Active with AAC

WATER SQUIRETER

Summer is the perfect time for water play. Water squirters are an awesome way to play and have fun! See the Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed section for a fun target game you can create to make this activity more focused. **Be sure to use a low-tech communication board when playing with water!**

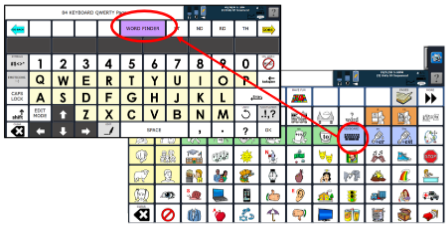
CORE WORDS

Do	I
Get	You
Help	My
Like	Mine
Need	All
Play	On
Push	Wet
Put	Dry
Want	There

MATERIALS

Water Squirter	You
Water/ Bucket	Child/Client
Towel	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 On Off Take Get Turn	Get on Get off My turn Help me Up here Get up You do Look me	Get on it Jump on it Go up high Help me up Take me off Put me on I want more I do more
Exchange Information (share and show objects, confirm/deny, request information, etc.)	Like Go Stop Help Turn On Off More Fun High Can	Get on Get down Don't help Don't jump Help me Want more Can I? Jump high Jump on Take off You jump	Can I jump? Look at me! I jump high That was fun Let's do more Let me do it It's my turn I don't need help I can do it Did you like it? I like this!
Social Closeness/Etiquette (greet, take turns, comment, etc.)	I You Like Go Up Down High Fun Cool	I like I do You do My turn Get on I stop That fun It cool Like it	This is fun! I like this I'm jumping high It's my turn Can I have a turn? I am all done I like it It is cool Counting (1-10)

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Protect your device when playing with water! Make sure to use a low-tech communication board so that you can still communicate while having fun in the water. Download one of our core boards here: https://aaclanguagelab.com/resources?category=manual-boards
- Does your client/child love Angry Birds? Check out this post from Pinterest on how to create a real-life Angry Birds game. You can use the water squirter to knock down the birds. https://www.pinterest.com/pin/303711568616446811/
    - o You can also create your own targets to aim at while playing. Create a bulls-eye, use a toy as a target, or a container and try to fill it up.
- Play a game to see who can squirt the water the highest/farthest. You could tell each other when to **go**, take turns (**I do**/**you do**), or comment on what just happened (**that** was high/far, **Mine** was **high**est, **Mine** was **far**, etc.). Or, just have fun chasing after each other and trying to spray each other with water!
- Keep it natural when you are playing! Don't force the client/child to say **go** every time they squirt the water. Don't force the child to comment on the water and that it is **wet**. Instead, you could say, "**I**'m all **wet!**".

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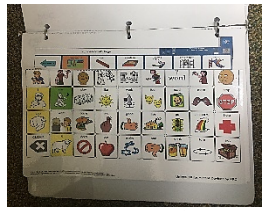
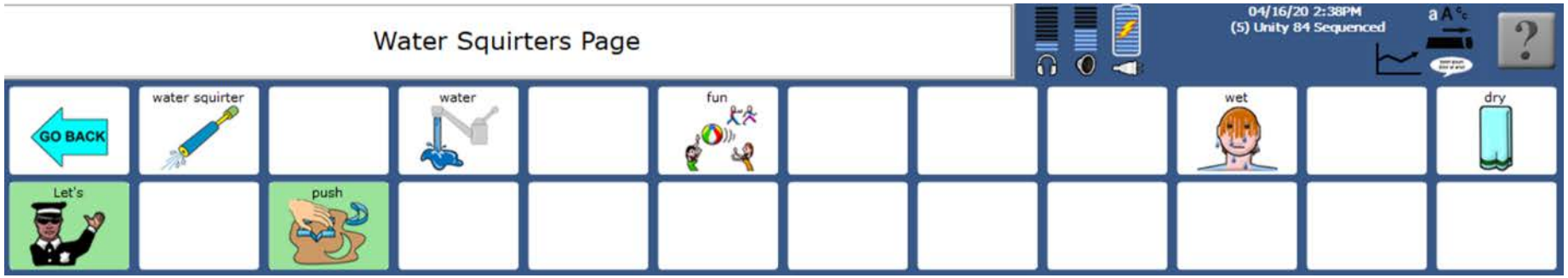
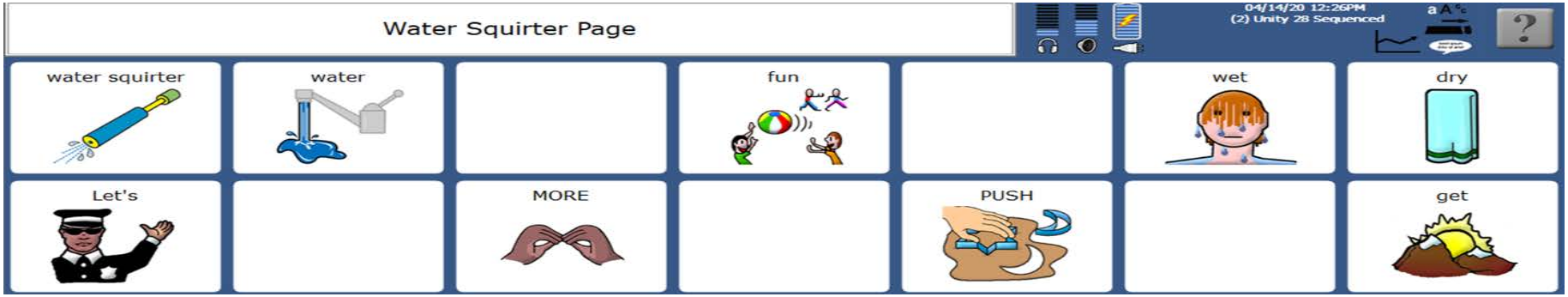
Using a PRC device and don't see a word you want to say? Find a quick video on how to add a word to your device:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT1pgntWkiA5rKlOvZGXoYA

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.



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