Active with AAC

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At The Playground

Let's get outside and play! Kids love to run around, play, and have fun. BUT the playground can also be a great place to model A LOT of language.

Core Words

I	Run
You	Stop
Come	Turn
Go	Want
Help	Up
Jump	Down
Like	Fast
Look	Slow
Play	Fun

Materials

- Park (or Playground) with Swing, Slide, Jungle Gym, etc.
- Child/client
- You
- AAC System

Model It on the AAC System

Modeling on your child's AAC system is just "talking" using his/her language! When you say a word with your voice, also say it using your child's voice. Take time to learn about the organization of your child's language. Use Word Finder, a helpful tool, to remember where to find words.

Reasons to Communicate	One Word	Two Words	Three(+) Words
Getting Wants/Needs Met (*requesting objects/ activities/permission/ attention, etc. directing action/to stop, request help)*	Come Go Stop Look Help Fast No Jump	I go You go Stop it Help me You help Want help More go Want this	Look at me Help me up I go down I play more I want more You do it again My turn to do it You go up
Exchange Information (*share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.)*	Jump Look Like Go Help I You Want Up Fast This	Look that Like that You go You fast Jump down It go Want up You play I do (did) I play Go fast	I like this Can you help me? It go up You go down I did it Come up here Jump on it It go slow Run up with me Can you go up? Do you like it?
Social Closeness/Etiquette (*greet, take turns, comment, etc.)*	Like I Fast Slow Thirsty Up Down Help Stop	I like It fun My turn You do It fast You slow It up You down Look it	I like it It go fast Look at that That look fun I go down That is fast My turn to go You go fast Let's go fast again!

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Keep your interactions natural at the playground! Don't make the child/client request every push on the swing. Focus on other reasons for communicating, like:
  - Commenting- You are **go**ing so **fast**!; **That** was **fun**!; **You** got **down**; **You**'re **up** so high!
  - Sharing Information- Can **you** jump **down**?; Do **you want** to go **up** there?; You like **go**ing **fast**?
  - Directing Actions- **Look** at **me**!; **Do it** again.; **You go up**.
- Don't anticipate the needs of your child/client. Let them try to climb the ladder, swing, or go across the monkey bars without help. If they look to you for help, model for them, "Do **you need help**?"
- Give your child an opportunity to talk by asking open-ended questions. For example: What should we do?; What do you think?; Where should we go?
- Safety is first! Modeling language is important, but always make sure your child/client isn't going to fall or hurt themselves first! Only model language when it is safe to do so.
  - You might also want to use a low-tech board to prevent device breakage from drops.

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For Minspeak Vocabularies
(Unity, LAMP WFL)

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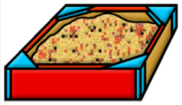
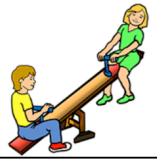
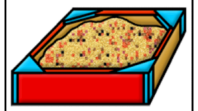
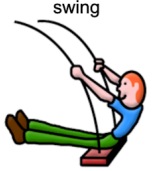
You can add this strip to a LAMP WFL, Unity 84, Unity 60 lite-tech system.

	swing	slide	sandbox 	jungle gym	merry-go-round	monkey bars	see saw 	sprinkler		
								playground	playgrounds	

You can add this strip to Unity 28 lite-tech system.

	playground	beam	sandbox 	swing 	jungle gym	slide

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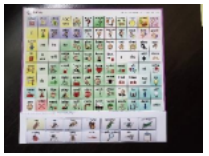

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swing	slide	sandbox	jungle gym	merry-go-round	monkey bars	rock wall	seesaw	sprinkler	
								playground	playgrounds

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playground	beam	sandbox	swing	jungle gym	slide	