



easyChat Phrases –
Vocabulary Workbook



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Welcome to easyChat Phrases!

Welcome to your new easyChat Phrases vocabulary!

We are excited to be going on this journey with you and look forward to helping guide you through the new vocabulary with this helpful workbook.

The easyChat Phrases vocabulary is available on different types of talkers – and whilst each talker or ‘device’ may work in slightly different ways, the way the words are organised and laid out is the same across all of these.

Because of this, the workbook will focus on learning how the words are organised and help to you to practice using the words by yourself.

If you would like to learn about how to do other things with your talker such as:

- Changing buttons
- Adding new words
- Changing how words are pronounced
- Locking the talker so only easyChat Phrases can be used
- Taking back-ups of your vocabulary

You will need to find information specific to your talker.

You can do this by:

- Visiting our website and accessing our helpful ‘Quick Reference Guides’
- Looking for helpful videos on our YouTube channel @liberatoraacvideos
- Attending a FREE online webinar with us which you can find details of through our website
- Calling us on the number at the start of this booklet and arranging training with one of our experienced AAC Consultants

Activity 1 – Information about your talker

Make a note here of the type of talker you are using and (if you have one) the serial number – this will be useful in the future if you need to contact us for any information

Type of talker being used	<i>i.e. NovaChat /Chat Fusion / LR7 /iPad</i>
Serial Number (if available) <i>This is usually found on the back of the talker</i>	
Date the talker was purchased	
Who purchased the talker	<i>i.e. Self-funded / NHS / School / Charity Funding</i>

easyChat Phrases – Guiding Principles

There are several things which are really important about the easyChat Phrases vocabulary and make it so effective.

1. *Single words and simple phrases*

By combining a wide range of core and topic words with simple phrases the vocabulary allows for rapid production of both pre-stored and novel sentences.

2. *Starter Phrases*

The starter phrases on the home page help the individual to build sentences quickly and simply by offering logical next word suggestions. The range of commonly occurring pronouns allows for a wide range of sentence starters.

3. *Easy Grammar*

After selecting a sentence starter, easy grammar will adapt the word endings of the next words to reflect the pronoun selected.

4. *Quick statements*

4 quick hit phrases at the bottom of the home page allow the individual to make important (and perhaps urgent) statements with ease, rapidly.

5. *One-hit Core Board*

Available from all the pages in easyChat Phrases, the one-hit core board is a collection of high-frequency core words. From this collection of words, a vast number of sentences can be created. The one-hit core board also provides a great base for modelling core words and simple sentence building using core.

6. *Consistent Icon Location*

Consistency of core word icon location in co-ordination with the core board supports motor planning for the individual.

7. *Topic-Specific Core*

Within each topic page there are a small range of core-words available which are appropriate to the topic. As with the home page, a logical next word suggestion supports sentence building skills.

8. *Topic-Specific Phrases*

Within each topic page there is also access to a 'phrases' section, where personalised, topic relevant phrases can be stored for quick hits and easy access.

9. *Easy personalisation*

Ample space is available within each topic page and phrases section so you can add personal words with ease.

Activity 2 – Principles Quiz!

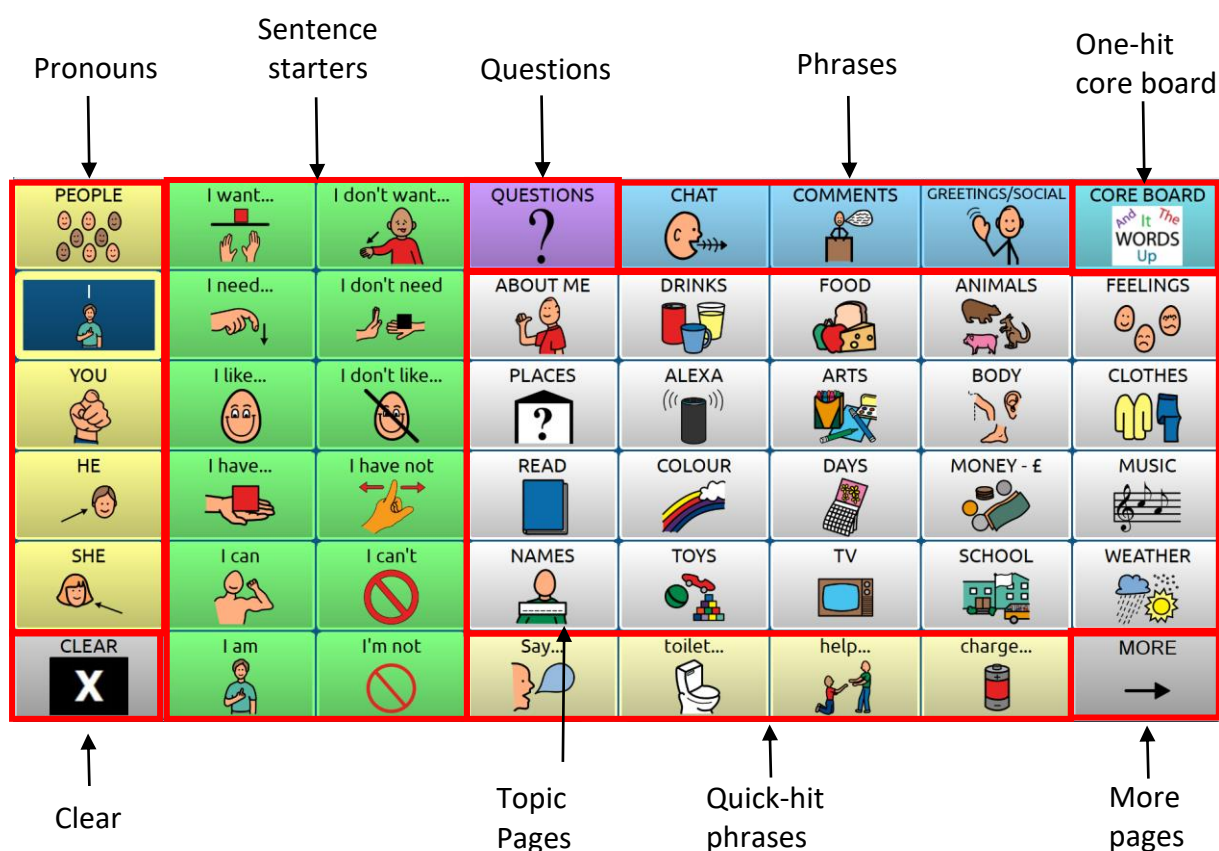
Try answering the above questions about the principles behind easyChat Phrases– you can look back over the previous page if you need to!

