



## What's in a name?

# A speech pathology perspective

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# **Access Easy English**

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• Vision: A society that includes people with low literacy.

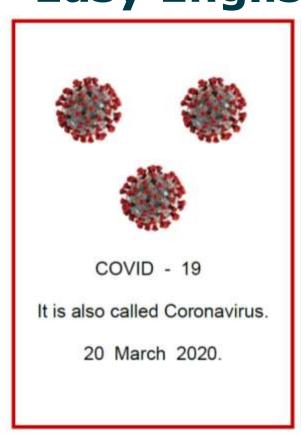
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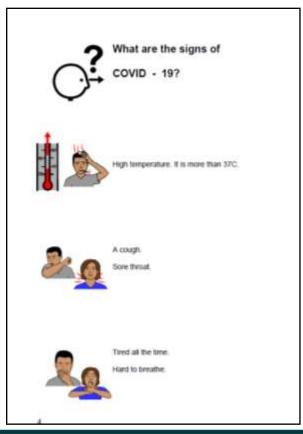






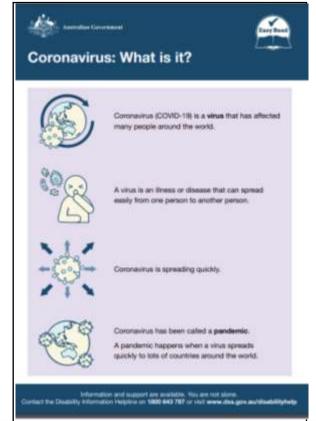
# Best practice Easy English





# Other development

**Easy Read** 



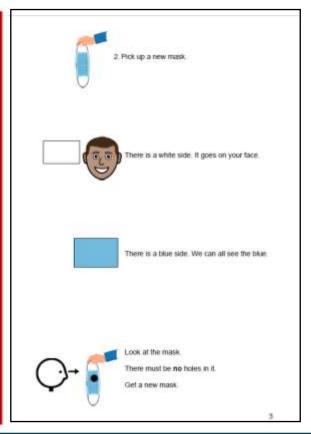






#### Easy English Pro Bono





#### Easy Read

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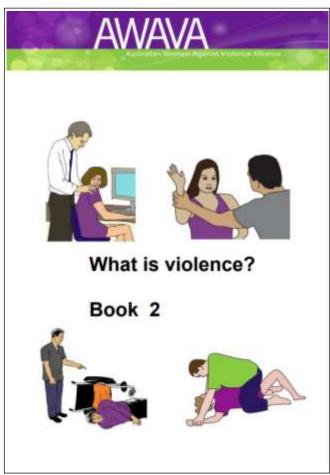




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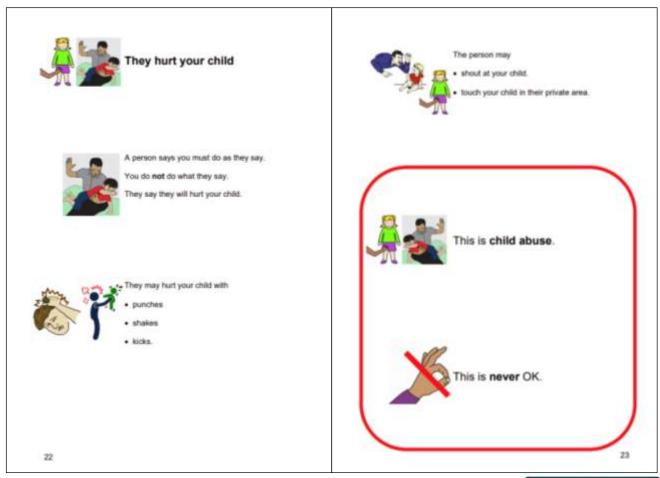
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#### Front cover

#### Young women's survey.





## What is measurable and repeatable?

- Structure of words CVC
- Length of words syllables
- Repeatable words
- Common top 10 words
- Length of sentence
- Spelling rules
- Active tense







# What skills do you need to support accessible written content?







### Easy spoken language



For person sending message

For person receiving message





#### Communication



- Interactive
- Need a shared
  - method of communication
  - something to communicate about.





# **Natural gesture**





















# **Facial expression**

**Body language** 









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## **Using objects**







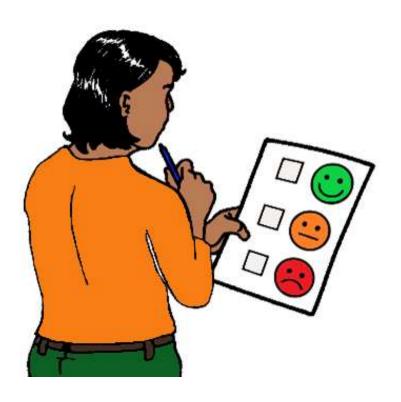
### Environment







## **Pictures and photos**









#### And

- Planning
- Memory
- Reasoning
- Your life experiences

• Previous success in communicating.







