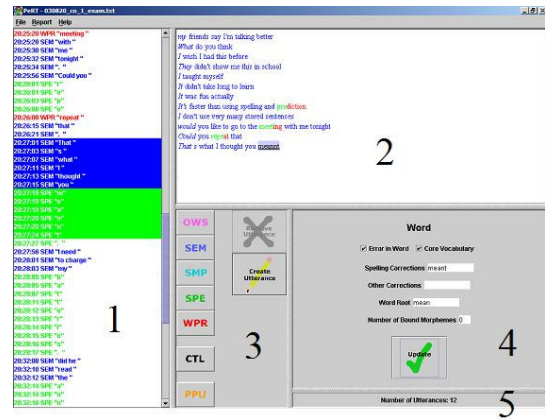
\$50 (DIY instructions: Free)

LAMterm is software to facilitate the transfer of a LAM (language activity monitor) file from an AAC device into a computer.



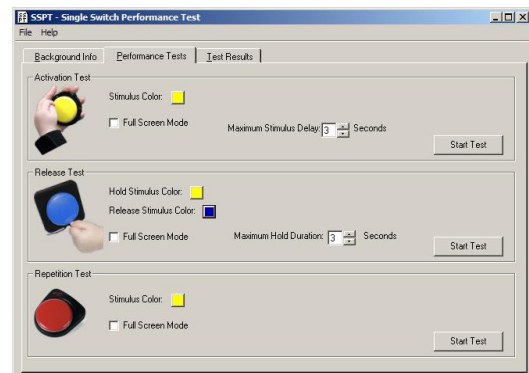
Free

PeRT (Performance Report Tool) is software that generates the AAC Performance Report of 17 quantitative summary measures of communication performance. Communication performance measurement is an essential component of AAC evidence-based practice. PeRT analyzes a LAM file and calculates utterance-based and word-based parameters such as mean length of utterance (MLU), average and peak communication rates, number of words, number of different word roots, core vocabulary use, language representation method use, and more. PeRT also provides for alphabetic and frequency order word lists in the language sample. A free Self-Study Program course at the AAC Institute web site teaches about the AAC Performance Report and includes instruction on using PeRT. CEUs are available.



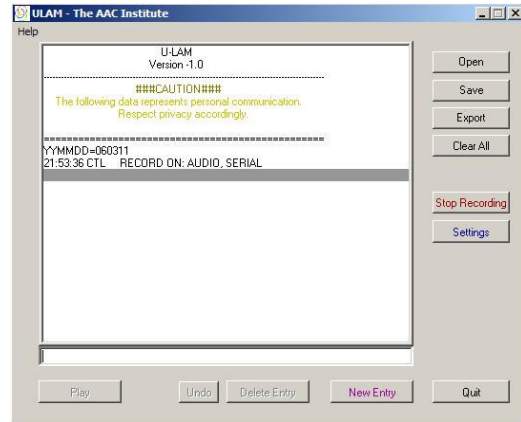
\$95

SSPT (Single Switch Performance Test) is free software for measuring the use of a single switch. The switch is connected to the computer running SSPT through a modified mouse (see Modified Mouse on front side). Quantitative performance data is useful in selecting the switch that offers the best performance. It is then useful in determining the most effective placement for the switch. Finally, the switch training process can be monitored using SSPT.



Free

U-LAM (Universal Language Activity Monitor) software facilitates the automatic collection of language samples from any speech output AAC system made by any manufacturer. (Language sample collection is the very foundation of AAC evidence-based practice). U-LAM provides a time-stamped sequence of every audio, serial port, or computer keyboard notation. The U-LAM file can then be analyzed using PeRT (see above) to produce the AAC Performance Report of seventeen quantitative summary measures of communication performance.



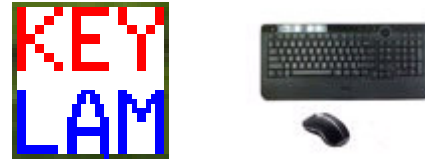
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Early LAMBaseline consists of a word and utterance inventory to identify an individual's acquisition of the first 100 core words to support and monitor augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) interventions. Parents and/or care givers complete the inventory checklist based on their knowledge of the individual.



Coming soon!

KeyLAM is software that runs on a PC and records the time and content of characters generated using the keyboard or keyboard alternatives, such as screen keyboards, keyboard emulators, etc. Resolution of the time stamp is 1.0 ms. Mouse button activity is also recorded. The log format is compatible with PeRT and also can be viewed and processed in spreadsheets and word processors.



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