Questions		True	False
1	easyChat Phrases only contains pre-stored sentences and phrases.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Starter phrases can help you to build sentences quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Easy grammar works with sentence starters to provide correct word endings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	All urgent or important sentences take at least 2 button presses to say.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	There are core words available in every page in the vocabulary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Consistent icon location with core words helps motor planning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	It's hard to access topic-relevant core words in a topic page.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	You can store lots of personal phrases in each topic page to support quick communication.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	It's difficult to find places to put personal vocabulary and words.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

easyChat Phrases – How the vocabulary is organised

An understanding of the language organisation is largely for the benefit of the individual **teaching** the language and to help you to feel confident at finding your way around the vocabulary when modelling.

The home page has been organised to offer easy access to both sentence starters, core and topic words and common phrases.



Pronouns – A collection of common pronouns and a page of further pronouns in the 'people' page. Selecting one of the pronouns will alter the sentence starter to reflect the pronoun selected (this will be highlighted in blue).

Sentence Starters – a selection of regularly used sentence starters. Pressing one of these will then lead to a page of logical 'next words' to continue to sentence.

Questions – this button leads to a selection of question words, common question sentence starters and question phrases with space to add more of your own!

Phrases – these 3 buttons lead to a selection of phrases commonly used for chatting, commenting, and greeting others. Lots of space is also available to add your own!



One-hit Core Board – this button opens the one-hit core board which we will look at in more detail later on.

Clear – this button will clear all the text in the sentence bar. It will also stop any sentence currently been spoken.




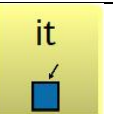



























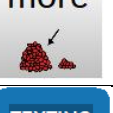


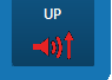
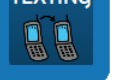
Topic Pages – each of these buttons will lead to a page of topic words.

Quick-hit Phrases – these 4 buttons will each say a phrase when pressed. The phrases will be things which are often needed to be said quickly and/or urgently and are not topic dependent. They can be easily personalised.

More Pages – this button leads to more topic pages and controls pages such as volume, apps, texting, and a keyboard.

easyChat Phrases – Colour codes

You'll notice in easyChat Phrases that there are different coloured buttons. The colour of a button can indicate what type of word it is – this can be really helpful when looking for words or when using colour prompts to help support sentence building.

Colour	What does it mean?	What might it look like?
Yellow	People words (pronouns)	   
Green	Sentence starters / Action words (verbs)	   
Blue	Describing words (adjectives)	   
Orange	Noun category words	   
Purple	Question words	   
Pink	Location Words (prepositions)	   
Coloured image on white background	Topic words	   
Black and white	Little words	   
Dark blue	Tools and Apps	   

Let's practice using some of these buttons now!

easyChat Phrases – using the vocabulary

Let's now take some time to practice using the various button types to build different sentences and say different things.

Over time, as you use easyChat Phrases these processes will become more familiar, with sentences you say more frequently becoming quicker to produce.

NB – You will need to have access to either a talker with easyChat Phrases on it or be able to access the easyChat Phrases vocabulary on our free emulation software to complete the next activities.

***To download our free software visit
<https://www.liberator.co.uk/support/product/software/emulation>
and select 'UK - Saltillo (Nova Chat, Chat Fusion, LR7)'.***

If you are using a talker, make sure you take a backup of the vocabulary before you begin to explore the vocabulary. Make sure the whole vocabulary is unmasked (you may need to refer to a quick reference guide for instructions on how to do this – you can find these by visiting <https://www.liberator.co.uk/support/product/quick-reference-guides/current-products>).

