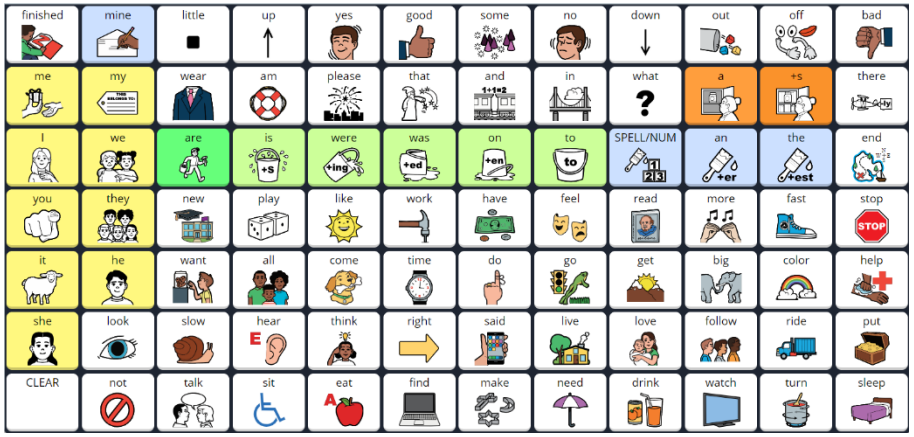
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Home (Core) Screen

About LAMP Words for Life

- LAMP Words for Life is a Minspeak vocabulary, organized in **Symbol Families.**
- The core symbols on the home screen are **Multiple Meaning Symbols** and are not intended to mean one thing.
- Words in each Symbol Family are "*related*" to each other.
- Organizing words this way in an AAC system promotes semantic mapping and webbing – all which is considered good practice when focusing on vocabulary teaching.

Chart Key:

Symbol & Label– the image on the button & the 1-Hit core word/button label

Symbol Rationale – example sentence connecting words in the word family for each symbol

Verb: Present Tense – action word(s) associated with core symbol. **Color code** = *green*

Adjective – describing words(s) associated with core symbol. **Color code** = *blue*

Noun – category noun(s) associated with core symbol. **Color code** = *orange*

Pronoun – word used in place of a noun. **Color code** = *yellow*

Adverb – word(s) describing how, when, or where something happens (*no dedicated button color*)

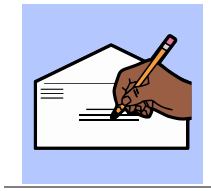
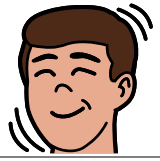
Symbol Family– types of words in word family

Adding New Words: When adding new words to LAMP Words for Life, consider both the Symbol Family and the button location. New vocabulary is often added by finding a semantically related Symbol Family and then creating a meaningful connection to a home screen button. For example, when the word *iPad* was added, it was placed in the FIND Symbol Family and assigned to the EAT location because iPads are made by Apple.

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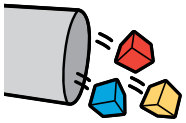
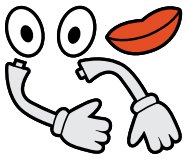
Symbol & Label	Symbol Rationale	Verb: Present Tense	Adjective	Noun or Pronoun	Adverb	Symbol Family
finished 	He has **finished** reading the book.	**finish**				NA
mine 	That letter is **mine.**			**mine**		NA *Good place to add proper names.
little 	The square is **little.**		**little** weak thin skinny			NA
up 	The arrow points **up.**					NA
yes 	You nod your head to say **yes.**					NA *Good place to add positive/affirming words

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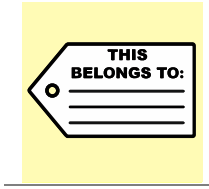
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good 	You get a thumbs up for doing **good** work.		**good** great wonderful			POSITIVITY
some 	There are several here and **some** there.			numbers some +time, where, body, etc		Indefinite pronouns that start with “some”. Numbers 1-10.
no 	You shake your head to say **no.**			nowhere no one nobody nothing		Indefinite pronouns that start with “no”. *Good place to add negating words
down 	The arrow is pointing **down.**					NA
out 	The dice fell **out** of the cup.					NA
off 	You can take Mr. Potato Head’s body parts **off**.			**body**		BODY PARTS

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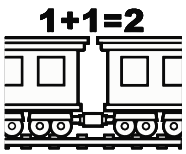
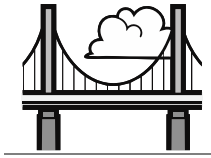
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bad 	You make a thumbs down when something is **bad.**	**divorce** shoot kill mistake attack stab, etc	**bad** evil awful terrible	**negative** problem accident error weapon	**badly**	NEGATIVITY
me 	You give it to **me.**	**give**		**me** **gift** myself ourselves, etc.		GIVING
my 	**My** name is___.	**write** copy spell print mail		**my** **name** ours yours theirs, etc.		NAMES *Personal information sentences.
wear 	I **wear nice** clothing	**wear** tie button dress zip	**nice** tight loose	**clothing** had + I, we, you, they, it, he, she	**nicely**	CLOTHING
am 	**Am** I too busy to help?	**am** **be** behave become	**busy**		**busily**	HELPING VERBS

