PRC

AT THE PLAYGROUND

Active with AAC

Let's get outside and play! Kids love to run around, play, and have fun. BUT the playground can also be a great place to model A LOT of language.
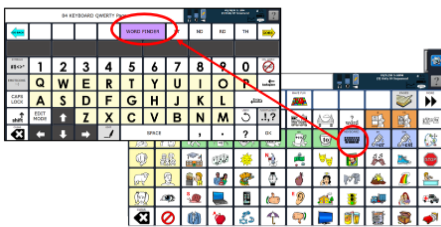
CORE WORDS

I	Run
You	Stop
Come	Turn
Go	Want
Help	Up
Jump	Down
Like	Fast
Look	Slow
Play	Fun

MATERIALS

Park (or Playground) with Swing, Slide, Jungle Gym, etc.

You
Child/Client
AAC Device

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
Getting Wants/Needs Met (requesting objects/activities/ permission/attention, etc., directing action/to stop, request help)	Go Do Help Like Stop Turn Up	You go I do Push it Finish it Go up Help me Get up	You go up Help me up Help me go Go like this Do it like this You push it You turn around
Exchange Information (share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.)	Like Push Stop Go Finish Up Down Over Under Fun Get	Push it Go over Like this Do this Help me Get/got it Do it Get up Get down You under Under it	Whose turn is it? I did it I go under/over Go like this You get in/on Did you finish? Do you like it? I help you You got it in Push it under Push it in
Social Closeness/Etiquette (greet, take turns, comment, etc.)	I You My Like Go Do Turn Up Finish	I like Like this My turn You do I do (did) That fun That boring Did it It up	I finished it You did it It's my turn You went over That was fun It is under I stopped it I will help you I like this

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Keep your interactions natural at the playground! Don't make the child/client request every push on the swing. Focus on other reasons for communicating, like:
    - Commenting- You are **go**ing so **fast**!; **That** was **fun**!; **You** got **down**; **You**'re **up** so high!
    - Sharing Information- Can **you** jump **down**?; Do **you** **want** to go **up** there?; You like **go**ing **fast**?
    - Directing Actions- **Look** at **me**!; **Do it** again.; **You go up**.
- Don't anticipate the needs of your child/client. Let them try to climb the ladder, swing, or go across the monkey bars without help. If they look to you for help, model for them, "Do **you need help**?"
- Give your child an opportunity to talk by asking open-ended questions. For example: What should we do?; What do you think?; Where should we go?
- Safety is first! Modeling language is important, but always make sure your child/client isn't going to fall or hurt themselves first! Only model language when it is safe to do so.
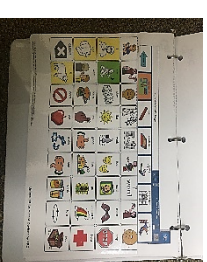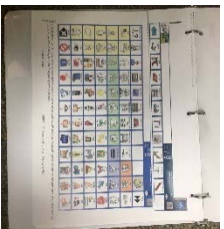
You might also want to use a low-tech board to prevent device breakage from drops.

https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources?category=manual-boards

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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.

You can add this one to the LAMP WFL, Unity 84, Unity 60 low tech board.

Playground

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You can add this one to the Unity 28, 36 or 45 low tech board.

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