

GARDENING

Spring has arrived! Time to get out in the garden and get planting! Working in the garden is fun and therapeutic. Enjoy the colors and smells, getting dirty, and communicating with your AAC user about the garden. Depending on your device, you might consider using a low-tech board to protect your device from dirt and water.

CORE WORDS

Do	1		
Dig	You		
Like	My		
Look	It		
Love	Here		
Need	That		
Push	Colors		
Put	Dirty		
Want	Pretty		

MATERIALS

Seeds/Plants You AAC User Dirt Pots **AAC Device** Other garden tools

Model It on the AAC Device

One Word:





































Active with AAC

Reasons to Communicate	One Word	Two Words	Three (+) Words
Getting Wants/Needs Met	Want	I want	I want that
(requesting	Need	Want that	I want to dig
objects/activities/	That	Want here	I need that
permission/attention,	Look	Put in	Need more of that
etc., directing action/to	Put	Put here	Put that here
stop, request help)	In	In here	Put it here
	Here	More here	Put more here
	More	Put more	I want to dig
	Dig	Dig here	Look at that
Exchange Information	1	I do	I do it
(share and show objects,	You	I dig	You dig here
confirm/deny, request	Look	Like that	I like that
information, etc.)	More	You like?	You like it?
	Here	l like	Put it here?
	That	Put here?	I put it here
	Dig	What color?	What color want
	Push	Want + color	Push over here
	What	Push here	Dig in here
	Color	Dig here	I want + color
	Like	Look that	Look at that!
Social Closeness/Etiquette	1	I do	This is + color
(greet, take turns,	You	You do	I want to do it
comment, etc.)	More	My turn	I love it!
	Turn	Love it!	I like that
	Like	l like	That is pretty.
	Love	That cool	It is so pretty!
	Cool	It pretty	I love the + color
	Pretty	Be careful	Yuck! Its dirty!
	Dirty	It dirty	It is dirty
	Careful	You dirty	You got dirty!

Tips to Engage, Expand, and Succeed:

- Any time you are using water or dirt or anything else that may be unsafe for an electronic device, it is safest to use a low-tech form of communication. You can download many low-tech boards from our website here: https://saltillo.com/chatcorner/content/29 Keep your AAC device safe!
- Gardening can a great time to talk about **colors!** Flowers come in many different colors. Talk about the ones you like, which ones you think are pretty, and which ones you don't like. This is the perfect time to model commenting.
- Some other concepts you could model are:
 - Prepositions: in, on, under, over
 - Determiners: this, that, there, here
 - Questions: what, where
- This could be a great opportunity to work in some STEM (i.e. science) and talk about the plant life cycle using core. In addition to the words above, you can use words like: grow, big, little, new, young, need(s), etc.
- Remember keep your modeling natural and focus on enjoying the task and time. Don't ask too many questions or force responses. Just keep modeling!



Using a low-tech communication board? Or need some choices to help you communicate during this activity?

boards here: https://saltillo.com/chatcorner/content/29 You can add these to a flip book. OR, you can Velcro these to the top/bottom of a will need one of our low-tech flip books or a single page communication board. These boards are available on our website. Download the 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

single page low-tech core word board.



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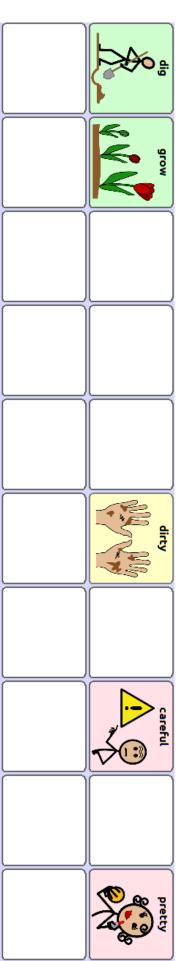
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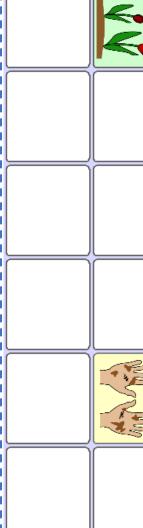
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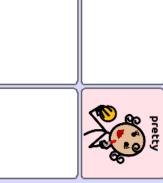


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