

Active with AAC

Sponge Balls

Have fun this summer with a good old-fashioned water balloon fight using these sponge balls. These are like reusable water balloons (link in the Tips section for directions on how to make them)! Just make sure you **use a low-tech communication board** when playing with water to protect your device!

Core Words

Can	Want
Do/did	I
Get/got	You
Give	More
Go	"colors"
Help	Cool
Like	Fun
Need	Wet
Put	Dry

Materials

Sponges	Child/client
(cut into strips)	You
String	AAC System
Water	
Bucket	

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

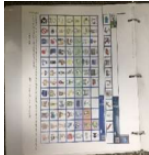
Reasons to Communicate	One Word	Two Words	Three(+) Words
Getting Wants/Needs Met (requesting objects/ activities/permission/ attention, etc. directing action/to stop, request help)	Want Help Need Go More Can Put Do	I want I need Help me You do Need more More go Need (+ color) Want more	I want (+color) Can you help me? I need more Let's play more Put all in There no more Can I do it? I need more
Exchange Information (share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.)	Look Like I You Help Do/did Need Want Give Get/got Here	I like You like? Like (+ color) Did it? You do I do Look it Put here You put Want (+color)? I put	You got me! You got me wet I am wet It is dry I like that I can do it Do you have more? Do you need help? I have it Put it here Put it in
Social Closeness/Etiquette (greet, take turns, comment, etc.)	I You Do Like Cool Fun More "Colors" Wet	Do it You do Like it It pretty That fun Like (+color) It wet Stop it I got	You got me! You did it! I got you! It is wet! I am all wet! That was fun I want to do it I put it in

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Follow the link for directions on how to make sponge balls.
 - https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AU8vkGDa1_fITlu4KidP9jJWhnfQjQzYAZ6FLxJpND6p_DZLnuJOOcd8/
- While making the sponge balls, let your child/client pick which color sponges they want for each sponge ball. Core words to use could be: **want, like, red, green (etc. – any color), help, I, you**
- A great way to work on some different reasons to communicate is to sabotage the child/client while making the balloons. For example:
 - If the child asks for green, give them blue. Wait for them to say: **no, that's wrong**, etc.
 - If you are at the step of tying the sponges together, let the child try. If they have difficulty, show them how to ask for **help**. Do not anticipate their needs! Instead, wait for them to ask for **help**.
- Don't force communication when playing. The child/client does not have to say go every time a water balloon is thrown. Instead, talk about it after: **that was fun, you threw them all, you got me**, etc.

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


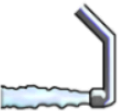










The following strips can be used as choice boards or fringe vocabulary for the above activity. If you are using this as fringe vocabulary, you will need one of our lite-tech flip books or a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Download the boards [here](#). You 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.

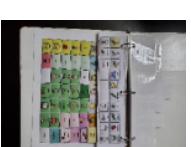
	sponge		water			fun				wet		dry
Let's												
	squeeze						orange	yellow	green	blue	purple	red
												

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










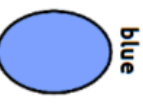

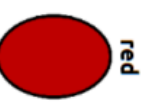
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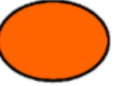




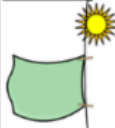



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You can add this strip to the WordPower 60 Basic Flip Book to the GROUPS tab.

 sponge		 water		 fun					 wet	 dry
 Let's				 orange	 yellow	 green	 blue	 purple	 red	

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

 sponge		 water			 orange	 yellow	 green
 Let's		 wet	 dry	 blue	 purple	 red	