

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Concerns & Thoughts:

“What do all these acronyms mean?”

“My child isn’t talking...”

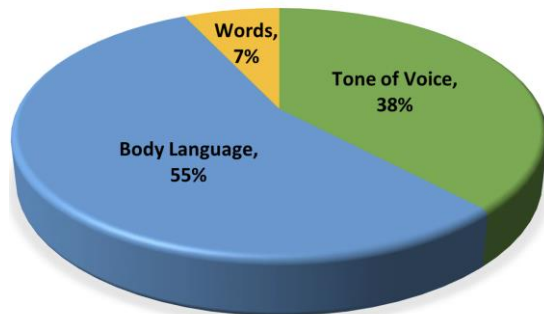
“He/she gets so frustrated and upset when I can’t understand them...”

What can I do to facilitate language learning?

1. Educate yourself about all the different modalities of communication
2. Recognize/interpret communication attempts of all types.
3. React/Respond appropriately to all communication attempts.
4. Model Communication

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Foundation of Communication:



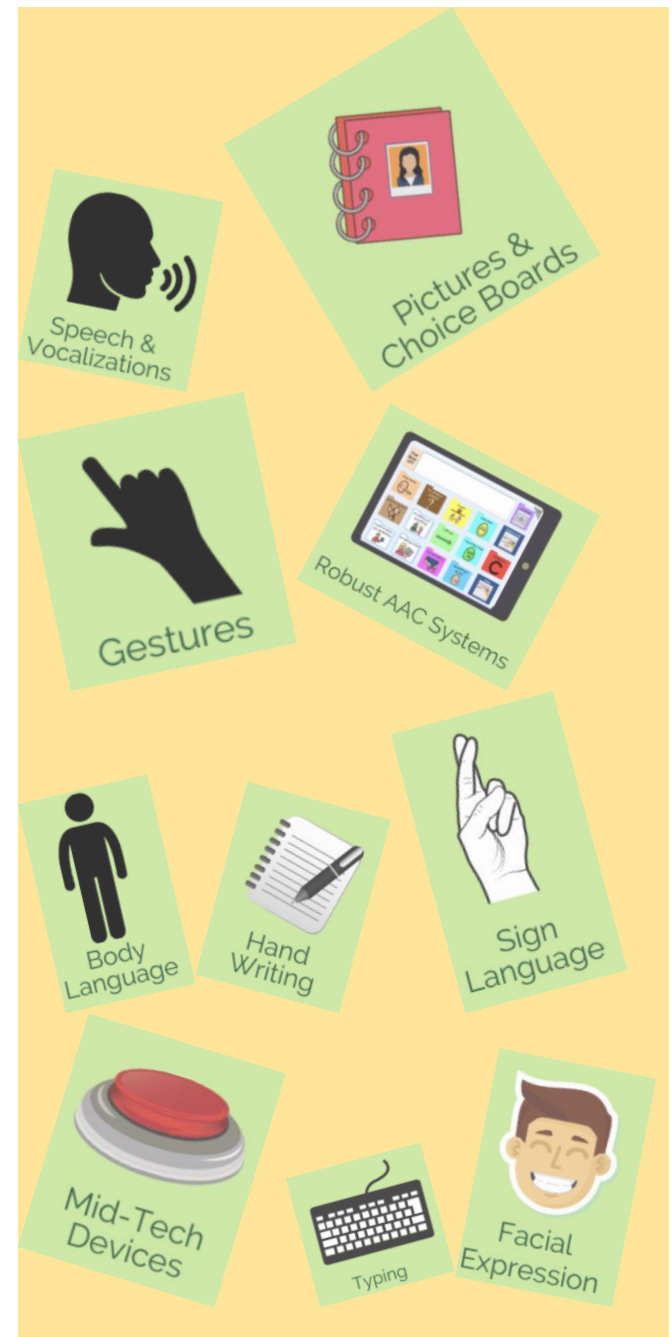
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What is AAC?

AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. It includes all the ways someone can communicate besides talking. Some people use AAC all the time, while others use it only when they need extra support. The goal of AAC is to help everyone share their thoughts, needs, feelings, and ideas.



Types of AAC:

Unaided AAC

- Gestures (pointing, waving, shrugging)
- Facial expressions (smiling, frowning)
- Sign language or finger spelling
- Body language

Aided AAC

- **Lite-tech tools** (do not require batteries):
- **High-tech tools** (use technology)



Envisioning a world where every parent/guardian/caregiver has the tools to help the ones they love learn, connect, and be understood.

Commonly seen/heard acronyms:

AAC: Augmentative and Alternative Communication

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder

AOS: Apraxia of Speech

CAS: Childhood Apraxia of Speech

CP: Cerebral Palsy

SLI: Specific Language Impairment

RBT: Registered Behavior Technician

ABA: Applied behavioral Analysis

EBP: Evidence based practice

SLP: Speech Language Pathologist

IEP: Individualized Education Program

PECS: Picture Exchange Communication System

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Supporting Communication Beyond Words

MISSION:

At *ABC's of AAC*, we believe that everyone deserves to be heard. Our mission is to equip parents/guardians/caregivers with the knowledge and tools to recognize, interpret, and respond to nonverbal and limited verbal communication. Through our informational videos and accessible AAC resources, we empower meaningful interactions, foster connections, and ensure that every child's communication attempts are valued.