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please 	Can we **please** watch the fireworks?	**thank**	**thankful**		**thankfully**	INTERJECTIONS
that 	The wizard can do magic with **that** wand.		**magical**	**that** **magic**		DETERMINERS MAGIC
and 	The engine is first **and** the caboose is last.	**count**		**number**		CONJUNCTIONS NUMERACY WORDS
in 	The cloud is **in** the sky.					PREPOSITIONS
what 	**What** is your name?	**ask**		**question**		QUESTION WORDS

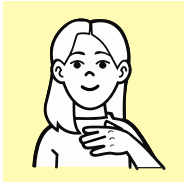
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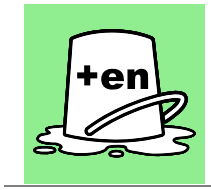
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a 	Old Mother Hubbard has **a** single thing in her cupboard.					NOUNS
+s 	Old Mother Hubbard has several thing**s** in her cupboard.					PLURAL NOUN When added to a word, it changes the word to its plural form.
there 	The airplane flew **there.**					ADVERBS + LY
I 	Here **I** am!	**I'm** I've I'll I'd		**I**		I + VERB PHRASES
we 	**We** are friends.	**we're** we've we'll we'd		**we** us our		WE + VERB PHRASES

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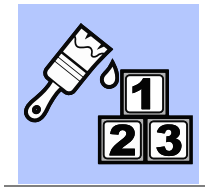
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are 	We **are** going to work.	**are**				BASE VERB
is 	The paint **is** full and splashes out.	**is**				S-ENDING
were 	We **were** making a mess.	**were**				-ING ENDING
was 	The paint **was** spilled.	**was**				-ED ENDING
on 	The bucket has fallen and now there is paint **on** the floor.					-EN ENDING

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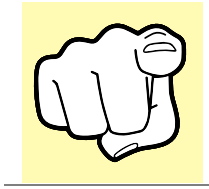
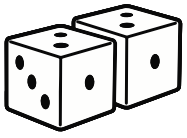
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to 	We need **to** paint the walls.	**to**				INFINITIVE VERBS
SPELL/NUM 	Paint a pretty picture.					ADJ Keyboard & **Word Finder** tool.
an 	Let's make an even prettier painting.					ER-ENDING
the 	*That's the **prettiest** painting.*					EST-ENDING
end 	The treasure is hidden at the **end** of the path.	**end** direct trip govern travel	**other** another near far	**place**		PLACES

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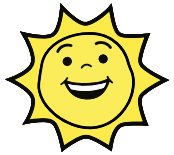
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you 	I'm talking to **you!**	**you're** you've you'll you'd		**you** your		YOU + VERB PHRASES
they 	**They** are friends.	**they've** they've they'll they'd		**they** them their		THEY + VERB PHRASES
new 	I learn **new** things at school.	**know** cheat learn study teach, etc.	**new** sure certain true false	**knowledge** **class**	**newly**	KNOWLEDGE GRADES
play 	You roll the dice to **play** this game.	**play** tickle match win party, etc.	**easy** difficult	**game** toy		GAMES TOYS

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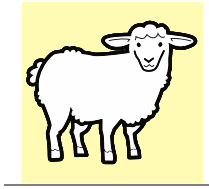
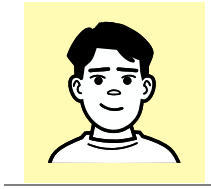
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like 	I **like** to have fun in the sun.	**like** laugh smile cry frown	**funny**	**fun**	only	FUN
work 	Using a hammer is hard **work.**	**work** complete adjust abuse hit, etc.	**hard** fixable useable	**job** occupation employment tools	hardly	JOBS TOOLS
have 	I like to **have** lots of money.	**have** steal pay sell check, etc.	**real** actual cheap expensive inexpensive	**money**	really	MONEY
feel 	Masks show how you **feel.**	**feel** act pretend enjoy, etc.	**sad** proud angry grouchy	**feelings** happy crazy sick, etc.	**sadly**	FEELINGS
read 	Let's **read** a book.	**read** understand	**favorite** smart dumb	**book**		BOOKS READING

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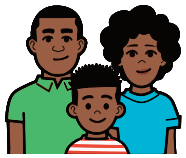
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more 	I want **more** music	**sing** practice dance clap	**many** more most less	**song**	**mostly**	MUSIC
fast 	I *run* **fast** in my new shoes.	**run** walk jump climb crawl, etc.	**fast** quick	**sport** equipment	quickly	SPORTS EQUIPMENT
stop 	You **stop** and *wait* at the stop sign.	**stop** surrender quit wait		**sign** quitter		COMPLETION Word Endings: s, -ly, +ing, +ed, +er, +est
it 	I'm not sure if **it** is a male or female.	it's it'll it'd		**it** its		IT + VERB PHRASES
he 	**He** likes to smile.	he's he'll he'd		**he** him his		HE + VERB PHRASES