Sentence Starters

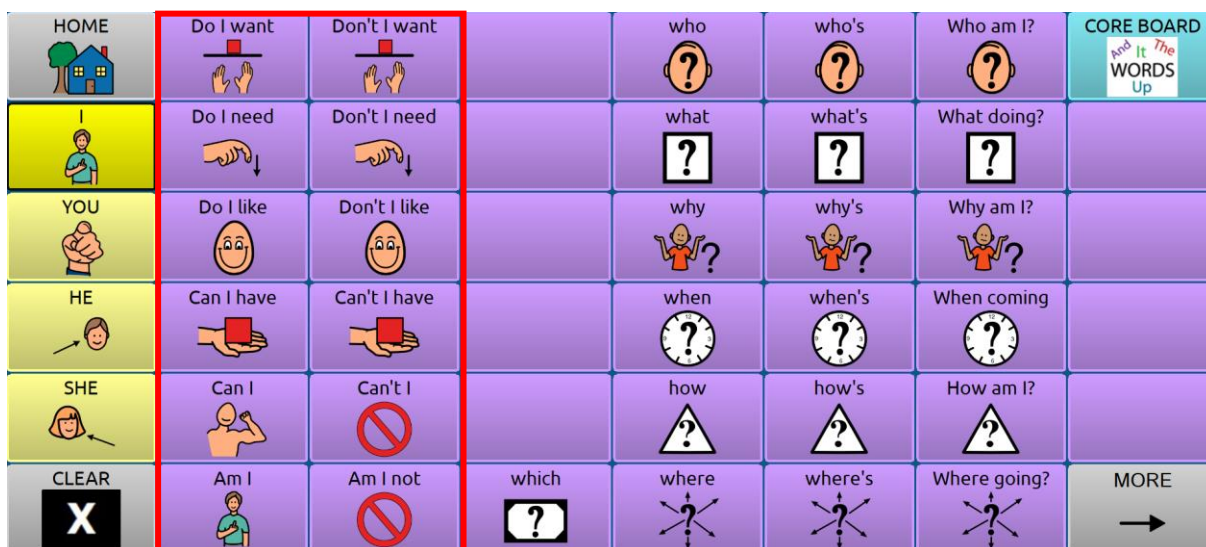
When you look at the home page of easyChat Phrases you can see the sentence starter buttons we talked about earlier on.



The sentence starters will change if we press a different pronoun. In the image above you can see the 'I' pronoun is selected as it is highlighted with a blue square. This has made all the sentence starters begin with 'I'.

The right column of sentence starters are the *negative* version of the statement (i.e. the 'not' version).

You will also find sentence starters on the 'Questions' page.



As with the home page, the sentence starters will change depending on the pronoun selected and you will find the negative version of each sentence on the right hand side.

Let's return to the homepage now and select the sentence starter 'I want'.

































You will now see a number of logical 'next word' suggestions which may follow this sentence starter, which will have the appropriate word endings on them.

From this page let's now select 'to go'.



You will see you are now taken instantly to the 'Places' topic page to complete your sentence. Once you have selected a place you will be taken back to the home page to begin another sentence.

HOME 	PHRASES +	place 	beach 	bed 	church 	and &	CORE BOARD 
HOLD 	to 	garden 	home 	house 	park 	the	-s
It is 		go 	pub 	school 	shop 	a	-ing
I 		supermarket 	swimming 				-ed
you 	I want to go to the 	I don't want to go to the 	Go out 	ADD PHRASE HERE	ADD PHRASE HERE	ADD PHRASE HERE	ADD PHRASE HERE
CLEAR X	Can I go 	Do you go 	COUNTRIES 	RESTAURANTS 	ROOMS 	SHOPS 	MORE 

NB! If you want to add more than one topic word to a sentence when using sentence starters, press the **HOLD** button when you first go to the topic page in question, then press **HOME** once you have finished your sentence.

Activity 3 – Using Sentence Starters

Let's practice making some sentences using our sentence starters. The first one has been done for you to show the button sequence you need to press.

1. I want to eat chocolate



2. I need more
3. You like playing play doh
4. I don't want to go swimming
5. I am reading the newspaper (*tip – don't forget the **hold** button when you get to the topic page*)
6. She can't eat chips
7. I am having it
8. I want to drink coffee and milk
9. He wants to play blocks
10. I am watching TV


Topic Pages

We can also access the topic pages without using sentence starters.

This may be really useful when you are doing a particular activity and would like to see what words are available for that topic or want to remain in that topic area for the duration of the activity.


To access a topic page, you simply press the topic button you want from the selection on the homepage.



