

News-2-You Supports

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The AAC Language Lab has teamed up with News-2-You to bring weekly supports for Unity® on PRC's family of devices. News-2-You is a weekly newspaper used in special education classrooms for beginning readers and students with special needs. Every week, students can connect with the world through concise symbol-supported news articles, puzzles, games, and recipes. Each edition provides stimulating information on reader-friendly topics. It is designed for teaching and expanding communication and literacy skills from basic awareness of symbols and print to reading fluently with comprehension.

The weekly News-2-You newspaper improves communication through fun and educational activities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Subscribers of News-2-You will discover that individuals can participate in all activities using these pre-made supports whether they are using sequenced Unity or Unity one-hit. News-2-You supports include:

Support	Advantages	Take Note
Load a News-2-You Activity Row onto your device	Quick access to that week's vocabulary while maintaining access to Unity.	Content words will disappear the next week, replaced with the new needed vocabulary.
Use vocabulary builder to teach words from the N2Y lessons already programmed in sequenced Unity. Vocabulary builder is a tool within PRC devices that teaches a small set of vocabulary within the context of the entire Unity program.	Focus on core vocabulary that is already available within Unity without the need to load in activity- specific vocabulary. Vocabulary builder reduces the visual load so the words can be taught in a smaller set while keeping motor plans constant.	Only available for words already stored in Unity. Some fringe/ activity-specific words may not be stored in Unity (e.g., Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Seuss). You can load the News-2-You activity row to access the needed fringe vocabulary for the lesson.
Load a News-2-You page onto your device	Quick access to that week's vocabulary all in one place.	Vocabulary that the student learns one week will not be available after that page is replaced with the next N2Y lesson; student does not learn the words in the context of Unity (where many of the words may already be stored)

An uploadable activity row



Activity Row

Smart charts for core vocabulary



Art in Schools – Words for Life Sequence

teach	new	TEACH	teach	
paint	color	PAINT	paint	
look	look	look		
like	like	like		

Smart Chart

News-2-You page



If you are using the LAMP Words for Life app on an iPad, we provide smart charts with the target vocabulary and a manual communication board in lieu of the activity row since that feature is not available on an iPad. Use this board for all the target vocabulary words not found in the Words for Life vocabulary.