

Make Your Own Communication Board

A communication board uses pictures and symbols to represent words and ideas. It can be printed or displayed in an open space or school area. A board is a great example of Alternative Assistive Communication (AAC), or the ways that someone communicates besides talking. Your challenge is to create an AAC Communication Board that will be used to help people communicate.

Plan your board

- Look at the template on the next page. Notice that you will place words, pictures, and symbols in the square spaces. Research examples of communication boards.
- Think about where you would like your board to be used. It can be for a specific person you know, such as a younger sibling, or it can be displayed in a public space, such as a playground or library for many people to use.
- Think about what symbols you want to include and if you want to have categories such as pronouns, activities, feelings, food, activities, questions, needs, etc.

Create your board

- Find pictures or symbols that represent your chosen words or ideas. You can draw them, print them from the internet, or find them (magazines, newspapers, food boxes).
- Organize your visuals and plan where they will go, when you are happy with the arrangement, draw/color or glue the visuals into the chart to fill in each square.
- Extension: Give your board to the person you created it for, or get help displaying it in the shared space.

1. Who will use the board, and where will it be used or displayed?
2. What will be the theme or topic, and what categories will it have?





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