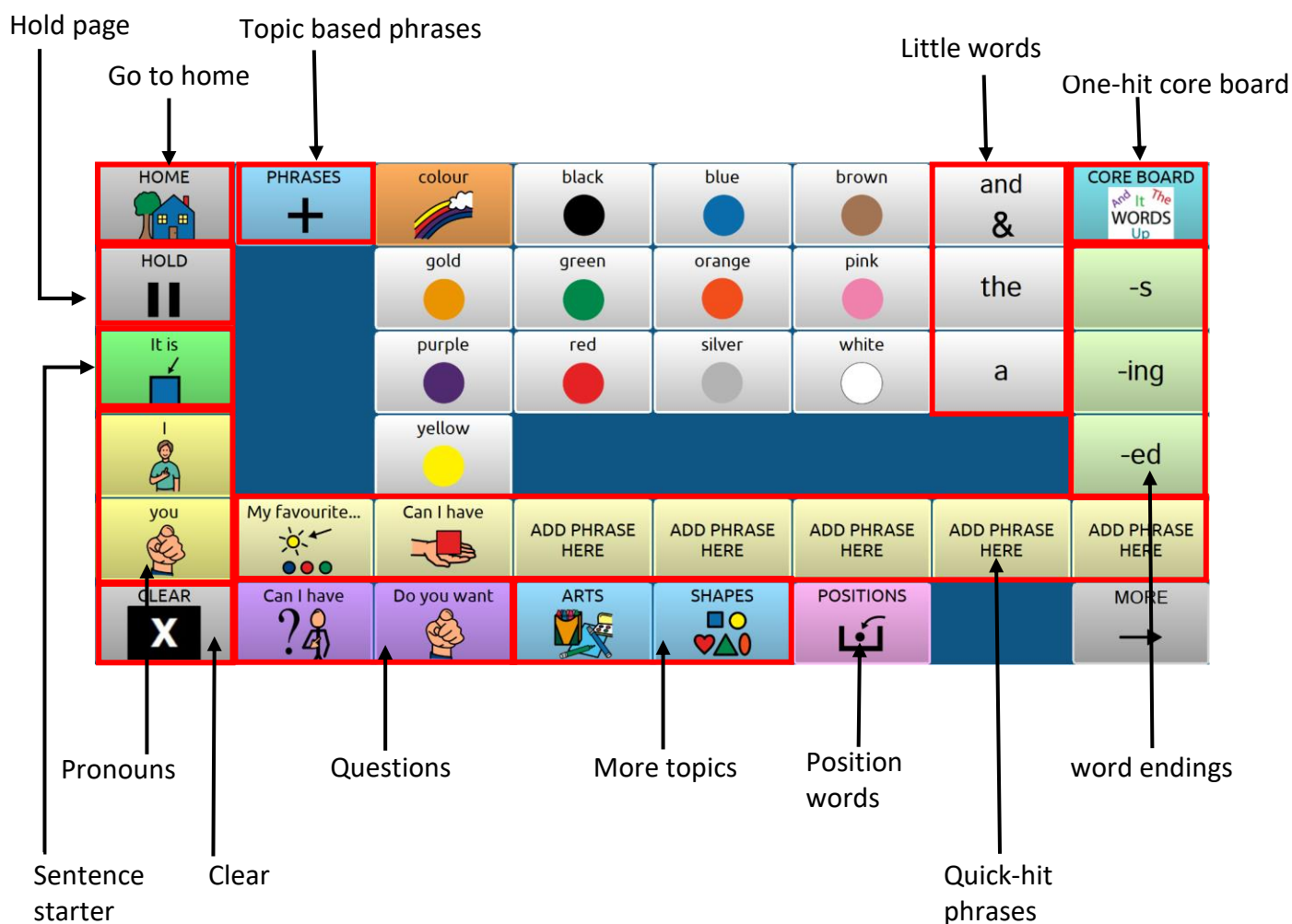
You will find more topic pages available if you select the  button as well.



Each topic page will have different topic words. But you will notice some things are the same in each topic page. This makes it easier to learn where words may be. Let's take a look at the

'Colours' topic page now, which you can access by selecting  from the home page.

On each topic page you will notice the following:



If you open a topic page from the home page you can remain here until you have finished building the sentences you wish.

When you select a pronoun in the topic page you will be given some logical next words to continue the sentence, relevant to the topic.

You can also open up the one-hit core board to build a sentence and when you select



it will take you back to the topic page you are on.



Finally, you can save some common phrases you may use within this topic under the



button for quick access.

Activity 4 – Using topic pages

What topic page might you use for the following activities? Once you have chosen one spend some time exploring the page and try to make some sentences (we've given you some suggestions for each activity).

Activity	Topic page I could use	Sentences to practice
Snack time		I want banana You eat apple It is biscuit
Getting dressed		I like leggings Put on coat Take off jumper
Choose time		I want toy You play cars Can I play bubbles
Arts and Crafts		I need scissors It is a card You want pen
Colouring in		red I want pink you have orange


One-hit Core Board

The one-hit core board is available from every page within easyChat Phrases and the button to access it is always in the same location on every page.



This collection of high-frequency core words can be combined with topic vocabulary or used on its own to create a wealth of sentences which cover a wide range of language functions.



As you explore the core board you will notice that the page only closes when you select the  button. This makes it a great resource when you are perhaps targeting use of core vocabulary within a session.

The one-hit core board can also be printed out and laminated for use as a low tech support or modelling board.

