



## Resources for Families: Support Communication at Home Core Vocabulary

Have you heard of core vocabulary? It is a small set of highly useful words that make up most of what we say! Core vocabulary boards can be downloaded for free online. They are a great way to interact with your child using picture communication symbols.



Download a free core board from one of these sites:

[Tobii Dynavox Core First Communication Boards](#)

[Saltillo Low Tech Communication Boards](#)

[Project Core Universal Core Communication Systems](#)

[LAMP and Unity Manual Communication Boards](#)

Tips for using the core board with your child:

- **Model! Model! Model!**

Point to the words on the board as you speak. For example, say “I see a bird” and point to the symbol “see/look” on the board.

- Here’s more information: <https://www.assistiveware.com/learn-aac/start-modeling>
- Here’s a video example/module: <http://www.project-core.com/aided-language-input-module/>



- **Read a book together.**

Read a page and talk about something on the page while pointing to a symbol on the board. For example, “Clifford is a big red dog.” Then point to “big” as you say, “Wow, he is sooo big!”

- Here’s more information: <https://www.sharedreader.org/professional-development-modules/>
- Here’s a video example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piAtwHsBaUc>

- **Have fun!**

Here are some fun activities with a video example:

- Hook ‘em in... <https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/hook-em-and-build-language-strategies-engaging-autistic-students>
- How to use a core board during 7 everyday activities: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4FGg3-W\\_gk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4FGg3-W_gk)
- Language Opportunities Using AAC at Home <https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/language-opportunities-using-aac-home>

### **Want to learn more?**

[Project Core Professional Development Modules](#) offer 12 online modules including topics like how to use the universal core boards, aided language input (modeling), and communication during reading and writing activities.

