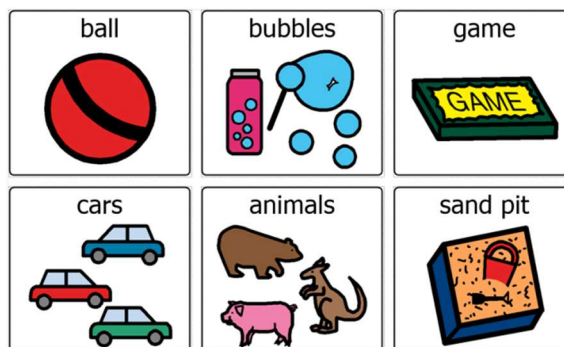


Choice Boards



Choice Boards help communication. They allow children to use symbols to give messages and make requests. They allow people to show children how to give messages too, by pointing and modelling words. Lots of people use choice boards with children to help give messages such as choosing a snack, a DVD to watch or a toy to play with.

Choice boards can be helpful for all children to use.

Choice boards can be really helpful for children who

- Can point to objects but do not use talking or sign
- Need a picture or visual to help remember choices

How to use a choice board

- Use photographs, objects or symbols on your choice board. Your speech and language therapist will tell you which your child notices best.
- You can attach symbols with velcro or have a board with pictures printed.
- Start with just 2 or 3 choices on the board to start with
- Keep the choice board in the same place and in easy reach for your child
- Help your child by telling showing the items on the board and saying what they are
- If you can see what choice your child is making, show them this on the board. Point to the picture and say it out loud. The first step is you showing your child how to use the board.
- Your child may make a choice by pointing, looking or gesturing to the object or the board. Accept this as their choice.
- As soon as your child makes a choice give them the item. Say what it's called again. For example 'orange. You want the orange'. This helps your child hear the word and know they have made a choice.
- Your child may need to see you or others pointing to the board lots of times before they start to do this themselves.
- Use choice boards in different routines and places to help your child.

Here are some examples of the choice boards that we use:

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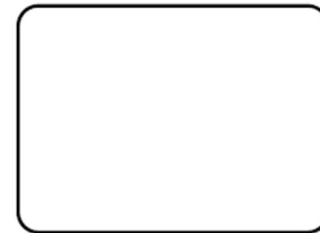
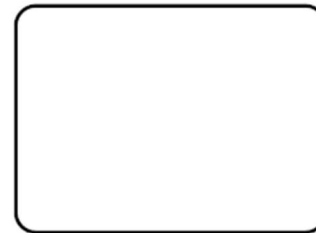
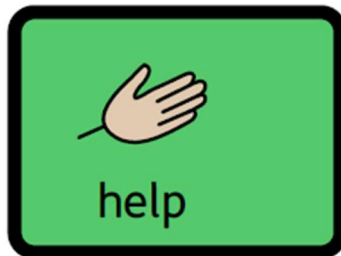
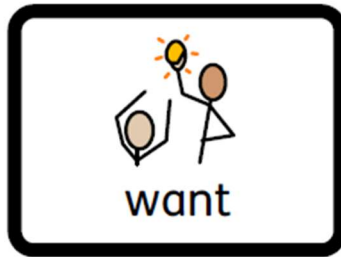
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Basic choice board template:



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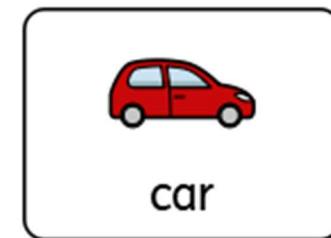
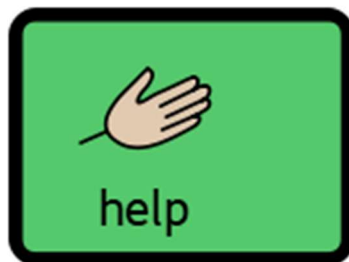
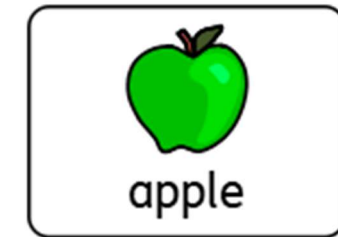
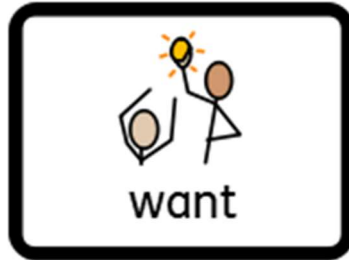
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