Activity 5 – Using the one-hit core board

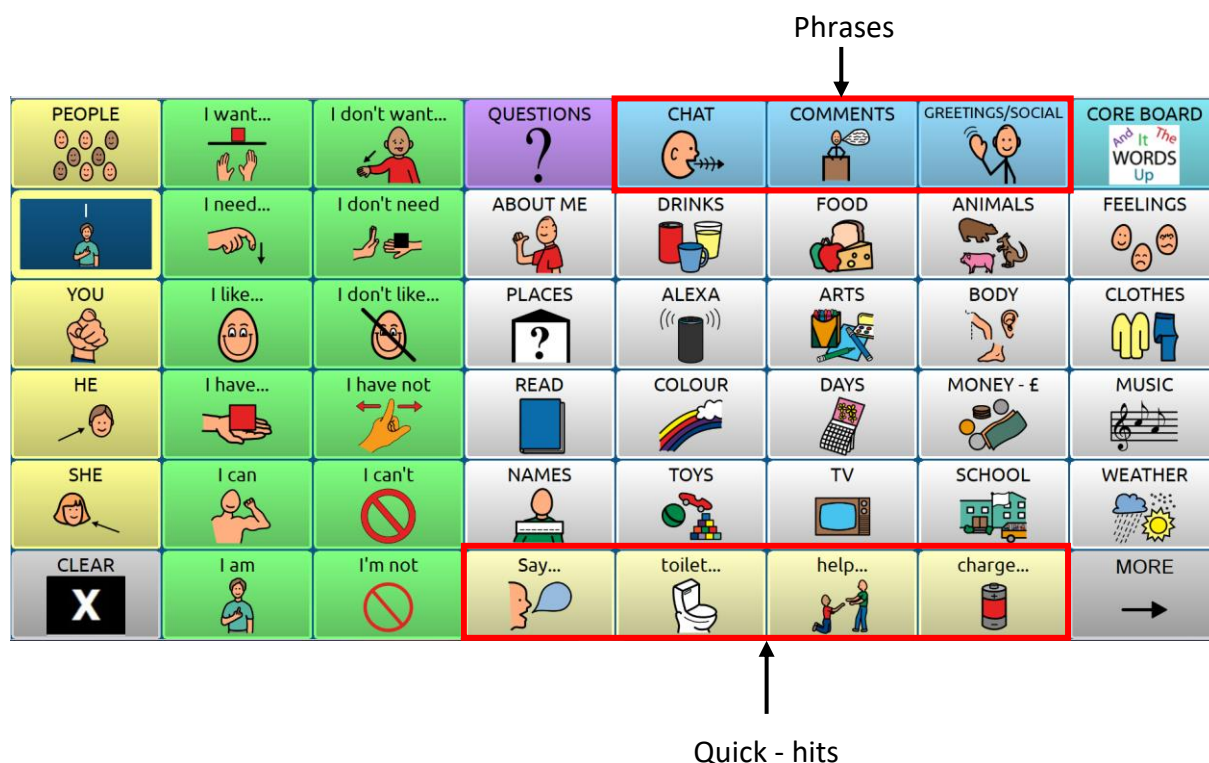
Take some time to practice building sentences using the one-hit core board. Try the following sentences and then challenge yourself to make the longest sentence you can using ONLY the one-hit core board.

1. want more
2. you do
3. that is good
4. I like that
5. I feel happy
6. don't eat it
7. do you love it?
8. I want some more
9. it is good, I like it
10. get a drink and watch it with me

What is the longest sentence you can make?

Phrases and Quick hits

To speed up communication when a rapid response is needed, the home page of easyChat Phrases has a number of phrases and quick-hits available.



The buttons along the top lead to words, short phrases and longer sentences, which you may find use for when chatting, commenting on things or when greeting and socialising with others. Whilst these pages have a number of great phrases pre-programmed, there is also ample space to add a number of personalised responses.




It is personalised responses such as these which can be so important for a person's identity and relationship with others. Every family, friendship group and region have comments and phrases which are unique to them and it's so important to make sure these are stored somewhere in the vocabulary for easy retrieval.

The quick hits along the bottom of the home page are designed to be the most important and urgent messages someone may need to say. Again, the vocabulary has been programmed with messages, but these can easily be adapted if they are not suited to the individual.

Activity 6 – Finding the phrases which are unique to you

Have a look at the phrases which are already in the vocabulary. Now think about comments, greetings, and common chat topics you find yourself using. What would you put into each of these pages to make them unique to you?

Now think about the individual who will be using the vocabulary. What phrases may be important to them? Are there phrases their family and friends often use? Pop your ideas below.

Page	Phrases which are personal to me	Phrases which are personal to the person using the vocabulary
		
		
		

Tools and Apps

From the home page you can access a range of useful device tools and apps by selecting the



button.



