A YEAR OF WORDS: UNITY® 84

In this folder you will find materials to help you teach a core vocabulary of 144 words over a year using the Unity 84 vocabulary program. These have been chosen to provide a spread of useful, high-frequency words that are used by different populations across different situations.

CALENDAR

This is a 12-page set of grids that you can print out, laminate, and use month by month. You may even want to share it among all the people who come into contact with your client. It can also be used as a checklist, where you cross off each word as it is learned.

CHEAT SHEETS

Use the monthly Cheat Sheets if you simply want to hand out a list of the words and their sequences. Print out as many as you like and use them as you like. If you want to cut out symbols sequences and add them to books so you client can "read" the words, all you need do is print out on some sticker paper.

WORD LISTS TO IMPORT

This folder contains each monthly word list as TXT files, which means you can import them into you device and use them with the Vocabulary Builder feature. All PRC Accent devices have this feature and most other PRC devices do, too.

EMBELLISHED ICONS

These materials have been created with the PRC embellished icons feature turn OFF. This reduces the total number of icons needed to be learned.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The "Year of Words" is based on original work by Carole Zangari, who runs and owns the wonderful *PrAACtical AAC* web site http://praacticalaac.org, a treasure trove of ideas and suggestions based on Carole's wealth of experience in the field of AAC.

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A Year of Words

Individuals who are learning to use their AAC systems need lots of practice on their core vocabulary words. This packet contains 12 grids of core words, one for each month. Speech-language pathologists, educators, and families can keep the grid of the month handy, and use it as a reminder of which words to focus on for that month. Over the year, you will have given the AAC learner focused practice on 144 words that will help them communicate effectively across many environments and activities.

How to Use: This document is designed for the 84-location version of Unity® 84 v.2.00 so make sure that's what you have in your device. Before the start of the month, insert the appropriate AAC symbol in each box and print the grid. Keep it handy as you provide focused language stimulation on those 12 words throughout the month. You may also want to share copies with the family and other team members.

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For more information on semantic intervention for individuals with significant communication challenges see the Vocabulary Instruction Round-Up at http://bit.ly/SKQP5W and a Pinterest board with activity ideas (http://bit.ly/ZJVOqK).

JANUARY WORDS

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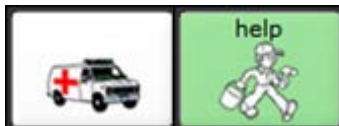
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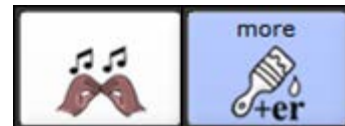
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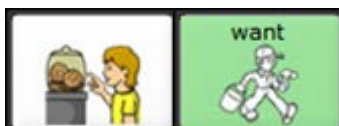
want	what	you

