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Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

"*Not being able to speak is not the same as not having anything to say*".

Being able to say whatever you want, whenever you want and wherever you want is communication autonomy .

This is a human right and is same for all.

Happy Reading!!

Regards,

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From The Heart

Augmentative and Alternative communication (AAC), is a term that's used to describe various methods of communication that can help people who are unable to use verbal speech to communicate. They could use sounds, signs, gestures, objects, pictures, words ,speech generating devices.

The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) works to improve the lives of children and adults who use AAC. Each October is International **AAC Awareness Month**. The goal is to raise awareness of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) .

There are many communication software's and apps. Below are listed free apps which could be downloaded and used by parents, teachers, AAC users.

Kavi-PTS

By Enability Foundation for Rehabilitation

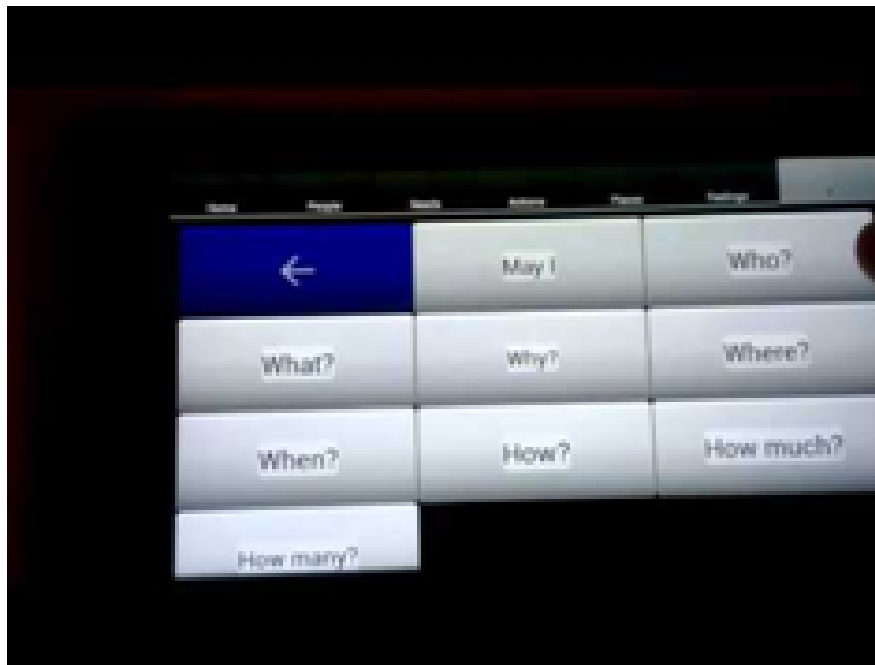https://www.apkmonk.com/app/com.enability.kavipts/

KAVI-PTS is an augmentative alternative communication (AAC) device useful to enrich the life of differently-enabled people by providing a means to communicate with external world.
 KAVI will help children with severe speech impairment to interact with their peers.

Free Speech

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.blogspot.tonyatkins.freespeech&hl=en_IN

Free Speech is a sound board (AAC program) for people who need help speaking. When you press a button, a sound is played.Free Speech is ready to be personalized for your needs.

Talk Assist - Text to speech

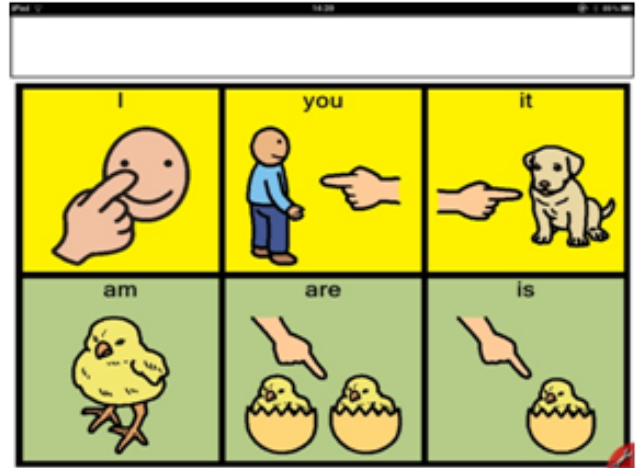Intuitive text to speech app which is free to download..

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/talk-assist-text-to-speech/id329338159

VoiceSymbol AAC

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/voicesymbol-aac/id456177563

VoiceSymbol AAC is intelligent augmentative communication programs.

The VSA software is a communication system for use on the iPad. VSA permits the creation of intelligently linked pages such that communication programs can be constructed that permit rapid access to language.

LetMeTalk

https://www.letmetalk.info/

The LetMeTalk app can turn one's Android phone or tablet into an AAC device. "LetMeTalk is a free AAC talker app for Android which supports communication in all areas of life and therefore providing a voice to everyone." The LetMeTalk image database contains more than 9,000 simple images

JABtalk

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jabstone.jabtalk.basic&hl=en_IN

JABtalk is another example of a free speech communication app used by stroke patients, toddlers, speech-language pathologists as it combines personalized voice and images with an extremely simple interface.

I Can Communicate! AAC

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.icancommunicateapp.icc.fr&hl=en_IN

I Can Communicate! is a FREE app for individuals who have augmentative and alternative communication needs. Users have the option of typing our their messages as well as utilize buttons for pre-programmed messages.

I Can Communicate! includes a searchable database of over 13,000 high quality pictograms, and the ability to import and export user files.

CommBoards Lite - AAC Speech Assistant

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.shmoontz.commboards.lite&hl=en_IN

Commboards is an AAC Speech Assistance app that enables children and people of all ages with limited verbal abilities to express themselves and more easily communicate with the world around them, by utilizing a proved system of communication boards.

Jellow AAC Communicator - Giving A Voice To Speak

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dsource.idc.jellowintl&hl=en_IN

Jellow Communicator is a friendly Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system that uses icons/images to enable speech. This freely downloadable Android app can be used for communication by those learning to speak or those having difficulty with speech.

PhotoVOCA

https://photovoca.com/

PhotoVOCA is a free switch accessible communication board maker for Android tablets and phones. It supports both text-to-speech and digital voice recordin

Participate in a Survey about Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Originally featured at Access and Inclusion News-
https://paper.li/e-1452749534#/

　　　　　We are looking to broaden the scope of the original survey and   invite a wider group to share their experiences with AAC. You are invited to participate in a Survey of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) .

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Participate-in-a-Survey-about-Augmentative-and-Alternative-Communication--AAC-.html?soid=1101838000635&aid=IikgbNsPgfc

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