



AAC Modeling Quick Guide



Book: Let's Celebrate

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1-WORD MODELS

birthday cake
get
good
more
play
what

2-WORD MODELS

I help
we help
I get
get more
what food

play games
more pizza
all family
all friends
good party

3-WORD MODELS

we play games
I get cake
get more food
play what games
get all balloons

we help family
good birthday party
get more cake
play games friends
play more games

get more pizza
we celebrate birthday
play good games
what we play
we play toys



QUICK TIPS

Speak in full sentences and use 1-3 word combinations on the AAC system. Say the sentence out loud, then say the target word/words on AAC system.

Example: It's a **good party**. **What games** do you like to **play**?



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When you see...



Try modeling...

The party begins

birthday | celebrate birthday | we celebrate birthday

Cake and pizza

get I get pizza | We get cake

Playing games

play I play games I play more games

Party toys

toys I play toys I we play toys

Family and friends

all | all family I all friends play

Everyone celebrates

party I good party I good birthday party



QUICK TIPS

Make comments and use open-ended questions to invite your AAC reader to talk about the activities in the story. Make sure to pause after your comments to them time to think about their response and plan how to way it.



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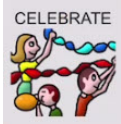
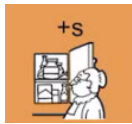
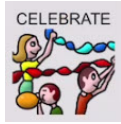
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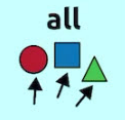
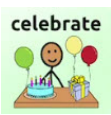
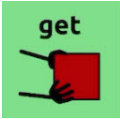
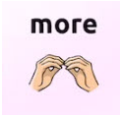
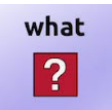
Let's Celebrate

Word	Symbols			
balloons	MAKE 	CELEBRATE 	balloon 	+s 
birthday	MAKE 	CELEBRATE 	birthday 	
family	FAMILY 	family 		
friends	FAMILY 	PEOPLE 	friend 	+s 
games	PLAY 	GAMES 	games 	
party	MAKE 	PARTY 	party 	
pizza	EAT 	LUNCH & DINNER 	pizza 	
toys	PLAY 	toys 		



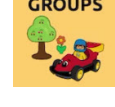
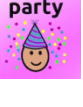
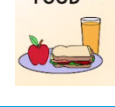
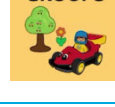
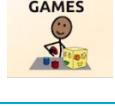


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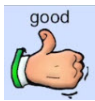


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Word	Symbols		
balloons			 balloons
birthday			
family			
friends			friends
games			 games
party			
pizza			
toys			 toys



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birthday	make  birthday 
family	all  FAMILY  +s 
friends	follow  friend  +s 
games	play  games 
party	play  PARTY  party 
pizza	eat A  ITALIAN  pizza 
toys	play  TOYS 



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eat
get
give
look
new
watch

2-WORD MODELS

give gifts/presents
eat food
help family
how celebrate
celebrate holidays

new month
new food
family holidays
new backpack
dress up

3-WORD MODELS

we celebrate
we watch parade
we give gifts
we help family

look next month
new month next
we eat food
we dress up

look new backpack
help dress up
we help trees
celebrate next holiday



QUICK TIPS

Speak in full sentences and use 1-3 word combinations on the AAC system. Say the sentence out loud, then say the target word/words on AAC system.
Example: What do we **celebrate** this **month**? I like to **watch** the **parade**. What do you put in your **backpack**?



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HOLIDAYS



When you see...



Try modeling...

A new month begins

new | new month | look new month

Holiday celebration

holiday | celebrate holiday | we celebrate holidays

Family together

family | help | we help family

Parade or fireworks

watch | watch parade | we watch parade

Special food

food | eat food | we eat food

Trees

help | help trees | we help trees

Gifts for others

give | give gifts | we give gifts



QUICK TIPS

Use the repeated month-by-month pattern to model talk about what comes next. Keep it conversational as you talk about these events. Encourage your AAC readers to share how their family celebrates different holidays.



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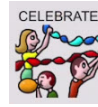
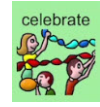
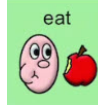
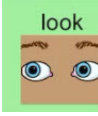
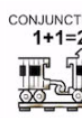
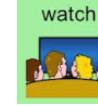
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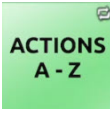
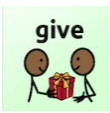
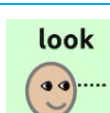
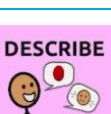
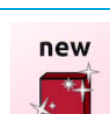
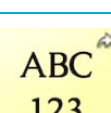
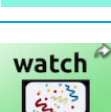
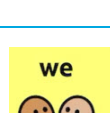
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backpack	PUT  backpack 
family	FAMILY  family 
fireworks	MAKE  HOLIDAYS  fireworks 
food	EAT  food 
gifts	DO  WRAP  gifts 
holiday(s)	MAKE  HOLIDAYS  holiday  holidays 
month	TIME  CALENDAR  month 
parade	GO  MORE  parade 



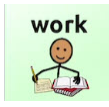
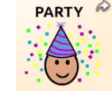
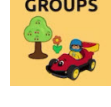
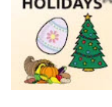


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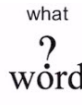
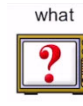


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family	PEOPLE  family  birthday 
fire work	GROUPS  NATURE  fire  ACTIONS  work 
food	GROUPS  FOOD  food 
presents	GROUPS  PARTY  present  presents
holiday(s)	GROUPS  HOLIDAYS  holiday 
month	TIME  month 

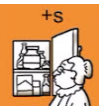
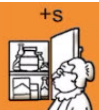


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