

# AAC: Fringe and Core Vocabulary

## What is fringe vocabulary?

- Large number of words that make up about 20% of what is said
- Mostly nouns
- Good for requesting during specific activities
- Personal words unique to child



## What is core vocabulary?

- Small number of words that make up about 50-80% of what we say
- Not noun or activity specific
- Less concrete

Core words: stop, go, get, more, on, off, up, down, that, he, turn

With these 11 words, children can direct others, make needs known, interact socially, refuse, comment, and make phrases.

Communication is more than just requesting things.

# Communication Board with Core Vocabulary

We can combine words to make phrases:

Get that  
 Want it  
 Put in  
 Turn on  
 Look that  
 You do  
 Who that  
 Not like

Fringe vocabulary can be added into the empty column.

like 	want 	get 	make 	good 	more 	
not 	go 	look 	turn 	help 	different 	
I 	he 	open 	do 	put 	same 	
you 	she 	that 	up 	all 	some 	
it 	here 	in 	on 	can 	finished 	
where 	what 	why 	who 	when 	stop 	

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