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Home (Core) Screen

Vocab												Menu
ME	MY SENTENCES	GREETINGS	MORNING MEETING	yes	KEYBOARD	no	maybe	I don't know	TOOLS	PAGES		
GIVE	NAMES	TALK	FEELING	SOCIAL	DETERMINERS	CONJUNCTIONS	PREPOSITIONS	QUESTIONS	a	+s	AGAIN	
I	WE	are	is	were	was	on	to	off	an	the	FIND	
YOU	THEY	KNOW	PLAY	LIKE	WORK	HAVE	FEEL	READ	MORE	FAST	STOP	
IT	HE	WANT	FAMILY	COME	TIME	DO	THINK	BIG	GET	COLOR	WASH	
SHE	LOOK	SLOW	COMPUTER	SAY	GOOD	HEAR	LIVE	GO	RIDE	LOVE	HELP	
CLEAR	not	CHANGE	EAT	MAKE	NEED	BAD	WATCH	DRINK	TURN	PUT	SLEEP	

About Unity

- Unity is a Minspeak system, organized in **word families**.
- The symbols on the home screen can mean more than one thing (**multiple meaning symbols**).
- Words in each word family are “related” to each other.
- Organizing words this way in an AAC system promotes semantic mapping and webbing – which is considered good practice when focusing on vocabulary teaching.

Second screen, after selecting APPLE (EAT).

GO HOME	MY FOODS	ASIAN & MEDITERRANEAN	BREAKFAST & DAIRY	CONDIMENTS	DESSERT & FLAVORS	FRUITS	ITALIAN & MEXICAN	LUNCH & DINNER	MEAT & SEAFOOD	SNACKS	VEGETABLES
									food	foods	hungrily
	eat	eats	eating	ate	esten	to eat	hungry	hungrier	hungriest	anywhere	
			anyone	anyhow				any more		anyway	
	anything	GROW	BITE	any time	CHEW			any day		anybody	
				LICK	CRUNCH				FEED		
CLEAR		SNACK				FRESH	TASTE				

Chart Key:

Symbol – the image on the button

Symbol name – how you would search for it; often different from the label on the button

Verb – action word(s) associated with core symbol. Color code = green button

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

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

IDCPQA – grammatical category symbols on home screen. Not all are available on the home screen at lower grid levels.

I = Interjections (fireworks) D = Determiners (wizard)

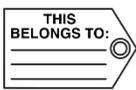
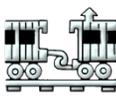
C = Conjunctions (train cars) P = Prepositions (bridge)

Q = Questions (question mark) A = Adverb (airplane w -ly)

Category – Types of Words in Word Family

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

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Symbol	Symbol Name	Verb	Adjective	Noun	IDCPQA (everything else)	Category	Rationale
	OBJECT	give donate accept reject	acceptable	example charity		GIVING	You can give money or donate items to charity . When someone offers you something you can accept it or reject it.
	POSSESSIVE	write name spell copy send		name		NAMES	You can write your name on a tag. If you can't spell it, you can copy it.
	SENTENCE	talk tell		sentence	unless	SENTENCES	The two people talk to each other. They tell each other special things unless they break up!
	HELPING VERB	be, am might will become	busy		within	HELPING VERBS	When there's work to be done, you will become busy. Work hard and you might get done.
	INTERJECTION	thank	thankful		awesome! thank you! yum, yuck OMG	SURPRISE WORDS	OMG! Thank you for the awesome fireworks! Wow!
	DETERMINER	that's	magical	magic	that all every this	POINTING WORDS	This wizard can perform magic with that wand. All the tricks leave every person amazed.
	CONJUNCTION	count		number	and both	JOINING WORDS	Can you count the wheels on both trains? Two wheels on one and two on the other.
	PREPOSITION				across over on, off under	POSITION WORDS	A cloud can float across a bridge, under it, or even through it. A car can drive on a bridge.