## **Prosody – affects meaning and intention**

- Pitch
- Stress
- Volume
- Speed
- Pause

No.

I went to the movies.



# **Types of communication – pragmatics**

- Statements
- Questions
- Requests
- Negates
- Social
- Affirmation
- Respond





#### Other needs

- Engage with others
- Attention
- Initiate interactions
- Continue interactions
- Choose a topic

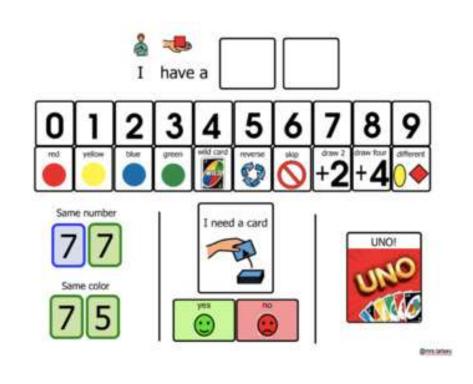


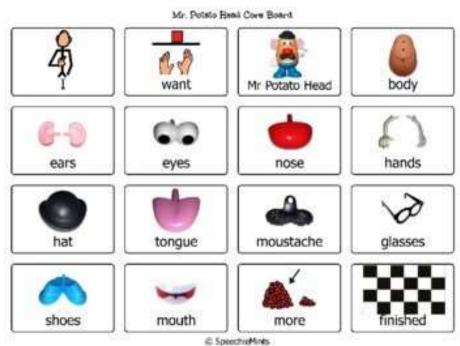


#### **Communication Boards**







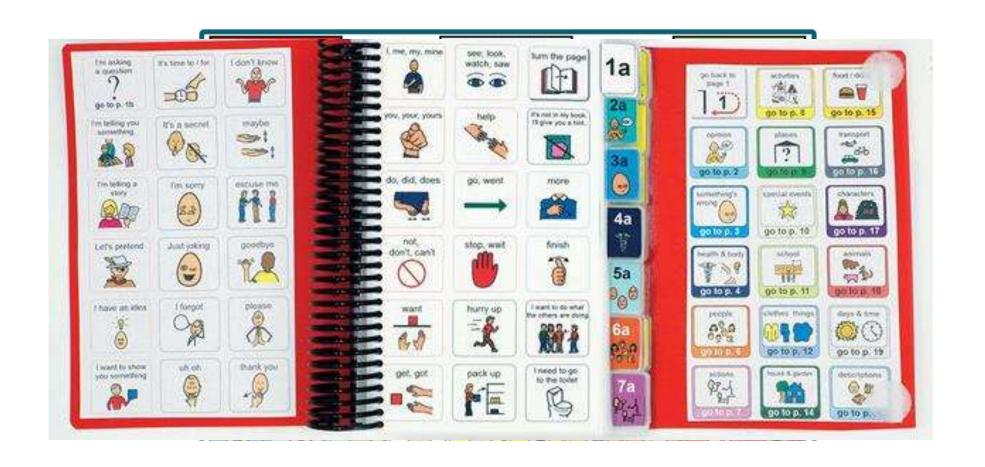






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## **Communication Partner**

#### **Effective Communication Checklist**

- Trust with your communication partner
- Learn to listen
- Seek to understand the other persons point of view
- Focus on the goal of communication
- Make communication a top priority
- Handle conflict immediately

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## **Communication Partner training**

- Eliminate distractions
- Using picture supports
- Gesture
- Draw
- Write down key words
- Simplify speech
- Ask questions to verify
- Recap the conversation





#### **HANEN - It takes two to talk.**

#### **Let Your Child Lead**

**O**bserve

Wait

Listen









#### **Person Centred Communication Partner Checklist**

- Physical space
  - distractions
  - glare
  - noise
  - position
- Approach person, gain their attention



- Speak to me, not over my head
- Ask one question at a time but- wait for me to ask a question too.

- Wait for me to have my turn
- Acknowledge my attempt to communicate



#### Use repair strategies

- check if I understand I may need time to process
- repeat the same information
- rephrase
- use a short sentence
- one thing at a time
- use visual supports
- emphasise a word or part of phrase
- show me



#### My communicate attempt

- Include me
- Model or Expand
  - Gesture, sign, pointing to picture or word, the spoken word or phrase

Ask me to repeat a action, gesture, word, phrase





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