



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

March 2019



March 28, 2019, 11:00 am CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: **Invigorative Instruction to Engage and Advance Young Learners with Severe and Multiple Disabilities – Part 2**
https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars/



Using UDL to Adapt Curriculum with LMS in K-12 and Higher Ed

Date: March 12, 2019 Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

The Cognitively Demanding Task Matrix – for Systematic AAC Instruction

Date: March 19, 2019 Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Level The Playing Field For ALL!!!

Date: March 21, 2019 Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Make & Take: An IT and AT Professional Learning Collaboration

Date: March 27, 2019 Time: 3:30 - 4:30 PM Eastern Time Zone

<https://www.atia.org/webinars/webinar-directory-search/>



Simon Technology Center Videos

<https://www.pacer.org/stc/videos/>



ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY COALITION

Resources. Information. Community.

Free Webinars for March

Self-Determination: Be the Boss of Your Assistive Technology from the Texas School for the Blind & VI, March 7, 2019 at 1pm Pacific, 4pm Eastern

AEM in the IEP: Where Do Accessible Materials and Technologies Fit? from AEM March 12, 2019 at 12pm Pacific, 3pm Eastern

Autism and Visual Supports: Powerful Strategies for School, Home, and the Community from EdWeb, Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 12pm Pacific, 3pm Eastern

AT Chatter: Vision Supports and Tech Tools from SETC, March 18, 2019 at 11:30am Pacific, 2:30pm Eastern

AT Basics from JAN, March 12, 2019 at 1pm Pacific, 4pm Eastern

<https://atcoalition.org/training/free-webinars/>



AUGMENTATIVE/
ALTERNATIVE
COMMUNICATION (AAC)
ACTIVITIES

Jefferson Parish Public Schools Speech-Hearing-Language Services gives you 100s of speech pathology activities and resources made in Boardmaker.

SUB PAGES

Community Activities, Leisure Activities, Switch Activities, Innovative Ways to Assemble Therapy Materials, English/Language Arts Activities, Mathematics Activities, Science Activities, Social Studies Activities, Songs, Communication Boards, Holiday Activities, Thematic Units

<https://goo.gl/Uor3rs>



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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Signed Stories



Animated children's stories performed in sign language!
Watch Signed Stories today:

- on our award-winning apps for iPad and iPhone
- on OverDrive via your school district or public library

<https://www.signedstories.com/>



Picture Exchange Communication System

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is a term I often hear people using any time they are talking about using picture icons and visual supports (such as Picture Communication Symbols, known as PCS, which is used in the software program Boardmaker) in their classrooms to support students. PECS is a specific system for teaching communication, it is not a visual support system using icons.

This is worth repeating: *The use of picture icons in visual supports is not PECS.*

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is a type of augmentative alternative communication (AAC) originally developed for children with autism. The primary purpose of PECS is to teach individuals to initiate communication and to learn requesting. Individuals are taught to initiate by handing a picture to a communication partner in exchange for a desired item.

<http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2009/03/picture-exchange-communication-system.html>



REGION 13

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

A very rich site, full of information, with many communication boards to print out and/or adapt, including a communication flip book provided for download either through PDF format or Boardmaker format. It is worth exploring their full site but be such to check out this great communication book.

<https://sites.google.com/a/esc13.net/corevocab13/home>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.speakingofspeech.com/materials-exchange.html>

<https://goo.gl/YBHyDt>

<https://goo.gl/mNwd8L>



Designing Your 21st Century Accessible Classroom



1 Entrance
Make "Habit" and "Classroom" part of your program. Use the "Habit" cards to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the "Classroom" cards to create a permanent transition skills center.

2 Project Table
Use the Project Table to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the Project Table to create a permanent transition skills center.

3 Class Instruction
Participate in the lesson! Use the "Class Instruction" cards to support students' communication. Use the "Class Instruction" cards to support students' communication.

4 Interactive Whiteboard
Participate in the lesson! Use the "Interactive Whiteboard" cards to support students' communication. Use the "Interactive Whiteboard" cards to support students' communication.

5 Literacy Area
Use the Literacy Area to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the Literacy Area to create a permanent transition skills center.

6 Mathematics Area
Use the Mathematics Area to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the Mathematics Area to create a permanent transition skills center.

7 Activity Center
Use the Activity Center to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the Activity Center to create a permanent transition skills center.

8 Computer Center
Use the Computer Center to create a permanent transition skills center. Use the Computer Center to create a permanent transition skills center.

<https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/assistive-technology-at-resources/> Classroom Design



core vocabulary words

realistic

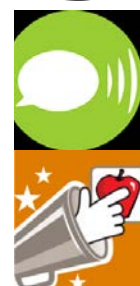
colorful

This exciting new symbol set gives AAC users with limited literacy skills access to information and vocabulary with easy-to-understand picture symbols. Imagine Symbols are ideal for both communication use and as clip art for your own documents or worksheets.

The Imagine Symbol set encompasses a wide range of vocabulary. Topics covered include emotions, phrases, descriptors, verbs, animals, clothing, computer access, electronics, foods, geography, health, house, people, events, school, work, money, shopping, leisure, sports, transportation, time and date.

Check back soon for new and updated symbols!

<http://www.imagineymbols.net/>



AAC App for Android
LetMeTalk: Free AAC Talker

AAC App for iDevice
SoundingBoard