TEACHING TOOLS: *VISUAL SUPPORTS*

Word Walls
~collection of new or targeted words/symbols that are displayed within the environment for the user/partner to refer to~

A **Word Wall** is an organized collection of words/symbols that are prominently displayed within the environment and used to help the individual learn/reference new or targeted vocabulary. Word walls are used as an interactive tool and provide a visual map to help individuals learn/remember vocabulary and make connections between words/symbols and concepts. Word walls offer symbol supports in the form of pictures and/or words that help indicate the meaning of the word and/or symbol.

Word walls should be accessible to the individual. For some AAC users this may present a problem. Adaptations, such as highlighting a word/symbol with a flashlight, using a modified pointer, and/or the word wall can be located closer to the user to access the vocabulary.

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