Tools

Battery – selecting this button prompts the device to speak the battery level. This is a great tool to check on battery levels whilst remaining within the vocabulary. *

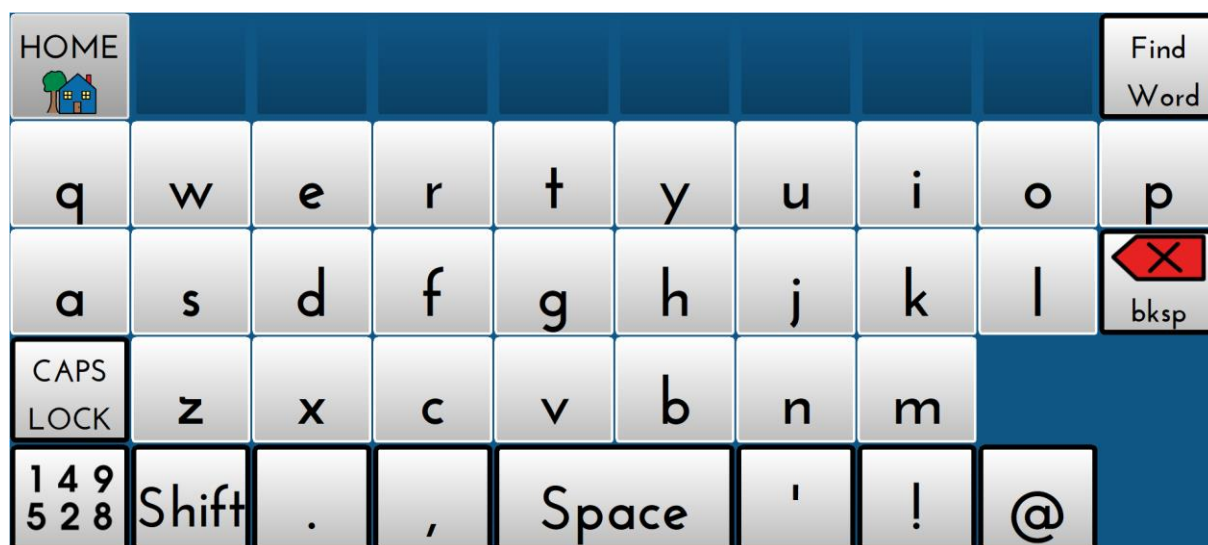
Volume Up – this button will turn up the speech volume on the device. This is a great tool to manage volume levels whilst remaining in the vocabulary. *

Volume Down – this button will turn down the speech volume on the device. This is a great tool to manage volume levels whilst remaining in the vocabulary. *

ABC-123 - this button leads to an ABC keyboard. The default is for the keyboard to be in lowercase but there is the option to have capitals by using the CAPS LOCK or SHIFT key.



Qwerty-123 – accessed through the ‘more’ button this button leads to a QWERTY keyboard for those who prefer this to the ABC layout. **NB.** The QWERTY Keyboard will have 60 locations to allow the QWERTY layout so this may not be suitable for some individuals.

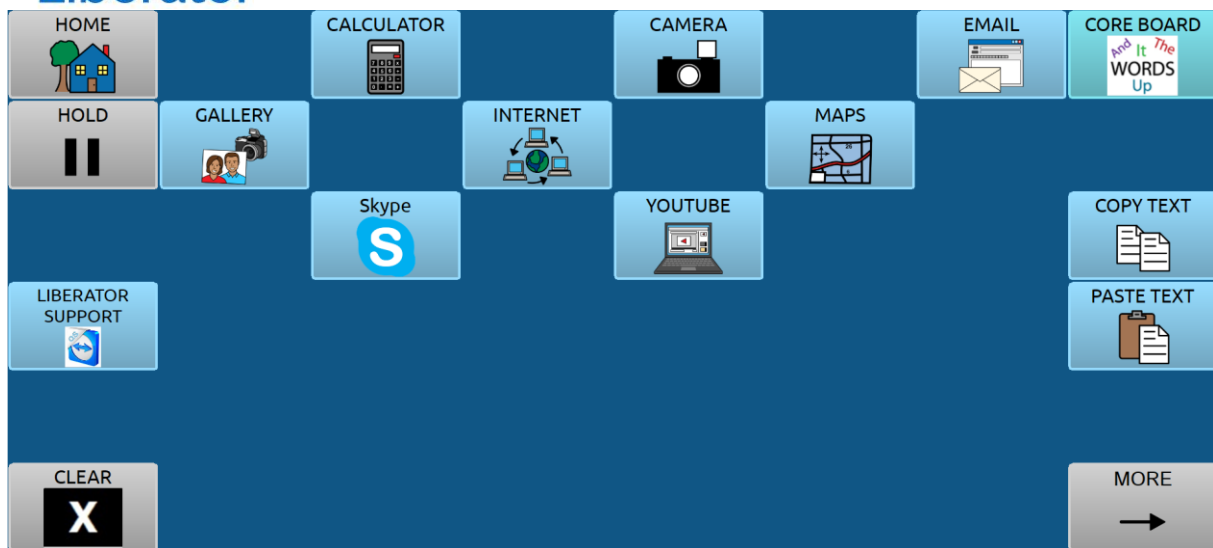


The find word tool is also accessible via the ABC-123 or QWERTY-123 page and we will look at this shortly.*

APPS

Texting – this button opens up the text controls for individuals who have an android phone and are using the aerotext app to access their messages through their device. Further information is available on using this function from our Quick Reference Guides.*

APPS – The APPS button leads to a number of apps which can then be opened on the device, from the vocabulary.*



*These tools are only available when using the vocabulary on an AAC device and not the PC emulation

Useful vocabulary tools

Within the easyChat Phrases vocabulary there are 2 useful tools which can help you become familiar with the vocabulary and can support you in teaching others.

