

# AAC App Considerations Checklist

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Access Methods

Consider best access method for client:

- Direct Selection**
  - Touch selection (can be with finger, stylus, mouse, etc.)
  - Tracking (head/eye movement)
- Indirect Selection**
  - Switch access
  - Scanning

Based on your client's fine motor skills, select an app that supports their access method.

## Language System

Consider Language Processing Style:

- Gestalt processor may benefit from a system that has phrases or the ability to add phrases as well as media/audio.
- Core and Fringe Vocabulary is needed for all language processing styles.

Look at the Type of Language System:

- Motor Planning: Offers consistent icon placement and learnable motor plans so client does not need to rely on discrimination or identification skills.
- Category-Based: Offers language organization based on categorization for those who can recognize and understand pictures and icons.
- Can be a combination of both.

Consider Native Language:

- If your client is bilingual, or another language is spoken at home, select an app that offers appropriate language options.

Based on your client's current language abilities and need, choose a language system that will match.

## Grid Size

Robust language access is always the goal, so start with as large a grid size as vision and fine motor needs will allow.

Consider Vision Needs and Fine Motor Control:

- Look for apps with adjustable grid sizes as needed.
- Consider adjusting the appearance to increase contrast between icons, changing the selection settings, or using progressive language systems to gradually increase icons available on a larger grid.
- Think about alternative access methods if needed.

Based on your client's vision and fine motor skills, select an app with a grid size that will be compatible with their needs.

## Customization and Growth

Assess Customization Potential:


- Add preferred items/words
- Phrase programming
- Motivational media integration

Portability Assessment:

- Device size
- Carrying capabilities
- Mounting systems

Future Growth Potential:

- Adaptability to change if needed
- Scalable communication system

 **Note:** While every app is different, prioritize providing access to communication as soon as possible. With the QuickTalker Freestyle speech device, you can change the communication app at any time with no additional cost and our ableCARE team is available to support you in customizing and setting up the device!