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	QUESTION WORD	ask		question	what where who why	QUESTION WORDS	Can I ask you some questions ? What is your name, where are you from, and why are you here?
	NOUN				a	NOUNS	Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard and found a single jar of food. Singular category noun at end of sequence.
	PLURAL				+s	PLURALS	Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard and found jars of food. Changes a word to its plural form e.g. <i>jar</i> becomes <i>jars</i> and <i>food</i> becomes <i>foods</i> .
	ADVERB				again here now very	ADVERBS + LY	I'm so glad to see you here again . Now I'm very happy. Adds <i>-ly</i> when used at the end of a sequence. e.g. <i>soft</i> becomes <i>softly</i> and <i>nice</i> is <i>nice</i> ly.
	I	I'm I can I like		I me my		PRONOUN PHRASES	I'm happy I can be there. Call my cell phone to tell me when you'll be back.
	WE	we're we can we might		our we us		PRONOUN PHRASES	We're coming to visit you, and we can stay for a few days. We might be able to stay for a week.
	VERB	are				BASE VERB	Single-hit short cut to common verb are . Present tense verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>eat</i> .

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	VERB+S	is				S-ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common verb is . 3 rd person singular verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>eats</i> .
	VERB+ING	were				ING-ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common verb were . Pres. progressive verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>spilling</i> .
	VERB+ED	was				ED-ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common verb was . Past tense verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>spilled</i> .
	VERB+EN				on	EN-ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common preposition on . Past participle verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>eaten</i> .
	TO+VERB	to				TO	Single-hit short cut to common preposition to . Infinitive verb form at end of a sequence, e.g. <i>to eat</i> .
	ADJ	off				ADJECTIVE	Single hit short cut to common preposition off . Related adjective at end of sequence, e.g. <i>hungry</i> .
	ADJ+ER				an	ER-ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common determiner an . Related comparative form at end of sequence, e.g. <i>hungrier</i> .
	ADJ+EST				the	-EST ENDING	Single-hit short cut to common determiner the . Related superlative form at end of sequence, e.g. <i>hungriest</i> .

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	ISLAND	find direct govern vote	other another near far	country direction election vote	beside of course! away	WORLD PLACES DIRECTION POLITICS	Can you direct me to the place where I can find the election booth? I need to vote , of course .
	YOU	you're you may you need		your		PRONOUN PHRASES	If you're going out, you may want to put your coat on. You need to stay warm.
	THEY	they've they like they love		them their they		PRONOUN PHRASES	They love ice cream so much that they've bought an ice cream maker. Their desserts make them very popular!
	SCHOOL	know try learn study	sure certain true false	class activity	at congrats! already	CLASSES GRADES	We are at school to study and learn things. We sure try hard to improve our knowledge. I want to know what is true and what is false .
	DICE	play match cheat win	little small	toy game	both out these as	GAMES TOYS PLAY	You roll the small dice to play a game . Both look the same. You might win or lose - but don't cheat !
	SUN	Like enjoy cry laugh smile	funny silly	fun hobby laughter	ha ha ha! outside only	HOBBIES FUN	The silly looking sun is funny . It might even cause laughter . You can have fun with a hobby you like .
	HAMMER	work hit must use	hard difficult fixable useable	job tool nobody	Must into ouch! how	JOBS TOOLS	Many people use a tool to work on a job . You must work hard to finish. If you hit your finger with a hammer you'd shout " ouch! "

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	MONEY	have buy pay shop	real actual cheap expensive	money lot	a lot than by how much much	MONEY SHOPPING	You need to have some money to buy things. You can pay for cheap or expensive things when you shop . You might pay by card rather than cash.
	MASKS	feel act pretend	sad happy excited scared frustrated	feeling theater excitement fear	sorry each or maybe	FEELINGS ACTING	Masks can show how you feel . You might see excitement or fear . Actors in a theater can pretend to be happy or sad or scared .
	BOOK	read understand will	favorite smart wise	book part	very good! about once	BOOKS READING	I will read my favorite book . I hope I'm smart enough to understand it. If I read enough books, I'll become a wise person.
	MORE	sing dance clap tap	many more less perfect	instrument singer	neither very	MUSIC QUANTITY	When you sing and dance to music , it's sometimes hard not to clap your hands too. And no matter how many songs you know, there are more .
	SHOE	walk run jump sit stand	fast quick high low	sport	yay! just	SPORTS EQUIPMENT	You can walk or run in your sneakers. Maybe you can jump high or low . Or perhaps swim across a pool. SHOE words include things you do with your feet e.g. creep , step , or stand .
	STOP	stop finish end, quit wait	complete	way sign quitter	all done off always	SIGNS COMPLETION	You always stop and wait at a STOP sign until the traffic is all done . You're only finished with a task when it's complete .

