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VOCABULARY DESCRIPTIONS

Following is a brief description of the MultiChat and WordPower vocabulary files. These are not intended to be comprehensive, but rather provide you with a general framework to begin to understand the different vocabulary files. Also note these are not inclusive of all files available on TouchChat and NOVA chat.

	MultiChat 15 Student	WordPower
Who Developed it?	Elisa Barhoum, Assistive Technology Consultant	Nancy Inman, Speech-Language Pathologist www.inmaninnovations.com
Why/for whom was it developed?	<p>The original student-age file was developed for clients who would benefit from more phrase-based message formulation and context-specific vocabulary.</p> <p>The Adolescent and Adult file were developed later to reflect language that is important to each of these populations. The main differences between the files are in the bottom row of the home page.</p>	<p>WordPower is a core, word-based, vocabulary system designed to be intuitive and easy to use. It takes advantage of the fact that a core of 100 words accounts for approximately 50% of words spoken in the English language. The predictive nature of the system allows for generation of novel information with minimal keystrokes. It also includes spelling.</p> <p>It has expanded over time and offers options for a wide range of ability levels. There are 10 different configurations. Versions have been designed for individuals using direct selection and scanning.</p>
How Many Buttons?	15 Buttons per page	The number of buttons per page ranges from 20-108. The number in the file name (e.g., WordPower 42) denotes number of buttons per page. The number of buttons will change the size of the buttons and the navigational patterns.
How is it organized?	<p><u>HOME PAGE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 buttons: communicate wants/needs/dislikes • 5 buttons: Questions, People, Actions (verbs), Describe (adjectives), Things (nouns) • 1 button: Chat (commenting, About Me, jokes) • 1 button: Keyboard- spelling, word prediction • 1 button: 22 Core Words • 1 button: School (classes, time, date, weather) • 1 button: News-navigates to 3 different pages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Home/School: allows messages to be recorded and shared ○ News 2 You: provides location to put vocabulary for weekly N2Y newspapers • 1 button: Visual Scenes- 9 default scenes, fully customizable, with option to add more 	<p><u>IN GENERAL</u></p> <p>As you navigate throughout the various configurations, you will note that WordPower:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is predictive in nature, in which logical next words appear. This facilitates efficiency and increased message generation. • Has consistent word placement to increase motor automaticity • Uses alphabetical organization of vocabulary on certain pages • Uses color-coding (e.g., yellow-pronouns, green-verbs) • Has smart punctuation (i.e., “?” “. ” Reads the message, brings you home, clears display bar when you start a new message). <p><u>HOME PAGE</u></p> <p>The home page is primarily comprised of core vocabulary words (e.g., pronouns, verbs, prepositions). These words were selected based on core word lists, research, and clinical expertise. You can create a lot of generative language using just these words!</p> <p>There are 8 buttons with words in all CAPS. These organize specific classes of vocabulary (e.g., PEOPLE, QUESTIONS, PLACES, SOCIAL, TIME, DESCRIBE, GROUPS, ACTIONS). These are located along the top row or along the right side depending on the number of buttons. The ABC/123 button navigates to a keyboard page with word prediction.</p>

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Practice Sentences: Create the messages on each of the different vocabularies. The examples provided are across different communicative functions. The final 2 are to be individualized for your client. Feel free to make notes (e.g., # hits, flexibility, effectiveness for your client, etc.)

	MultiChat 15	WordPower		
	Student	?	60 Basic	20 Simply
Request food or drink: "Eat pretzels." "I drink juice" "I want to eat pretzels"				
Request assistance: "I need help."				
Negate: "Stop it"				
Direct Action: "You go away."				
Ask a Question: "Can I do it?"				
Request Recurrence: "More please"				
Greet: "Hello, How are you?"				
Relaying Past Event: "I went (to the) park"				
What your client needs to say: _____ _____				
What your client needs to say: _____ _____				

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My thoughts and impressions: The following questions will help you further refine your understanding and impressions of each of the files. Try to make descriptive comments so you will have this as a guide/reference to use in the future when thinking about your clients.

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Advantages of File Were certain things easier/quicker to say?				
Limitations of File Were certain things harder/slower to say?				
Navigational Patterns How many hits required? How many layers/pages? What is more efficient for my client?				
Growth Potential Can my client still use it in 5 years? 10 years?				
What communicative functions does it support? Or NOT support?				
What might I need to do to make it successful for my client?				
Other:				

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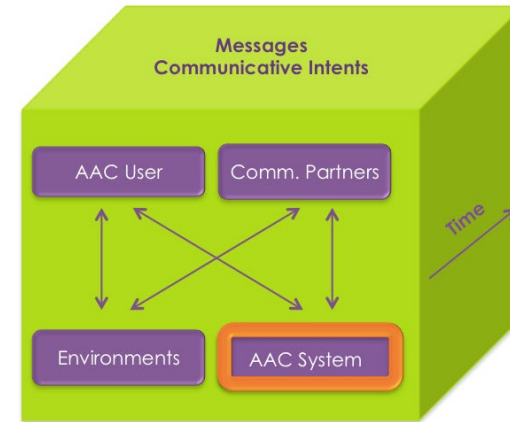
Opening a Vocabulary File



- Tap **Menu**
 - Select **Library**
 - Scroll and select desired vocabulary
 - Select **Open**
- Select **Vocab**
 - Select **Choose New Vocab**
 - Scroll and select desired vocabulary



Figuring It All Out



"Components of AAC Assessment" (Lloyd, Quist, & Windsow, 1990)

What can I do if...

if...	Then...	Tool
I like some of the pages of more than one vocabulary file?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Import pages across files Look to see if it is already in the vocabulary 	Import https://saltillo.com/videos/importing_pages



What can I do if...

if...	Then...	Tool
I think it is too many buttons for my client to use because...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add a Keyguard Place colored borders around the target buttons Hide buttons on the screen Consider a vocabulary with fewer buttons 	Keyguard Highlight Hide/Show Menu > Library

