How to Create a Partner Assisted CoreScanner "Flip 'n Talk" Board



What is a Flip 'n Talk?: A Flip 'n Talk is a manual augmentative communication system created by SLP Nancy Inman. It consists of a main "core vocabulary board" (containing high frequency words) with strips of "fringe" vocabulary (highly motivating nouns) attached at the top. It is used with individuals who need notech and/or low-tech augmentative and alternative communication support. While sample "core" boards and noun tabs are included with the product, a variety of core boards and fringe strips can be created. This document provides the directions for creating a Flip 'n Talk using the CoreScanner vocabulary designed for the Accent line of products.

Using partner assisted scanning with a CoreScanner Flip 'n Talk:

Partner-assisted scanning is a technique implemented with children who have severe motor and communication impairments, especially those with additional visual impairments, as an alternative mode of communication. It can be used with children for whom an alternative form of communication has yet to be established or for those children whose typical method is not available due to positioning changes, fatigue issues or device repair/maintenance. A specific movement or sound is designated as a "signal" to indicate the child's choice as the partner scans through the options. Examples of "signals" include: eye blinks, smiles, sounds/clicks, head nods, finger taps, or looking up with the eyes. Any "signal" can be used, but it is imperative that all communication partners are trained to know which "signal" to watch for while communicating with the individual. The communication partner slowly speaks each choice aloud in sequence and waits for the individual to "signal" their desired choice.



Video Demonstration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs63wToBpwc&index=13&list=PLeOTpEiOoX bifrXqD5koAv1Mq-nhWv45Z

<u>Where can I purchase a Flip 'n Talk?</u>: Visit author Nancy Inman's website for information <u>www.inmaninnovations.com/InmanInnovationsFlipnTalk.php</u> or search the Boardmaker website for purchasing info: <u>www.goboardmaker.com</u>

Directions for assembling a Partner Assisted CoreScanner Flip 'n Talk:

- 1. Print a CoreScanner manual board then insert it into the bottom section of the Flip 'n Talk: <u>https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources/corescanner-manual-communication-boards</u>
- 2. Customizing and printing the strips of fringe words: Strips can be customized by deleting any unwanted choices and adding new choices using the WRITE WITH ICONS tool in PRC's PASS software available for windows computers. Please note the Write with Icons tool is only available in the Jam level and above. We suggest loading the BLAST level of vocabulary in order to find the greatest number of vocabulary words for customizing the Flip 'n Talk system.
 - a. Download PASS free of charge from the PRC website here: <u>https://www.prentrom.com/prc_advantage/free-software-download-pass</u>
 - b. Once PASS is downloaded you will need to change the language in PASS to the CoreScanner vocabulary using these steps: Select Toolbox, Select Maint Menu, Select Change Product Configuration, Select CoreScanner, Select YES to load all areas with CoreScanner.
 - c. You can move to different vocabulary levels of CoreScanner in the USER AREA MENU, switch user area. Note that CoreScanner AUTO requires one switch. CoreScanner STEP will require 2 switches.



- d. After selecting a level in the CoreScanner vocabulary in PASS, click on the VOCABULARY tab, then select "Vocabulary Display Options" and finally select "Write with Icons". Type the name of the word you want to add to a strip and select the space bar and the word and icon sequence will appear. Now copy (edit menu, copy) and paste the **final icon** in the sequence into the strip of fringe words you are customizing.
- e. If a specific word/icon you are looking for is not found in the CoreScanner vocabulary you can add it by following the steps in Accent 800, 1000 and 1400 quick reference guide to edit a key by changing the icon, message and label.
- 3. Once you have customized the strips of fringe words, print the strips and the small tabs onto a full sheet of sticky label paper (available at most office supply stores) and adhere them on the strips and tabs at the top.
- 4. Some teams prefer to create their own low-tech flip system versus purchasing the Flip 'n Talk product. This can be done by printing and laminating the core board and strips of fringe words and using a binding machine available at most schools or office supply stores. To ensure the lamination on the strips doesn't come apart when you cut out the strips you may want to copy and paste the strips you want to use in alternating







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