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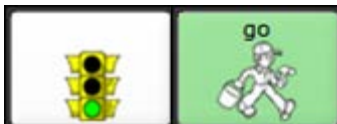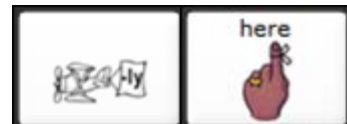
again	eat	get
go	happy	here
I/me	like	on
play	put	this
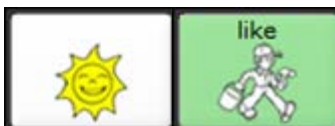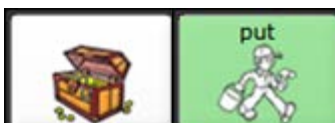
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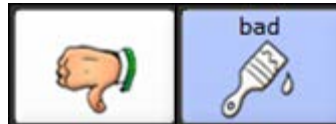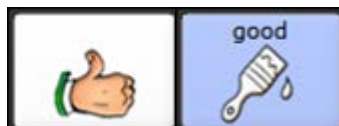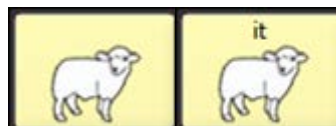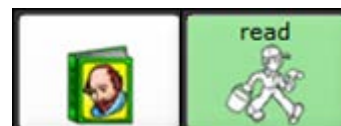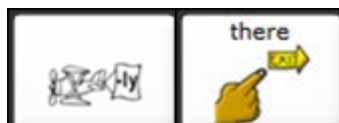
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good	it	make
now	off	read
there	thing	where
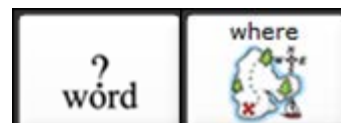
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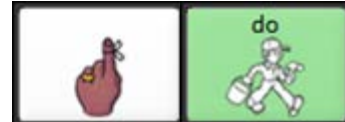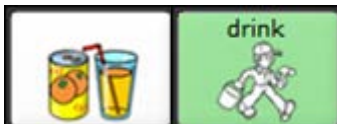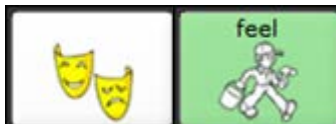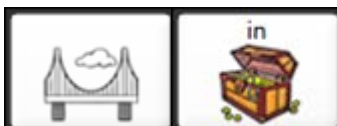
big	busy	do
drink	feel	he
in	make	out
some	tell	who
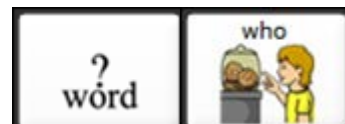
MAY WORDS

all	down	good
little	my	question
sad	she	turn
up	who	why
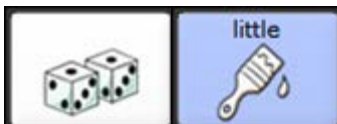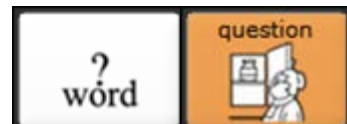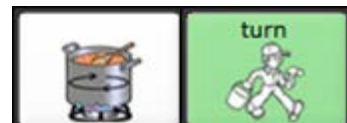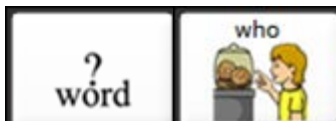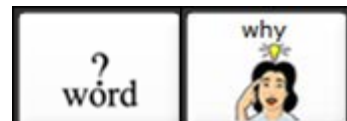
JUNE WORDS

after	am/is/be	because

can	cold	fast
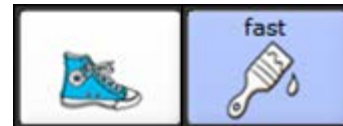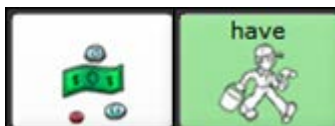
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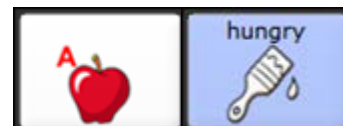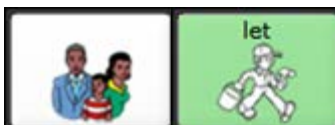
let/let's	need	talk
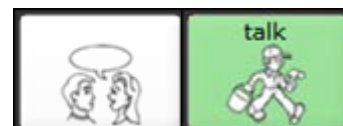
JULY WORDS

