



About the First 25 Words Data Collection Sheet

The vocabulary selected includes a variety of parts of speech (verbs, descriptors, pronouns, and social words) to support functional communication, as well as the production of phrases and simple sentences for students who are ready. These words are intended for frequent modeling and use across daily routines.

How to Use This Data Collection Sheet

Use this form to track early AAC word learning across time. Record the level of support provided for each word. For each word, write the date and add the code that best describes the level of support used during that opportunity.

Coding Key:

- M – Modeled: Communication partner selects the word on the AAC system as a model. The student does not select the word.
- P – Prompted: Student selects the word after a prompt is provided (verbal cue, gesture, visual cue, or pointing).
- S – Spontaneous: Student selects the word independently with no prompts.

How to Record Data

- 1 Write the date each time the word is observed or modeled.
- 2 Add the code (M, P, or S) after the date.
- 3 Record entries across multiple days to show change over time.

Data Entry Examples:

- M = Modeled words
- P = Word selected after a prompt is provided
- S = Word selected spontaneously (no prompts)

WORD	DATA						
go	2/3/26 - M	2/5/26 - P	2/10/26 - P				
stop	2/3/26 - M	2/5/26 - M	2/10/26 - P				

What This Data Shows

- Which words are being modeled consistently
- Which words require support or prompting
- Which words are becoming independent
- When a word may be ready for expanded use or combinations



- Modeling counts - record it!
- Progress may be gradual and inconsistent.
- Collect data during natural routines (play, snack, transitions, shared reading).
- One entry per opportunity is enough, focus on quality opportunities.
- Spontaneous use may appear, disappear, then return. Keep modeling!



First 25 Words - Data Collection Sheet

Name

Completed by

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WORD	DATA									
go										
stop										
turn										
eat										
drink										
more										
all done										
in										
out										
on										
off										
put										
help										
fast										
slow										
it										
mine										
my										
play										
look										
do										
get										
make										
want										
don't										