Activities to Facilitate Communication Using Speech Devices

Read Books

Reading books is a great way to expand your AAC user's vocabulary. You can target a variety of things while reading books. Examples of communication exchanges during this activity include:

- Answering questions "What is that a picture of?", "Dog
- Turn Taking "Turn the page"
- Sentence Building "I + see + a + truck."
- Requesting "Can we read a book?"
- Identifying "Yellow sun"

Make a Snack

Making food together with your AAC user is a great activity that can be very engaging and fun for everyone! Examples of communication exchanges during this activity include:

- Requesting for help "I need help, "Help open"
- Turn taking "My turn to stir"
- Commenting "The brownies are good", "Yummy!"
- Asking questions "Can I try it?", "What are we making?
- Protesting "I am not hungry", "No thank you"

Listen to Music

Many children love to listen to a variety of music and it can be motivating to use their AAC to communicate. Examples of communication exchanges during this activity include:

- Requesting- "I want Wheels on the Bus", "Let's listen to music"
- Protesting- "No more music"
- Sentence Building- "I + like + music"
- Commenting- "Fun!", "Like"

Play a Game

Playing games is a great way to engage an AAC user in communication! Examples of communication exchanges during this activity include:

- Example game: Go Fish
- Requesting- "Do you have any ____?"
- Turn Taking- "It is my turn"
- Identifying- "I have 2 matches"