

Active with AAC

Building Blocks

LEGO blocks, Lincoln Logs, K'NEX, Magna-Tiles, and any other type of building blocks can be a fun, interactive activity for you and your client/child. There is so much you can build and play using blocks. Your imagination is the limit! Read on for tips on what to do and say. Most importantly, have fun playing!

Core Words

Do	I
Have	You
Help	It
Like	Me
Make	Cool
Need	Fun
Put	On
Turn	More
Want	That

Materials

Building	AAC User
Blocks	AAC Device
	You

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.

finder
word

Find
Word

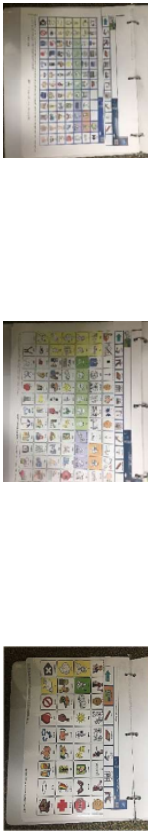
Reasons to Communicate	One Word	Two Words	Three(+) Words
Getting Wants/Needs Met <i>(requesting objects/ activities/permission/ attention, etc. directing action/to stop, request help)</i>	Do Help Put That More Need Want Have	You do I put Help me I help Want more I want I have Have it	I want that Put it there Put it on I want more Put more on Put it on top I have more I need that
Exchange Information <i>(share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.)</i>	Need Help Put That I Cool Have Make No Look What	I put Put on On top I have You have Look it Not that Want that What make Need help I help	Did you put it on? You need more Let's do more I want to play more I like that one I don't want What you make I put it on I need that one Not that one I can help
Social Closeness/Etiquette <i>(greet, take turns, comment, etc.)</i>	I You My Like Do Want Cool Fun Uh-oh	I like I do You do My turn I put It on That cool It fun I want	You did it I did it I like that My turn to do it I put it on That is cool It was fun I want more Uh-oh! It fell!

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:







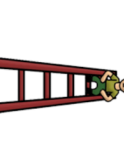

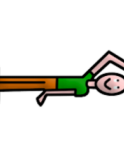
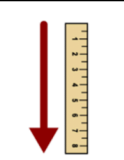







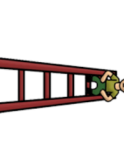

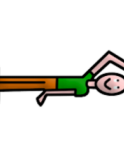
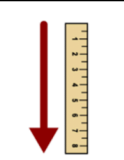

- Looking for more LEGO ideas? Check out this Pinterest post with 25 creative ideas and activities you can do with LEGO blocks. There are ideas for building mazes and bridges and playing LEGO Bingo.
https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AWP7Zhh2SX90eucf2z1NYC5T2mDxW1xoyKHVi1_K9IAjakcJ4mvfDs0/
- Playing with building blocks can be a great way to focus on basic concepts:
 - On/off: **Put it on, Take it off, It is on top, Got it on, It is on, You took it off**
 - Top/bottom: **Put it on top, Put it on the bottom**
 - Other concepts to target: **up/down, big/little, high/low, tall/short, colors**
- Remember to keep your conversation natural. Playing with blocks should not seem like work. So, don't give too many directions or control the play too much. Instead focus on modeling what you are doing and thinking while playing.
- Also, talk about and describe what the child is doing while you play. **Uh-oh!** Did the tower **fall down**? Talk about it and rebuild it. Are you **making** a pattern? Make sure you use the correct **colors** in the pattern. But, remember have fun!!

Using a lite-tech communication board? Or need some choices to help you communicate during this activity?


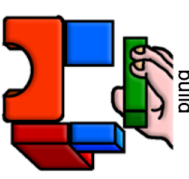






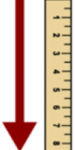
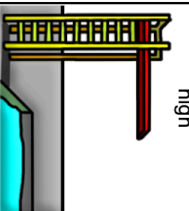


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You can add this strip to a LAMP WFL, Unity 84, Unity 60 lite-tech system.

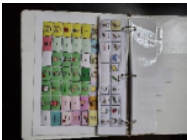
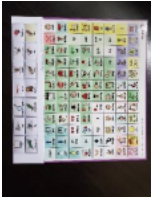
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You can add this strip to Unity 28 lite-tech system.

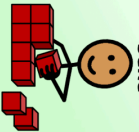



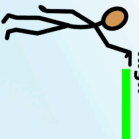


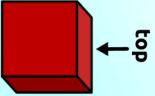
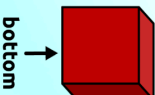

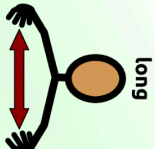
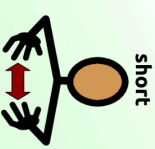
 uh oh	 build
 fall	
 top	
 bottom	 big
 tall	 little
 long	 high
 short	 low

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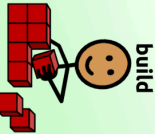



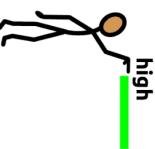
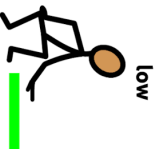

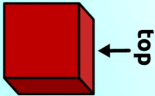
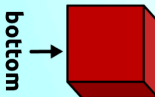

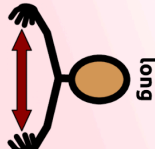
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<div>uh oh...</div> 				<div>top</div> 	<div>bottom</div> 		<div>tall</div> 	<div>long</div> 	<div>short</div> 

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