Hide and Show

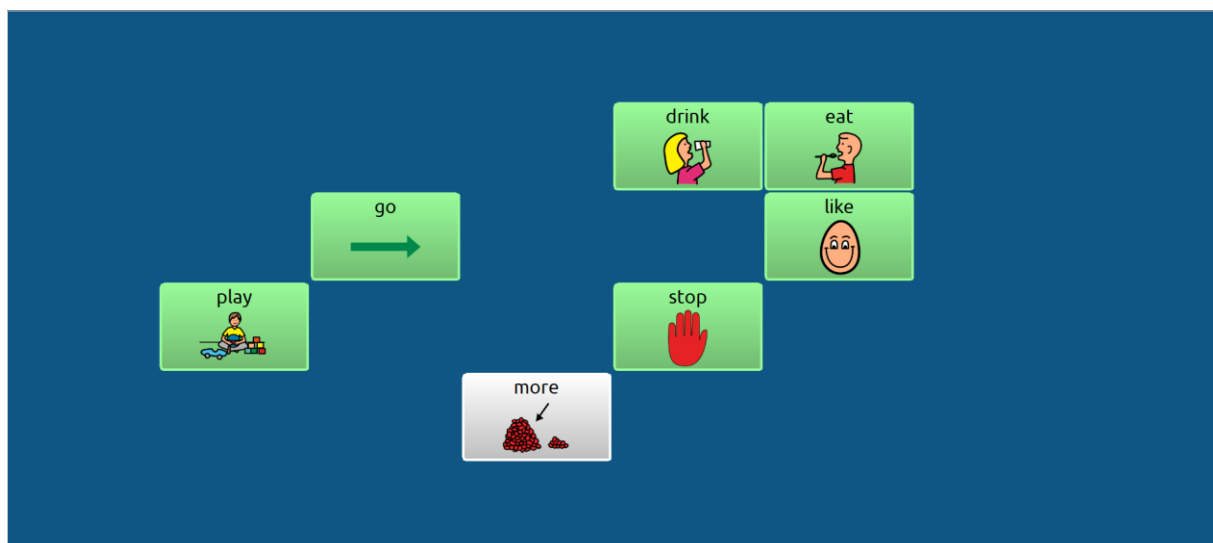
This tool allows you to only have a small selection of words visible on the vocabulary which means you only have a few words to focus on. This can be useful when learning new words or perhaps when trying to target specific vocabulary words within an activity.

Hide and show may work in different ways depending on the type of talker you are using. For specific instructions on how to use hide and show on your talker you can refer to the appropriate Quick Reference Guide, which you can find on our website if you don't have a copy.














































Once you have found the instructions for your talker try to use hide and show on your **one-hit core board** to show these words.

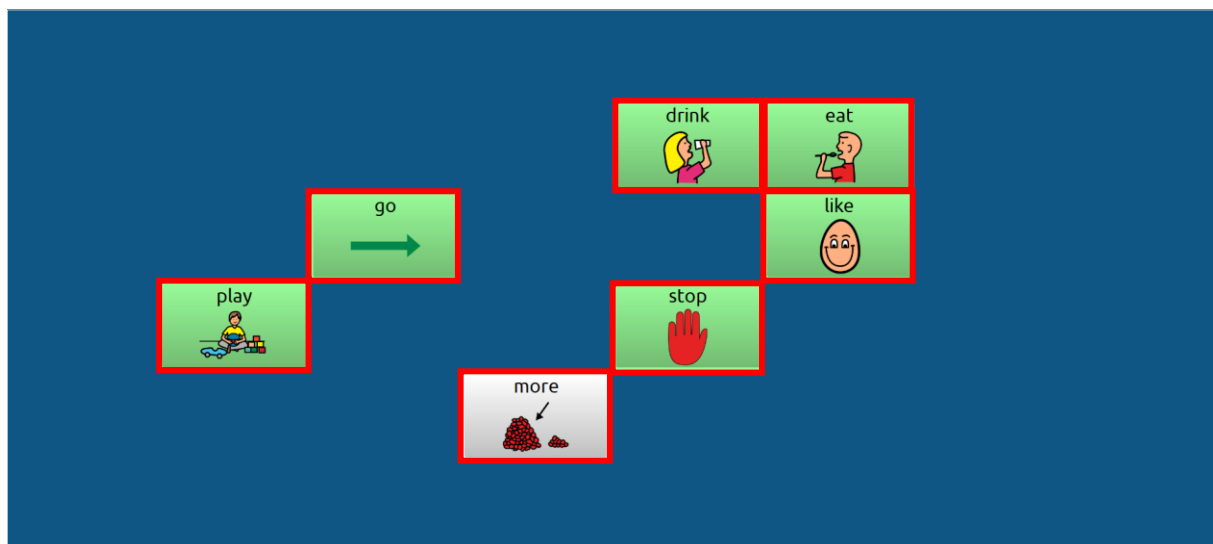
More
Go
Stop
Eat
Drink
Play
Like

The display should now look like this



If you compare the screen with all words visible with the screen where we have hidden words you will see the buttons remain in the same location – we have simply 'hidden' the ones we don't want to work on at this time.

