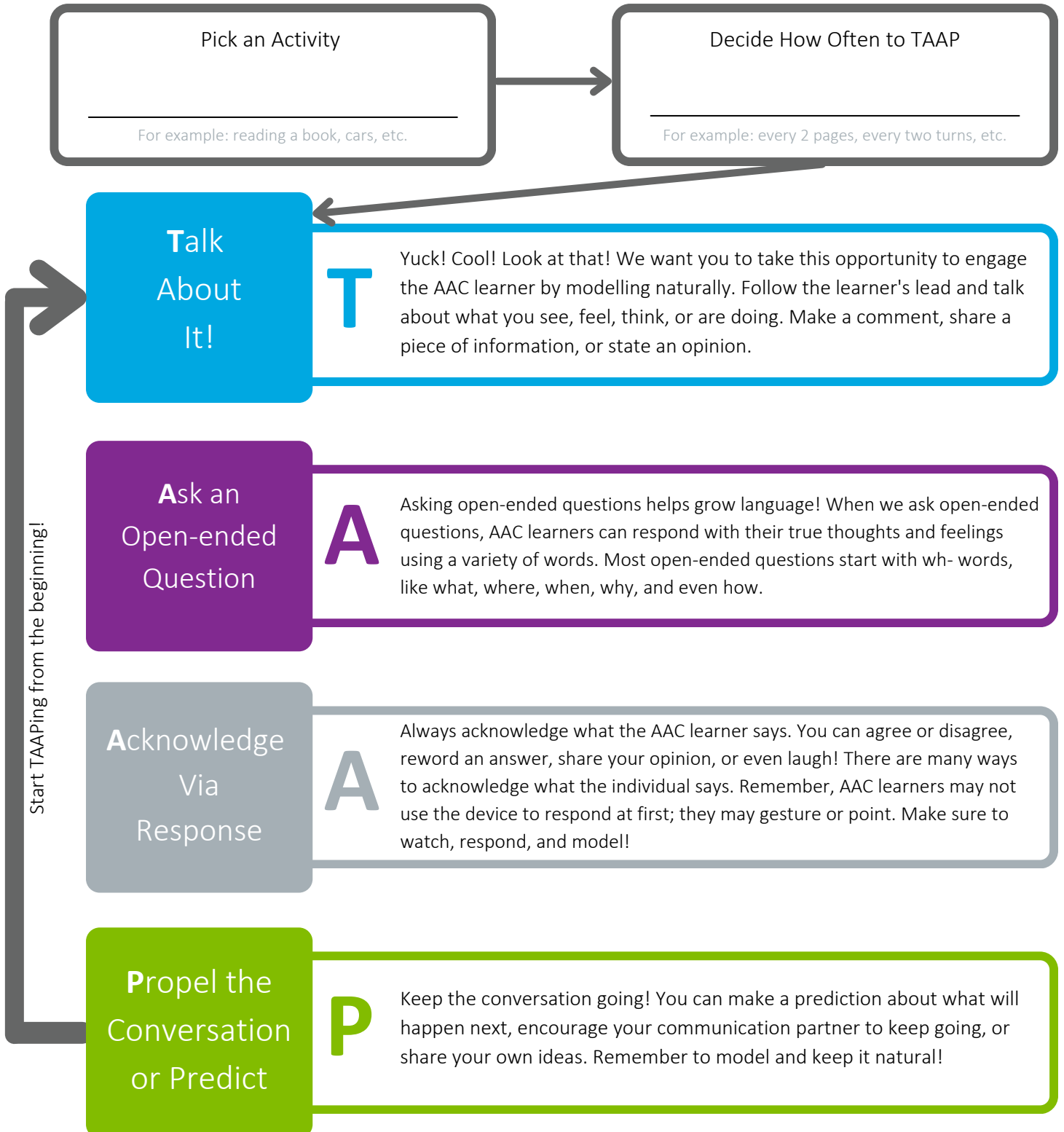


# The TAAP Strategy

Research tells us that as we grow, we communicate in different ways. It is important to move beyond the level of expressing wants and needs. Individuals who use AAC learn best when language is modeled to them using their AAC system. When modeling, there are many useful strategies you can employ to model and grow language!

Try using this simple acronym to learn and remember what to model on an AAC system. Using the TAAP strategy, you can focus on modeling language naturally while completing a fun, engaging activity with the individual using AAC.

Learn more about the steps of the TAAP strategy below.



# TAAP Your Way Through Anything!

You can TAAP your way through any activity! TAAPing your way through is a great way to engage the AAC learner in conversation in a natural and fun way. Using the TAAP strategy will help move beyond requesting and make communication during any activity meaningful!

As you go through your activity, focus on the AAC learner. What does the individual think? Is it fun? Is it boring? Follow the individual's lead and keep TAAPing your way through!

Pick your activity, decide how often you will TAAP, and have fun communicating and modeling on the AAC device!

Pick an Activity

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For example: reading a book, cars, etc.

Decide How Often to TAAP

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For example: every 2 pages, every two turns, etc.

**Talk About It!**

What to talk about?  
Make a comment about what you see, share, or show something, express a feeling, or state your opinion.

Core Words to Model

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**Ask an Open-ended Question**

Open-ended questions typically start with a wh- question word and have an answer that is not yes or no.

Core Words to Model

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**Acknowledge Via Response**

Acknowledging the AAC learner can look like a lot of different things. You may repeat what the AAC learner said or you may expand. Keep it natural.

Core Words to Model

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**A**

**Propel the Conversation or Predict**

We make predictions and talk about the future all the time! It is important to model this for AAC learners too!

Core Words to Model

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Start TAAPing from the beginning!