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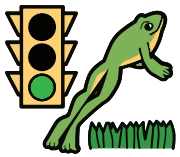
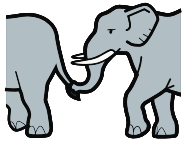
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want 	I **want** a cookie and *hope* I get one!	**want** bet hope hate	**wrong** hopeful		**wrongly**	DESIRES
all 	**All** of the *family* is here.	**let** join allow adopt marry	**kind** tall short	**family** mom dad brother sister	**kindly**	FAMILY
come 	The dog will **come** when I call.	**come** receive carry stink bring	**tame** wild stinky	**animal**		ANIMALS
time 	It's **time** to go.	**start** age begin	**old** exact early late	**time** calendar date		TIME
do 	I tie a string on my finger so I remember what to **do.**	**do** roll pull throw pass, etc.	**important** rough soft smooth	**accessory**	**importantly**	ACCESSORY

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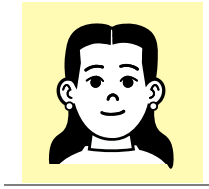
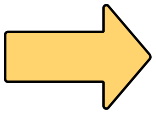
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go 	You can **go** When the light turns green.	**go** escape hurry	**long**	pool school grocery, etc.		COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
get 	We **get** up in the morning when the sun rises.	**get** float fall	**low** light dark	**nature** flowers trees water, etc.		NATURE
big 	The elephants are **big**.	**meet** lift drop	**big** huge strong thick, etc.		strongly thickly heavily powerfully	POWER
color 	The rainbow is full of **color.**	**color** draw cut glue, etc.	**pretty** beautiful ugly	**art supply** **art**	beautifully	COLORS ARTS
help 	**Help** me wash my hands.	**help** flush burn hurt, etc	**wet** healthy dirty	**medicine** toiletry	**wetly**	MEDICINE

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she 	**She** likes the sun.	she's she'll she'd		**she** her		SHE + VERB PHRASES
look 	**Look** at my makeup!	**look** see show	**blurry** alike	**sight** make-up		SIGHT VISION
slow 	The snail is **slow**.	**take** relax	**slow**		**slowly**	MOVEMENT
hear 	Quiet everybody, do you **hear** that sound?	**hear** ring sound listen	**quiet** loud noisy		**quietly**	HEARING
think 	What do you **think** about this idea?	**think** wonder judge interest, etc.	**bright**	**idea**	**brightly**	IDEA
right 	**Right** this way.	**leave** send stay excuse, etc.	**right**	**way** exit entrance	**rightly**	WAY

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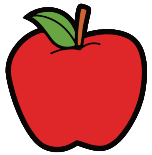
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said 	I **said** hello on the phone.	**say** hang state interview joke, etc.		**phone**		PHONE
live 	I **live** in a cozy home.	**live** build welcome lock, etc.	**cozy** alive	**home** home parts dwelling	**lively**	HOME
love 	Mom **loves** to hug and kiss her baby.	**love** kiss hug accept, etc.	**young**	**life** relationship	**lovely**	LIFE
follow 	A few people **follow** the group. **Follow** your friend.	**Follow** group baby	**few** strange	**person** people		PEOPLE
ride 	Could we **ride** there soon?	**ride** crash front back, etc.	**soon** flat	**thing** transportation vehicle		VEHICLES

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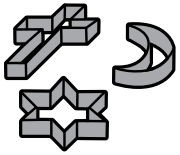
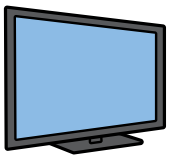
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put 	**Put** your treasure in the chest.	**put** trade save hide, etc.	poor rich safe	**lot** container	poorly safely richly	CONTAINER
not 	I don't like that, **not** at all!					NEGATIVES
talk 	Let's **talk** so I can tell you a secret.	**talk** explain message tell		**sentence**		SENTENCES
sit 	I **sit** in my wheelchair.	**sit** access	**disabled**	disability assistive technology		DISABILITY
eat 	If you are hungry, you can **eat** an apple.	**eat** grow bite chew	**hungry**	**food**	**hungrily**	FOOD
find 	I can **find** my email on the computer.	**store** find		**computer**		COMPUTER TECH

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make 	I like to **make** special things for the holidays.	**make** round side wish	**high** special	**holiday** **shape**	**highly**	HOLIDAYS SHAPES
need 	Do I **need** an umbrella in the rain?	**need** snow clear rain		**weather**	clearly snowy rainy	WEATHER
drink 	Can I **drink** the juice?	**drink** suck swallow blow	**thirsty** full small medium, etc.	**beverage**	thirstily fully largely	BEVERAGES
watch 	Let's **watch** a movie on TV.	**watch** happen	**famous**	**TV** **characters**		TV CHARACTERS
turn 	**Turn** up the heat so the soup gets hot.	**turn** shake bake heat, etc.	**hot** usual cold	**dish** appliances	**hotly**	DISHES APPLIANCES
sleep 	I am tired, so I **sleep** in my bed.	**sleep** rest wake cover	**tired** awake	**furniture**	**tiredly**	FURNITURE LINENS

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Example: The home-screen word *mine* uses the Symbol Library image **address.**



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