BACK PAGE 	is 	good 	bad 	happy 	sad 	and &	thing 
me 	to 	do 	don't 	drink 	eat 	the	feel 
my 	get 	go 	have 	help 	like 	a	love 
I 	play 	put 	read 	stop 	turn 	with 	want 
you 	wait 	watch 	more 	that 	in 	on 	what 
it 	mine 	some 	not 	this 	out 	off 	where 



You can now choose to show more words to be if you so wish or simply show all the words again by selecting 'show all'.

Word finder

The word finder tool allows you to easily search for words and be shown the sequence of buttons you must hit to say the word.

Word finder may work in different ways depending on the type of talker you are using. For specific instructions on how to use word finder on your talker you can refer to the Quick Reference Guide for your talker, which you can find on our website if you don't have a copy.

Once you have found the instructions for your talker try to use word finder to find these words.



Dog
Out
Feel
Funny
Hello

Congratulations!

You should now have a greater understanding of the easyChat Phrases vocabulary, including its principles, the organisation of the vocabulary and useful tools which can help you get the most out of easyChat Phrases.

As you begin to use the vocabulary you will see your motor patterns develop and you will notice how your own speed of using the vocabulary increases with time.

For ideas about activities you can use to teach language or for useful planning tools to help you choose which words to work on, you can visit:

www.liberator.co.uk/resources/handouts-and-presentations

You can also follow us on social media and receive regular ideas and activities straight to your news feed!

Just look for @liberatorltd on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

You will also find loads of great videos with ideas on how to teach language, how to programme devices and so much more on our YouTube Channel - @liberatoraacvideos

If you would like a certificate of completion, you can email us at training@liberator.co.uk and we will provide you with one for your records.

Good luck with easyChat Phrases and have fun!

Appendices

Answers

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Activity 2 – Answers!

	Questions	True	False
1	<p>easyChat Phrases only contains pre-stored sentences and phrases.</p> <p><i>By combining sentence starters, topic-specific phrases and single words easyChat phrases allows you to use pre-stored sentences and also to create spontaneous sentences too!</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>Starter phrases can help you to build sentences quickly.</p> <p><i>The sentence starters, in combination with logical next word suggestions allow quick sentence building.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<p>Easy grammar works with sentence starters to provide correct word endings.</p> <p><i>After selecting a sentence starter, easy grammar will adapt the word endings of the next words to reflect the pronoun selected.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>All urgent or important sentences take at least 2 button presses to say.</p> <p><i>4 quick-hit buttons are available on the home page for important messages, which may need to be said urgently, to be stored.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	<p>There are core words available in every page in the vocabulary.</p> <p><i>Access to the one-hit core board in every page means there are always core words available.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<p>Consistent icon location with core words helps motor planning.</p> <p><i>Wherever possible, core words will always be in the same location on the page to support learning of the location and promote motor planning.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<p>It's hard to access topic-relevant core words in a topic page.</p> <p><i>Each topic page contains access to core words which are specific to the topic, allowing novel sentence building.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	<p>You can store lots of personal phrases in each topic page to support quick communication.</p> <p><i>The phrases page within each topic has lots of space to store phrases you'd commonly say which are relevant to the topic.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

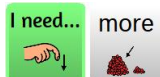
9	<p>It's difficult to find places to put personal vocabulary and words.</p> <p><i>Each topic page has blank buttons available for you to add more words. There are also pre-made blank topic pages for you to create your own topic pages which are relevant to you.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Activity 3 – Answers!

1. I want to eat chocolate



2. I need more



3. You like playing play doh



4. I don't want to go swimming



5. I am reading the newspaper (*tip – don't forget the **hold** button when you get to the topic page*)



6. She can't eat chips



7. I am having it



8. I want to drink coffee and milk










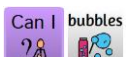






9. He wants to play blocks



10. I am watching TV



Activity 4 – Answers!

Activity	Topic page I could use	Sentences to practice
Snack time	FOOD 	I want banana  You eat apple  It is biscuit 
Getting dressed	CLOTHES 	I like leggings  Put on coat  Take off jumper 
Choose time	TOYS 	I want toy  You play cars  Can I play bubbles 
Arts and Crafts	ARTS 	I need scissors  It is a card  You want pen 
Colouring in	COLOUR 	red  I want pink  you have orange 

Activity 5 – Answers!

1. want more



2. you do



3. that is good



4. I like that



5. I feel happy



6. don't eat it



7. do you love it?



8. I want some more



9. it is good, I like it



10. get a drink and watch it with me