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	IT	It's it must it will		it its		PRONOUN PHRASES	The sheep is an animal, but we don't know if it's a male or female. It is wooly so it must be warm. I hope it will be friendly. The sheep has lost its way.
	HE	he's he hopes he might		he him his		PRONOUN PHRASES	Tom said he hopes he might get a new job. It would make him happy if he's hired.
	WANT	want hope bet wish	hopeful lucky unlucky	thing favor chance luck	still please!	DESIRES	If you want a thing and you say please , there's a chance you'll get it. If you bet on something, with luck , you might win. If you lose, there may still be hope .
	FAMILY	let join allow adopt	few several tall	family parent council wedding group	although between	FAMILY	The parents let their child stand between them. A person can be short or tall .
	DOG	come bring smell stay become	tame wild smelly	animal wildlife	toward Bingo! How come?	ANIMALS	A trained dog will come to you and bring or carry something. A dog is a tame animal, but a wolf is wild and may be a little smelly .
	WATCH	start begin age	old exact early late	time beginner	around since	TIME CALENDAR	As time goes by, things get old . The watch goes around your wrist. It's been a long time since the start of the race.

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	DO	do remember touch throw tickle smash	important soft sticky smooth	accessory	except until Excuse me! This Which here	ACCESSORY	Say "I do " when you get married. Tie a string around your finger to remember something important . The ring is an accessory on your finger. DO words are things you do with your hands.
	THINK	think enable believe imagine agree	bright able mean	idea ability imagination	hey above why there	THINKING	The light bulb above her head shows that she is thinking . She has a bright idea . Just imagine what problems she can solve !
	ELEPHANTS	follow lead drop lift might	big large heavy strong	size leader energy	behind quite	POWER	The mighty elephants are big . They meet in line where one is behind the other. Elephants use their trunks to lift and drop things.
	MOUNTAIN	get fall dare shine recycle	natural low light dark	nature environment	good morning those outdoors	NATURE SPACE	We get up in the morning (Good Morning). Be careful not to fall down the mountain. The sun is low in the sky. It was dark outside but soon it will be light .
	RAINBOW	color draw paint glue	pretty beautiful red sharp	color supplies	over perhaps	COLORS ART SUPPLIES	It's always a surprise to see a beautiful (pretty) rainbow. "Somewhere over the rainbow."
	BATH	wash bathe brush comb poop	wet dry clean dirty	body toiletry		BODY SENSORY TOILETRIES	He was dirty so now he's taking a wash in the tub. When he's clean he can get out and dry off.

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	SHE	she could she likes she will		her she		PRONOUN PHRASES	She likes her new car, and she thinks she will go for a weekend away.
	EYE	look see show cause	blurry effective	vision		VISION	Take a look around and see where you are. You may need to wear glasses if your vision is blurry and you can't see well.
	SNAIL	move shall	slow	movement someone somebody something	some	MOVEMENT	Look how slow the snail is moving . Someone saw somebody do something .
	COMPUTER	store program download email google	online offline	computer connection message	from	TECH	Use your computer to email friends and download music. You might want to google an answer to a question. You can use a program to upload your photos.
	PHONE	say call speak discuss text		technology	whom while often hello!	COMMS	Call someone on the phone and speak to them. Discuss how you are and listen to what they have to say .
	THUMBS UP	amaze excel honor	good great kind nice	positive amazement	up absolutely therefore all right	POSITIVITY	It's amazing when you do great at something. It's good to be nice and kind to others.

