

December, 2022



Edition 81

Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

"The future belongs to those who believe in
the beauty of their dreams."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Happy Reading,

Regards

Bhavna Botta

<http://www.connectspecial.in/>

INCLUSIVE IDEAS

OpenDyslexic: A typeface for Dyslexia-

OpenDyslexic is a new open-sourced font created to increase readability for readers with dyslexia. The typeface includes regular, bold, italic, and bold-italic styles.

OpenDyslexic is a free-to-use typeface designed against some common symptoms of dyslexia. Letters have heavy weighted bottoms to indicate direction. We can quickly figure out which part of the letter is down which aids in recognizing the correct letter, and sometimes helps to keep the brain from rotating them around. Consistently weighted bottoms can also help reinforce the line of text. The unique shapes of each letter can help prevent confusion through flipping and swapping.

The newest version of OpenDyslexic now uses the SIL-OFL license, giving the freedom to use it for personal use, business use, education, commercial, books, ebook readers, applications, websites, and any other project or purpose.

<https://opendyslexic.org/>

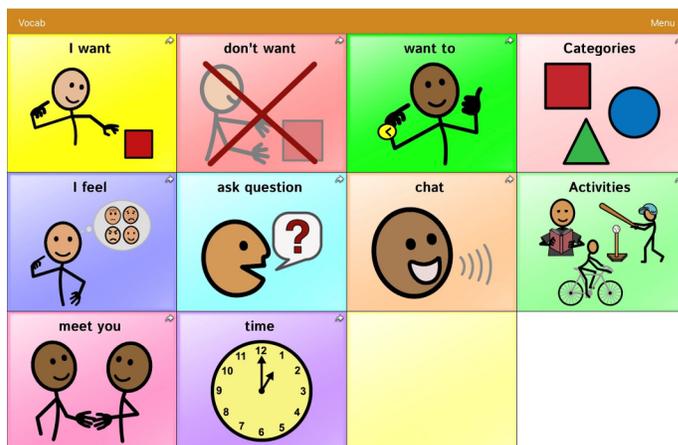
TouchChat HD

TouchChat HD for iPad® / iPod® / iPhone® is a full-featured communication solution for individuals who have difficulty using their natural voice.

TouchChat fits into the category of assistive technology known as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and includes features that were previously only available in much more expensive dedicated devices. Words, phrases and messages are spoken with a built-in voice synthesizer or by playing a recorded message.

TouchChat can be used for individuals with a wide variety of access needs. Included in the app is: Integrated head tracking (*with applicable iPad/iPhone models), configurable switch scanning, and a range of touch access features.

<https://touchchatapp.com/apps/touchchat-hd-aac>



Picture shows screenshot of pictorial communication board

Innovative Ideas

IndeeLift

This lift is for safely picking up fallen individuals with or without caregiver assistance, providing an opportunity for independence for those who fall frequently and rely on the help of others to get them back up. In addition to lifting the fallen, IndeeLift devices can assist those who are unable to seat themselves onto higher surfaces, such as an elevated bed. IndeeLift has proven to reduce back injuries to caregivers by eliminating manual lifting. IndeeLift transforms a stressful fall into a non-event restoring dignity and the ability to stay in your home longer



Picture shows a person on floor using Indeelift to raise up from floor

TITBITS

ChromeVox (screen reader)

A web-powered fully featured screen reader for the web built using only web technologies such as html and javascript. This extension specifically works within the Chrome browser to read content aloud.

Select-to-Speak (Text to Speech for Chromebooks)

Select to speak is a Chromebook reader that can read most on-screen text! First, you will need to enable select-to-speak from the accessibility system menu on your Chromebook. Once enabled you will see a new icon appear on the shelf (the black bar at the bottom of your Chromebook).

To share ,to read archive editions,log on to

<http://www.connectspecial.in/>

To subscribe ,give feedback,write to

botta.bhavna@gmail.com