Active with AAC

Gardening

Spring has arrived! Time to get out in the garden and get planting! Working in the garden is fun and therapeutic. Enjoy the colors and smells, getting dirty, and communicating with your AAC user about the garden. Depending on your device, you might consider using a low-tech board to protect your device from dirt and water.

Core Words

Do	I
Dig	You
Like	My
Look	It
Love	Here
Need	That
Push	Colors
Put	Dirty
Want	Pretty

Materials

Seeds/Plants	You
Dirt	AAC User
Pots	AAC Device
Garden tools	

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*)	Want Need That Look Put In Here More Dig	I want Want that Want here Put in Put here In here More here Put more Dig here	I want that I want to dig I need that Need more of that Put that here Put it here Put more here I want to dig Look at that
Exchange Information (*share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.*)	I You Look More Here That Dig Push What Color Like	I do I dig Like that You like? I like Put here? What color? Want + color Push here Dig here Look that	I do it You dig here I like that You like it? Put it here? I put it here What color want Push over here Dig in here I want + color Look at that!
Social Closeness/Etiquette (*greet, take turns, comment, etc.*)	I You More Turn Like Love Cool Pretty Dirty Careful	I do You do My turn Love it! I like That cool It pretty Be careful It dirty You dirty	This is + color I want to do it I love it! I like that That is pretty. It is so pretty! I love the + color Yuck! Its dirty! It is dirty You got dirty!

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Any time you are using water or dirt or anything else that may be unsafe for an electronic device, it is safest to use a low-tech form of communication. You can download many low-tech boards from our website here: AAC Language Lab. Keep your AAC device safe!
- Gardening can be a great time to talk about colors! Flowers come in many different colors. Talk about the ones you like, which ones you think are pretty, and which ones you don't like. This is the perfect time to model commenting.
- Some other concepts you could model are:
  - Prepositions: **in, on, under, over**
  - Determiners: **this, that, there, here**
  - Questions: **what, where**
- This could be a great opportunity to work in some STEM (i.e. science) and talk about the plant life cycle using core. In addition to the words above, you can use words like: **grow, big, little, new, young, need**(s), etc.
- Remember keep your modeling natural and focus on enjoying the task and time. Don't ask too many questions or force responses. Just keep modeling!

For Minspeak Vocabularies
(Unity, LAMP WFL)

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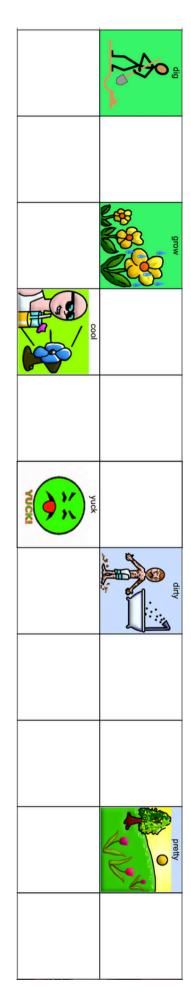Using a lite-tech communication board? Or need some choices to help you communicate during this activity?

The following strips can be used as choice boards or fringe vocabulary for the above activity. If you are using this as fringe vocabulary, you will need one of our lite-tech flip books or a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Dow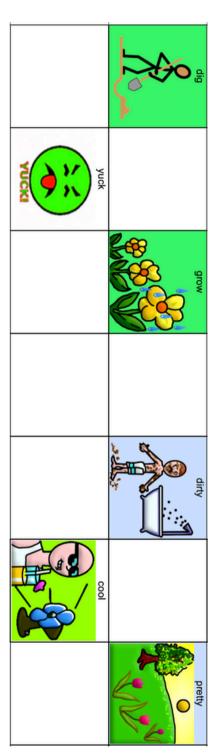nload the boards here. You can add these strips to a flip book. Or, you can Velcro these to the top of a single page lite-tech core word board.

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

dig	grow	cool		yuck	dirty		pretty	

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

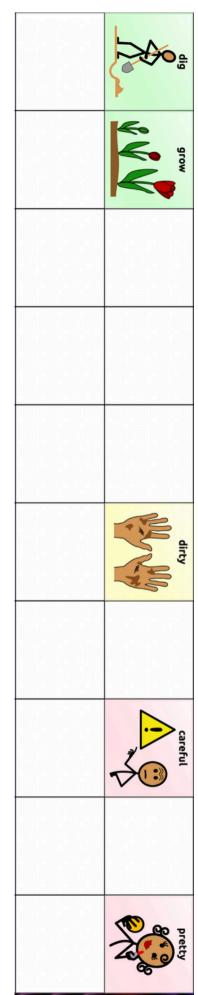| dig	yuck	grow		dirty	cool	pretty

For WordPower Vocabularies

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You can add this strip to the WordPower 60 Basic Flip Book to the GROUPS tab.

dig	grow				dirty		careful		pretty

You can add this strip to the WordPower42 Basic Flip Book to the GROUPS tab.

dig	grow		dirty		careful	pretty	