

The Autistic Advocate

Ways human beings communicate

Verbal communication (Minimal)

Speech

Song

Mouth and throat noises

Tone

Pitch

Volume

Language

Non-verbal communication (Maximum)

Stimming

Sign language

Makaton

Braille

Body language

Pheromones

Gestures

Facial expressions

Position

Pointing

Touch

Writing

Mathematics

Art

Music

Emotional energy

Augmentative Communication (AAC)

Symbols and pictures

Objects of reference

Signs

Specific Devices

Apps

Some dedicated AAC devices

Tobii Dynavox

Logan ProxTalker Modular AAC Device Package

Hip Talk Plus Communicator

Beamz Interactive Music System

MegaBee Assisted Communication and Writing Tablet

Pal Pads Pressure Activated Switches

Pocket Go-Talk 5-Level Communication Device

The MegaBee Assisted Communication and Writing Tablet

Enabling Devices Tactile Symbol Communicator

GOTALK 9+

FAB Frenchay Alphabet Board

Lightwriter SL40

Gooshy Step Talk Communicator

Big Talk Assistive Technology Communicator

GoTalk Express 32 / Advanced Communication Aid

Ablenet's QuickTalker Freestyle

Some example Apps for iOS or Android devices:

Grid for iPad

Grid 3 for WindowsGoTalk Now

Metacom

Predictable

Tobii Dynavox app

SonoFlex

iCommunicate for iPad

QuickTalk AAC

Proloquo2Go

TouchChat

Human Aids to Communication (HACs) Interpreters

Translators

Lip speakers

Note takers

Speech to text reporters

Deafblind manual communicators

Image readers/describers

Assistive devices/Technical Aids to Communication

Devices to enable someone to use speech

Computer activated voice devices

Speech boards

Speech synthesisers

Devices to enable someone to maximise existing hearing to enable them to engage in communication with other people:

Hearing aids

Cochlear implants

Induction loop systems

Infra-red listening devices

Devices for people with visual impairments:

Machines/Apps to read printed information

Devices/other assistance to communicate risk or danger to enable someone to be protected from harm (some of these are sound activated or may use alternative means of alerting someone according to their particular need and sensory impairment):

Hearing dogs

Assistance dogs

Vibrating and flashing smoke alarms for Deaf people

Equipment with an audible or other accessible signal (e.g. vibrating pad and/or flashing light).