# PRC



# Active with AAC

## Sports!

As the weather continues to warm up it's a great time to get outside and play. Sports of all kinds provide us with many opportunities to communicate with AAC while having fun! From soccer to tee-ball, cornhole, or kickball; there's a sport for everyone! Whatever you choose, have a ball and remember to use your Core Words.

## CORE WORDS

| | |
|---|---|
| Want | I |
| Go | You |
| Stop | My |
| Run | It |
| Get | Good |
| Help | Bad |
| Look | That |
| Turn | There |
| Try | Again |

## MATERIALS

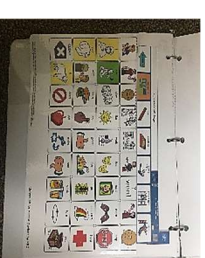| | |
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| Sports equipment such as: | AAC Device |
| | AAC User |
| | You |
| Ball, bat, bean bags, bucket, target, racquet | |

### Model It on the AAC Device



Modeling on your child's device is just "talking" using his/her language! When you say a word with your voice, also say it using your child's device. Look up the words that you are going model using WORD FINDER before you start playing. Start with one word and then add 1-2 words.

| Reasons to Communicate | One Word | Two Words | Three (+) Words |
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| Getting Wants/Needs Met (requesting objects/activities/ permission/attention, etc., directing action/to stop, request help) | Want<br>That<br>Go<br>Again<br>Kick<br>Help<br>Get<br>Done<br>Turn | You do<br>I try<br>Kick/throw it<br>Need help<br>Want that<br>Do again<br>I/You go<br>I/You stop<br>My turn | I can help<br>I/You go again<br>You stop that<br>I need help<br>Can I go?<br>Can I try?<br>It go(es) there<br>Is it my turn?<br>I can do it |
| Exchange Information (share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.) | Not<br>Stop<br>That<br>Look<br>Try<br>Good<br>Bad<br>Like<br>What?<br>Who? | Try that<br>Like it<br>Don't like<br>Look good<br>Look bad<br>Run fast<br>Not that<br>You out<br>What that?<br>Who turn? | That look good<br>That is bad<br>What is that?<br>Look at that<br>You can go<br>You go next<br>Use this one<br>Where did it go?<br>What is that?<br>Whose turn is it? |
| Social Closeness/Etiquette (greet, take turns, comment, etc.) | Hi!<br>Nice<br>Cool<br>Play<br>Good<br>Wow<br>Oh no<br>Uh-oh<br>Awesome<br>Yikes | I do<br>You go<br>Good try<br>Like that<br>Nice job<br>Try again<br>Look out<br>That awesome<br>That far<br>Go again | I like it<br>I do it<br>You can go<br>You did it<br>It's my turn<br>I like that<br>You are fast<br>I (will) help you<br>You can do it<br>Did you have fun? |

**Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:**

- Play ball! This time of year we're all ready to get outside and enjoy the warm weather. It's a perfect time to play sports that we know and love or learn a new one. Sports and outdoor activities are great for targeting Core Words. Being active and having fun give us all something to talk about.
- Sports and outdoor games lead us to think of action words aka verbs. Sports also provide opportunities to focus on additional categories of core words.
  - Verbs: **run, walk, look, try, help, turn, roll, hit, throw, swing, go**
  - Organizing and sequencing: **first, next, last**
  - Describing: **fast, slow, good, bad, hard, easy**
  - Comments: **cool, awesome, wow, oh no, yikes**, **good try**
  - Question words: **What, Who, Where**
- Talk about taking turns and trying things that are new or difficult: **my turn, your turn, you can go, help, I try, you try again, I can do it, I did it**!
- Work on asking questions while watching or playing sports: **Who(se) turn? What that? What is it? Where did it go? How (do you) play?**
- Practice giving others encouragement: **try, try it, you can, nice job, that is good, you got it, we can do it!**

Using a PRC device and don't see a word you want to say? Find a quick video on how to add a word to your device:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT1pgntWkiA5rklOvzGXoYA

Using a low-tech communication board? Or need some choices to help you communicate during this activity?

The following strips can be used as choice boards or fringe vocabulary for the above activity. If you are using this as fringe vocabulary, you will need a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Download the boards here:

https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources/unity-manual-communication-boards You can add these a three ring binder. OR you can Velcro these to the top of a single page low-tech core word board.

*Attached to a one-page communication board.*

| bat | ball | racquet | beanbag | | | awesome | oh no! | | | run | | | throw | | try |
|-----|------|---------|---------|--|--|---------|--------|--|--|-----|--|--|-------|--|-----|

You can add this one to the LAMP WFL or Unity 84 low tech board.

| ball | beanbag | bat | | awesome | | try | | oh no |
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You can add this one to the Unity 28, 36, 45, or 60 low tech board.

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