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***Editor's Desk***

Communication is a human right.

Not being able to speak (Nonverbal), is not the same  
as not having anything to say.

Nonverbal doesn't mean anything other than  
the person has a different way of communicating.

Happy Reading,

Regards,

Bhavna Botta

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

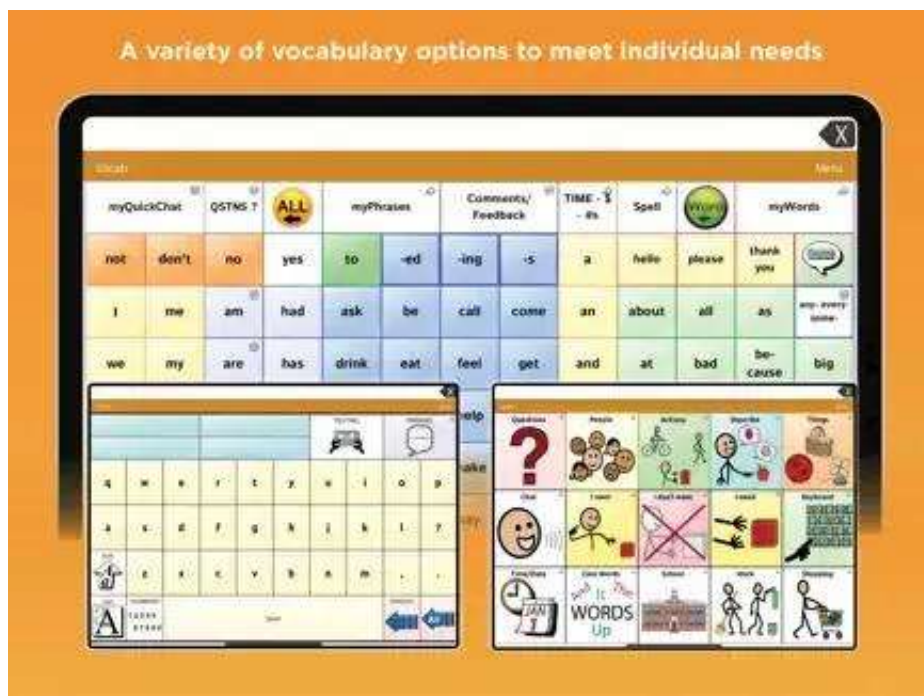
# Inclusive Ideas

## TouchChat HD –

Is a full-featured communication solution for individuals who have difficulty using their natural voice. 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. Text generated with TouchChat pages can be shared on social media or via iMessage® and email using a wireless connection.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/touchchat-hd-aac/id398860728>



Picture shows screenshot of Touch chat in use on ipad

## LAMP Words for Life

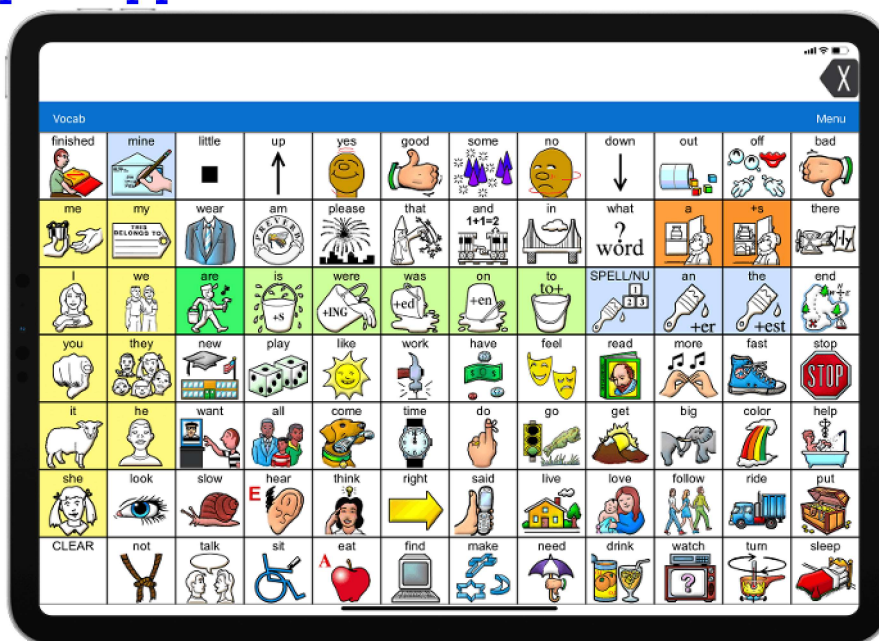
LAMP Words for Life is a robust language system that combines the power of PRC's Unity® language system and Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP™) approach. There are no prerequisite language or picture discrimination skills required before using this app.

The app is appropriate for beginning communicators who are just learning that they can affect those around them to skilled communicators with advanced language skills.

It includes developmentally progressive vocabulary files and features to scaffold language learning from each individual's current skill level with a clear path for unlimited language growth. The app is symbol-based but the symbols are paired with text to support literacy development.

The main feature of the LAMP Words for Life app is that every word is produced by one unique and consistent motor pattern

<https://lampwflapp.com/>



Picture shows screenshot of Lamp words vocabulary

## Dialogue™ AAC

Start communicating quickly with Dialogue AAC!

Dialogue AAC is an iOS app designed for literate individuals who require AAC (augmentative and alternative communication).

**Essence® Vocabulary System**-A simple spelling and phrased-based vocabulary system is included in 60 and 84 locations to accommodate different visual and motor abilities. The Essence vocabulary allows individuals to use spelling and word prediction to say virtually anything.

Customizing with specific, personalized sentences is easy to do, allowing the system to grow with an individual's needs.

**Access Methods**-Dialogue AAC is available on the iPad and iPhone. The app can be accessed using touch, scanning, or head tracking (available on the iPad Pro & and iPhone 10 or newer).

<https://dialogueaacapp.com/>



Picture shows screenshot of Dialogue AAC on iPad and a pop up showing display in mobile

## Innovative Ideas

### A unique Manual wheelchair attachment

The SmartDrive is a revolutionary new power assist device that will change how you use your wheelchair forever. Lightweight, power add-on user assist for wheelchairs anywhere where it is hard to push.

This wheelchair power assist device can power you up steep hills, through the carpet, and over grass. Reduces the number of times you have to push in a day. This helps reduce fatigue and pain and move independently

<https://fb.watch/ntOcYY5iFt/?mibextid=hubsqH>

<https://www.permobil.com/en-gb/producten/power-assist/smartdrive-mx2>



Picture shows a manual wheelchair with smartdrive attached to the rod connecting the wheels

## Snippets

### **Smartphone-linked traffic lights helping guide visually impaired in Japan**

Visually impaired people are seen crossing the road while listening to auditory guidance from smartphones, in the city of Yotsukaido, Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo

The pedestrians had installed the free smartphone app "ShinGO!" by Tokyo-based traffic light manufacturer Nippon Signal Co. The app also includes a vibrating alert function that accompanies the auditory guidance, as well as a feature that enables users to extend the period that a traffic light stays green. (Japanese original by Naritake Machida, City News Department)

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