

## Goals of Session

- Increase knowledge of switches
- Increase your knowledge of mounting
- Take away multiple ideas to integrate technology into your student's day
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## Getting Started

- It is important to take the proper positioning of switches, communication devices, and environmental controls seriously.
- If overlooked, it can mean the difference between success and failure, comfort and fatigue, efficiency and wasted effort.
- Selecting the right tools enable persons with disabilities to participate in a broad range of everyday activities at home, at work, in classrooms.
- Empower individuals to increase their independence, growth and progress.


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## Switches

- A switch is an interface between an individual and an object of control.
- Objects can be a computer, toy, radio, light, fan, appliance and even an iDevice.


Switch vs. VOCA

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## Let’s Play

- Insert pig video


## Switch Sites

Head

- Hands
- Mouth
- Feet
- Lower Extremities

- Upper Extremities
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## Ideal Switch Site

Small and isolated movement
Voluntary movement
Activation:
Control
Sustain
Control release

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## Switch Guidelines

- What is the most repeatable activation method-hands, head, mouth, muscle contraction, etc?
- What device needs to be controlled? What is its location and connection type?
- How does the switch need to be positioned for repeatable activation with the least possible fatigue for the user?
- Do cords limit successful interaction with products?

How it all started!


- BIG Red - 5 inches
- Jelly Bean - $21 / 2$ inches
- Specs - 1 3/8 inches
- Audible click
- 6ft cord
- Twist Tops
- Durability



## Specialty Switches

- Switches may vary in size, shape, color and sensitivity.




## Now I can access...

- Battery-adapted Items
- VOCA
- Electrical Appliances
- Computers
- iDevices


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## Battery-Operated Appliances


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## Play a Game



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## All-Turn-it Spinner

- Puzzle pieces
- Art project
- Letters
- Numbers
- Names/photos
- Jobs
- Content pic symbols
- Games

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## Practice Apple Vocabulary

Matching Parts of an Apple

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## Access to Print Materials


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## BookWorm

- SD cards
- LCD screen
- Single switch or direct access
- Function lock
- Magnet-system
- Operates with 4 AA batteries
- Power jack available for purchase

- External headphone jack


## AAC Access

External Switch Ports

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## Wireless Switch Access

## PowerLink4

- Controls two appliances
- independent of each other

Jelly Beamer Transmitter

- Wireless control
- Easy to Assign
- No separate receiver needed
- 30 feet transmission range, not line of sight



## Classroom Projects <br> Vocational skills center



Go Wireless! Plug an electrical appliance into the Powerlink 4
Control Unit to create a permanent Vocational skills center. Activate appliances using the Jelly Beamer wireless switch.

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## Computer Access


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## Switch Accessible Software

- Laureate Learning Systems
- http://www.laureatelearning.com
- MarbleSoft
- http://www.marblesoft.com
- Inclusive Technology
- http://www.inclusive.co.uk/
- Priory Woods - FREE
- http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/
- TarHeel Reader - FREE
- http://tarheelreader.org/
- -Free switch sites link<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/506584658057361723/



## YouTube Resources

- Single Switch Auto Scanning
- http://youtu.be/Mu6eDRazXzs
- Two Switch Step Scanning
- http://youtu.be/MQYMhTdBczO
- Angry Birds Demo Video: This video shows Angry Birds in action
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9Qe-oBGoFo
- App with switch access built into the app and does not require iOS 7 Switch Control
- http://youtu.be/sP6naEpsZYM

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## In the Classroom


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## Compatible iPad Cases

- OtterBox Defender cases
- Gumdrop Drop Tech Series cases
- Hard Candy Drop Series cases
- Griffin Technology Survivor cases
- Belkin cases



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## Switch Accessible Apps



## SMARTY PANTS video



## New for SoundingBoard

- 1-to 20 messages
- Screen Rotation
- Change Screen Color
- Set Switch Scanning Options
- Locking Feature
- Exporting Boards


## States of Matter



## Worksheet Answers




## Low-Tech Mounting Solutions

- Velcro
- Dual Lock
- Permanent attachment
- Screws into tray or other surface
- Cut out hole and secure from bottom - cords out of way



## Spec Switch

- Three bases
- Flange
- Flush

- Strap

Headrest

- Hand



## Mounting Systems

- Universal clamp
- attaches to a variety of shapes and sizes
- Knob or lever
- releases or tightens three ball joints
- Mounting plates
- Appropriate Switch
- Appropriate Switch



## Switch Mounts


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## Switch Sites



## Positioning of the Mount


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## Switch Site


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## CLING Eval

- Vacuum base attaches to any flat, smooth surface
- Provides platform for a switch
- Virtually any position - vertical / horizontal, angles



## Participation at Science Fair


http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2007/07/fifty-nifty-ideas-for-simple-switch.html\#.Ut7r4RDnaM8
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## Add video

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