




Language Organization

The 2 most common apps: Proloquo2Go & TouchChat



Language is commonly organized in one of 2 ways: activity based or language based

When we look at language organization devices are typically a hybrid of both activity based and language based.

Activity Based: When all the vocabulary a communicator may need to talk about a specific topic is on one page. For example a “zoo” page and a “bathtime” page.

Language Based: organized based on how words can be used to create original thoughts



Activity Based Pages

PROS

- Minimal navigation → communicators are less likely to lose their place or forget what they are saying

CONS

- Vocabulary is limited to the words/vocabulary that the programmer chooses
- Limited ability to create new sentences & phrases
- Difficult to make connections for example talking about the beach if you are eating ice cream



Language Based Organization

PROS

- Allows you to combine new words into sentences and phrases
- Easier to communicate for reasons other than making requests

CONS

- More navigation which has higher cognitive and motor demands



Proloquo2Go

- Proloquo2Go is a common app that is popular with schools and families
- Organization is language based
- Crescendo is a research based program
- Offerent consistent locations for core vocabulary → assists with motor planning and communicating faster
- Progressive language lets you gradually increase vocabulary while keeping the location stable



TouchChat

- TouchChat is another popular AAC app
- Multiple language areas that range from activity/topic based to language based
- Word Power layouts utilizes core words and is developed to facilitate sentence creation
- Words are organized into logical categories
- Significant research backs the program



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