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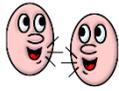
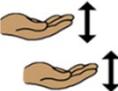
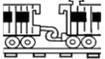
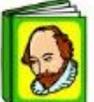
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	EAR	hear listen sound	loud quiet noisy	Hearing case	every ever everybody everywhere	HEARING	If you listen carefully, you'll hear things that are both loud and quiet .
	HOUSE	live build dust sweep	alive neat cozy trashy	house building	inside oh no! indoors	ROOMS BUILDINGS	People build houses to live inside them. They dust to keep things tidy .
	GO	go leave arrive hurry rush	long accessible	place accessibility playground	all gone how long ago	COMMUNITY PLACES	You can go when you see a green light. No need to hurry . Maybe you'll go a long way.
	TRUCK	ride drive crash park	soon bumpy flat	vehicle transportation	back goodbye! backward	VEHICLES ROADS	You might have a bumpy ride in a truck. Be careful not to crash ! It's hard to back up a vehicle .
	LOVE	love hug care kiss	young gentle careful patient	life birth caregiver	with because	CARING	The baby is with the mother. She is gentle with the young new life .
	AMBULANCE	help hurt injure itch	sick allergic itchy	medicine pain asst tech	front ah! forward	MEDICAL ASST TECH	If someone is hurt and injured , an ambulance can help take them to hospital. You can take medicine if you are sick or in pain .

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	NOT				yuck nor without never	NEGATIVES	You use the word not to say the opposite. It's never okay to yuck someone's yum.
	SUIT	change wear dress tie	new loose tight	clothing pattern material	for so such	CLOTHING	You can change the clothing you wear for school. It's a nice tie , not too tight or loose .
	APPLE	eat snack bite taste	hungry crispy tasty	food meal taste	any yum! anybody anything also	FOOD	If you are hungry you could snack on a tasty, crispy apple. Some people can eat any type of food .
	SHAPES	make religion celebrate	special religious different same	shape religion holiday	holiday greetings	HOLIDAYS SHAPES RELIGION	Use the cookie cutter shapes to make cookies and take some to your friends. Celebrate a special holiday or religion .
	UMBRELLA	need rain forecast freeze	necessary rainy cloudy snowy	weather shadow sunshine	under whether instead	WEATHER	You need to stay under an umbrella when it starts to rain . Check out the weather forecast to see if it will be cloudy or clear .
	THUMBS DOWN	fight abuse hate	bad awful mean	negative danger error	down uh oh!	NEGATIVITY	It's mean to hate someone or fight with them. Others will think you are a bad and awful person.

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	TV	watch happen expect	famous unexpected	TV movie	during what else	TV MOVIES	Let's watch a movie on the TV . I heard something unexpected happens to a famous person!
	JUICE	drink swallow can blow suck	thirsty empty full	beverage	cool enough of almost	DRINKS	If you are thirsty , you can drink a cool beverage .
	KITCHEN	turn cook bake mix stir	hot usual cool warm	dish appliance	yikes upside down again	DISHES APPLIANCES	When you cook , it's usual to turn , mix , and stir the ingredients. You might use an appliance like a mixer. You would flip a pancake upside down .
	CHEST	put keep share open	rich poor	container	oh! either in whose	CONTAINERS	You can put things in a chest to keep them safe. You might have a treasure chest if you are rich !
	BED	sleep rest snore wake would	tired asleep awake exhausted	furniture linen	but underneath good night yet	FURNITURE LINENS	When you are tired , say good night and rest or sleep underneath the linens on the bed. The bed is furniture made of wood (would).

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you 	they 	know 	play 	like 	work 	have 	feel 	read 	more 	fast 	stop 
it 	he 	want 	family 	come 	time 	do 	think 	big 	get 	color 	wash 
she 	look 	slow 	computer 	say 	good 	hear 	live 	go 	ride 	love 	help 
CLEAR 	don't 	change 	eat 	make 	need 	bad 	watch 	drink 	turn 	put 	sleep 