and	before	color
find	is	later
love	much	ready
same	they	with
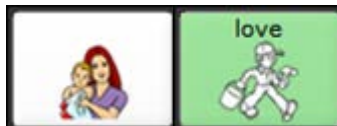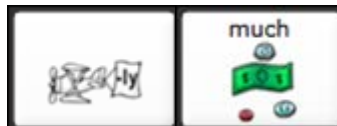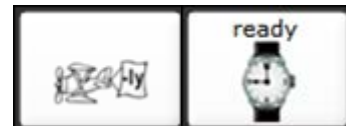
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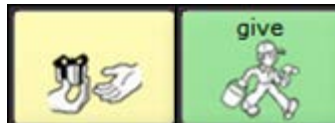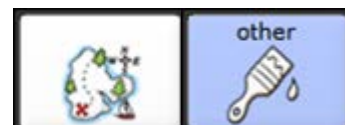
any	bring	day
fall	**give**	**hot**
job	**know**	**other**
sick	**sorry**	**together**
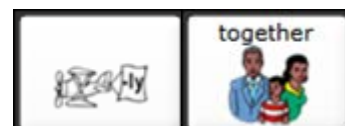
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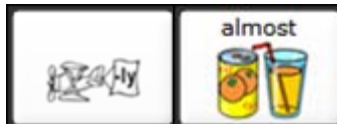
almost	call	listen
name	nice	over
place	sit	take
time	we	write
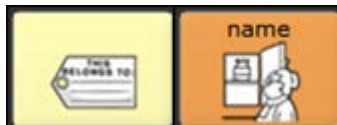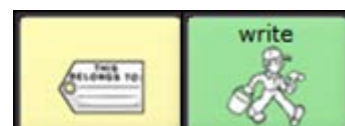
OCTOBER WORDS

another	change	every
for	**idea**	**pretty**
say	**start**	**thank you**
think	**try**	**under**
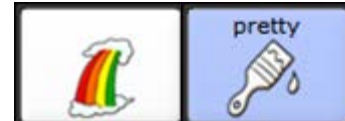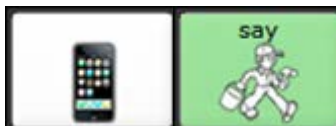
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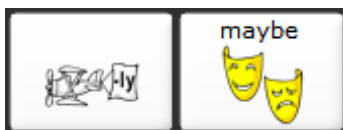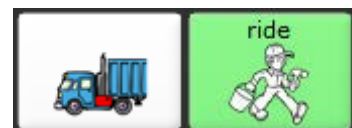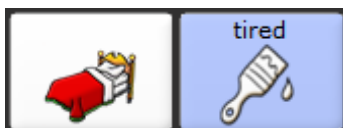
body	dress	full
guess	hi	live
maybe	one	ride
tired	very	walk

DECEMBER WORDS

ask	favorite	goodbye
hear	of	please
silly	surprise	these
use	way	work
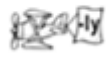
A Year of Core Words: January

again			
all done			
all gone			
different			
don't			
help			
mine			
more			
not			
stop			
that			
want			
what			
you			

A Year of Core Words: February

again			
eat			
get			
go			
happy			
here			
I			
like			
me			
on			
play			
put			
this			

A Year of Core Words: March

away			
bad			
come			
good			
it			
make			
now			
off			
read			
there			
thing			
where			

A Year of Core Words: April

big			
big			
busy			
do			
drink			
feel			
he			
in			
make			
out			
some			
tell			
who			

A Year of Core Words: August

Word		Symbols		
any				
bring				
day				
fall				
give				
hot				
job				
know				
other				
sick				
sorry				
together				

A Year of Core Words: September

almost		almost	
call		CALL	call
listen		LISTEN E	listen
name		name	
nice		NICE	nice
over		over	
place		place	
sit		SIT	sit
take		TAKE	take
time		time	
we		we	
write		write	

A Year of Core Words: October

another			DIRECT	another
change			change	
every			every E	
for			for	
idea			idea	
pretty			pretty	
say			say	
start			start	
thank you			thank you	
think			think	
try				try
under			under	

A Year of Core Words: November

body			
dress			
full			
guess			
hi			
live			
maybe			
one			
ride			
tired			
very			
walk			

A Year of Core Words: December

Word		Symbols		
ask		word	ask	
favorite			favorite	
goodbye			goodbye	
hear		E	hear	
of			of	
please			please	
silly			SILLY	silly
surprise			SURPRISE	surprise
these			these	
use		N	USE	use
way		STOP	way	
work		N	work	