Gimme 5

Purpose

This resource helps you identify core vocabulary that can be naturally modeled during everyday interactions. By pairing activities, interests, or topics with core vocabulary, you can create more opportunities for meaningful communication and language learning.

Directions

Choose an activity, interest, or topic. Then select four core words that could be naturally modeled or used during that activity or interaction.

Together, the activity word and four core words become your **Gimmie 5**. If you need ideas, a core word list such as the *100 Most Frequently Used Words* can be a helpful resource.

Examples:

Bubbles	Car	Video Game	Grocery Store
• open	• stop	• go	• want
• more	• go	• stop	• find
• up	• fast	• win	• help
• down	• slow	• help	• where

Notice that many core words can be used across activities and topics. For example, words like go, stop, more, open, up, and down are useful across many contexts, giving AAC users more opportunities to combine words and express different messages.

Tips

- **Choose** words that can be used repeatedly throughout the activity.
- **Think** beyond requesting. Consider words for commenting, directing, describing, protesting, asking questions, and social interaction.
- **Look** for opportunities to combine words to create longer messages during the activity (example: Grocery Store: want chips, find milk, where apples, help me).
- **Continue** building additional *Gimme 5* sets to expand vocabulary options as you add new activities, interests, or topics.

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Directions: Using your Top 100 Core Words list as a reference, select an activity and then select 4 core words that can be modeled while engaging with the activity.

Activity

Core Word #1

Core Word #2

Core Word #3

Core Word #4

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