

Summer Fun Pack

Communication doesn't take a vacation. This pack helps you bring your child's voice to the pool, the beach, and the backyard — with a water-safe board you can make at home and a ready-to-print core word board built for summer play.



THE ACTIVITY

Make a Splash Board

A foam kickboard makes a perfect low-tech “talker” for the water — it floats, it survives splashes, and it gives your child a way to say “more”, “splash”, and “my turn” when their device has to stay dry. Print the board on the next page, attach it to a kickboard, and you're ready to go!

What You'll Need

- ✓ **A foam kickboard** — flatter, rectangular shapes hold more buttons
- ✓ **The printed core board** from page 2 (cut into buttons, or keep it whole)
- ✓ **Clear packing tape** laminator, or a plastic page protector
- ✓ **Waterproof duct tape** to attach it to the board
- ✓ **Scissors and a hole punch** (optional)

Prep Time: about 10-15 mins

How to Make It

- 1 **Print page 2** on regular paper. Print a second copy if you'd like loose buttons to swap out.
- 2 **Laminate** the sheet, or sandwich it fully between two layers of clear packing tape so no edges are exposed.
- 3 **Trim** the corners round so they're secure and won't peel up in the water.
- 4 **Tape it down** to the flat underside of the kickboard with waterproof tape all the way around the edge.
- 5 **Take it to the water** and start modeling — point to words as you play.

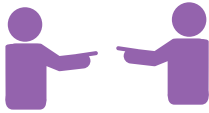
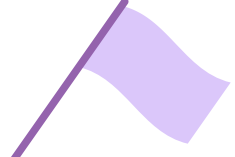
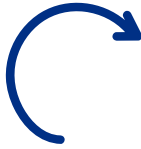
Tips for the Pool and Beach

- ✓ **Model, don't quiz.** Tap words yourself as you play. No pressure to repeat.
- ✓ **Honor every press.** If they say “splash,” splash! Real responses build real communication.
- ✓ **Follow their lead.** Notice what they love — jumping, splashing — and talk about that.
- ✓ **Keep it nearby.** Float it on the steps or clip it to your bag so it's always in reach.

Pool & Splash Core Board

Take it anywhere the water goes — point to words as you play.

● PEOPLE ● SOCIAL ● ACTION WORDS ● DESCRIBING ● THINGS

 I	 you	 my turn	 we	 yes
 no	 hi	 all done	 want	 go
 stop	 help	 look	 swim	 jump
 splash	 bubbles	 more	 again	 cold
 fun	 water	 towel	 drink	 snack

Two ways to use it: keep the sheet whole for a full talking board, or cut along the buttons to make swappable cards. Either way — laminate before it gets wet. Point to words as you play so your child sees how each one works.

Chalk Talk Driveway Game

Communication + Movement + The Device, all in one.

Turn your sidewalk or driveway into a giant version of your child's talking page. Draw a handful of words from the QuickTalker Freestyle speech device big enough to stand on — then hop to a word, and say it on the device together. The chalk square and the button reinforce each other: your child connects the word they see on the ground to the word they press on the device. It's communication, gross-motor play, and outdoor time all at once, and the chalk washes away with the hose when you're done.



What You'll Need

- ✓ **A box of sidewalk chalk** (a few colors)
- ✓ **Your child's QuickTalker Freestyle speech device** — the star of the game
- ✓ **A flat patch of sidewalk, driveway, or patio**
- ✓ **A bucket of water or a hose for clean-up** (and for a “wash the words” game)

★ **Prep Time: about 10-15 mins**

How to Make It

- 1 **Pick 6–8 words** straight from your child's device — favorites like go, more, jump, stop, splash, and again work great.
- 2 **Draw each word in a big square**, large enough to stand inside. Match the chalk colors to the word categories on the device so the connection is clear.
- 3 **Copy the symbol.** Sketch the same picture that's on the device button next to each chalk word — now the ground matches the screen.
- 4 **Hop and press.** Jump to a word, find it together on the QuickTalker Freestyle, and press it — then do the action (“jump!” then jump).
- 5 **Take turns.** Let your child lead you to a square, say it together on the device, and follow what they choose.

Tips for Chalk Play

- ✓ **Every square is a button.** Each time you land on a word, find and press it on the device too — the chalk and the QuickTalker Freestyle teach the same word two ways.
- ✓ **Keep the squares spread out.** Room to move between words turns talking into a game, with the device traveling along.
- ✓ **Let them erase.** Spraying or splashing the words away is its own reason to press more, all done, and wet on the device.
- ✓ **Redraw favorites.** If one word gets pressed and stomped again and again, that's a win — draw it bigger tomorrow. (See *the wash the words game* above)

Frozen Treasure Hunt

A cool-down game packed with reasons to talk.



Freeze small waterproof toys in a block of ice, then let your child free them using warm water, salt, and a little patience. Every step is a reason to communicate — open, help, more, cold, go — and it's the perfect way to cool off on a hot afternoon.

What You'll Need

- ✓ **A few small waterproof toys** or laminated picture cards
- ✓ **Warm water** in a cup, plus a spoon or dropper
- ✓ **A towel** and the page 2 board nearby
- ✓ **A plastic container or bowl** to freeze water in
- ✓ **A pinch of salt** (it melts ice fast and surprises everyone)

★ **Prep Time: about 10-15 mins**

How to Make It

- 1 **Drop the toys** into the container, fill it with water, and freeze it overnight.
- 2 **Pop the ice block out** into a tray or sink where the mess is okay.
- 3 **Give your child the tools** — and wait. Let them ask for more water or help before you jump in.
- 4 **Model as it melts:** “so cold!”, “I see it!”, “almost — keep going!”
- 5 **Celebrate** each rescued treasure, then refreeze and play again.

Tips for the Hunt

- ✓ **Use bigger toys for little ones.** Skip tiny pieces with children who still mouth objects, and always stay close.
- ✓ **Pause on purpose.** A sealed cup or stuck toy is a natural reason to say open or help.
- ✓ **Narrate the senses.** Cold, wet, hard, melting — describing words come alive here.
- ✓ **Stretch it out.** Slow melting means more turns and more chances to talk; there's no rush.