



Your Core Mission Planning Sheet

Choose an activity or routine. Write it on the line below.

Choose a communication function and circle it. Pick only one or two functions to focus on.

Wants and Needs

request objects
request activity
request attention
request permission
request help
direct action
direct to stop
accept/reject

Exchange Information

share and show
name
relay past/future events
confirm/deny
request information
state opinion
negotiate
state personal info

Social Closeness & Etiquette

greet/close
tease
Gossip
express manners
take turns
comment
express feelings

Choose your core words. Select no more than 3 words.

1.

2.

3.



Continue your mission! In this section, you will write your script for what you will say and model on the AAC system during your activity or routine.

First, write down the core words you identified in the column on the left. Then brainstorm some phrases and sentences you will say.

Core Word Script for Aided Language Input

<u>1.</u>

2.

3.



Remember:

- Keep your model at or just about their language stage, so if they are saying/touching 1-2 words then you model 2-4 words.
- Use open-ended questions, and model possible responses.
- Give them plenty of wait time, 10-20 seconds.



Your Core Mission Planning Reference Sheet

Planning for success on your mission to model core words starts with choosing a starting point on your map. You can choose to start with the following:

- picking an activity or routine that is motivating to your AAC learner
- picking a communication function that your AAC learner is working on
- picking a few core words that you are working on throughout your day

Once you have filled in your first section, fill in the other areas. Choose things to complement the first section. For instance, if you started with the communication function of stating opinions, you would look for activities that provide opportunities to model stating your opinion and allow the AAC learner to state their opinion. Then you would choose core words that you would use to talk about your opinions. That could include "like", "don't", "I", "feel", etc.

Next you will write yourself a script to use for aided language input. Planning out what you are going to say with your muoth and select on the AAC allows you to focus on the engagement with yoru AAC learner during the activity. Use open-ended questions to encourage participation in the communciation, and comments about the acitity and what you are thinking. Remember it is OK to speak in full sentences and to model just the core words with the AAC sysetm. Do this for each of the core words you are targeting.

Don't forget to **Start Simple**! Talk like you normally would and model 1 or 2 words on the device while you are talking.

