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Communicator 5 **Training Manual**



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WELCOME!

Tobii Dynavox Communicator 5 is comprehensive AAC software that provides a voice and independence to those in need of alternative communication solutions. It offers a wide array of communication pages and on-screen keyboards as well as easy-to-use tools for e-mail, text messaging, telephone, environmental control and much more. Based on the experiences from previous versions of Communicator, the re-envisioned and redesigned Communicator 5 has one clear goal; making AAC communication more efficient. Communicator 5 was created for individuals of all communication ability levels, from those just learning to interact and engage with others, to those who are fully literate.

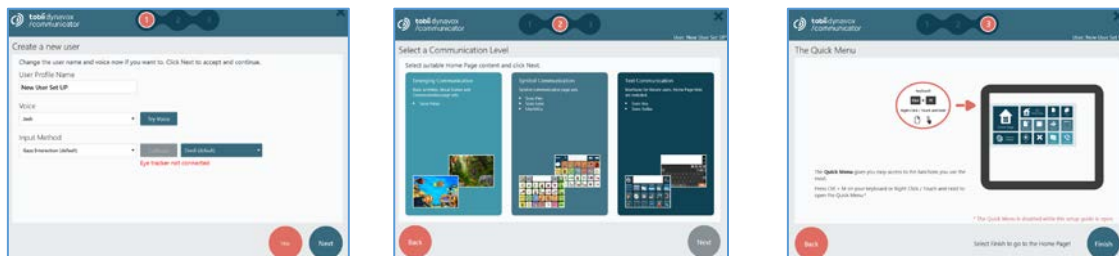
The New User Setup Guide will automatically start the first time Communicator 5 is launched. It is a simple 3 step questionnaire that will allow you to create a Home Page, at a communication level that is best suited for your AAC communicator.

The New User Setup Guide will walk you through the process of setting up a new communication user. A user is a collection of pages, access settings, personal phrases, and any other customized information that is specific for that individual.

Your user profile will allow Communicator 5 to track all settings for that individual and have an associated Home Page which includes all the communication tools necessary for communicating and interacting with the world around them. Your home page might include:

<u>Interaction Activities</u>	<u>Communication</u>	<u>Tools</u>	<u>Long Distance Communication</u>	<u>Settings</u>
Play together Activities	Simple Selections	IR Controls	Email	Gaze Interaction Settings
Music	Books	Camera	Texting	Voice selection
Videos	Symbol boards	Calculator	Phone	Change user
Games	Keyboards	Photos	Social Media	Input Method Options

You may want to create multiple Users to meet the varied access needs during the day. The New User Setup Guide will walk you through the process of setting up a new user, with a collection of pages, access settings, personal phrases, and any other customized information that is specific for that individual AAC user. The New User Setup Guide will provide you a starting point in developing your home page.



2. New User Setup Guide



Step 1: Create a New User: Here you will be asked just 3 simple questions.

- Name your user profile. We think it might be best to name it for your AAC user.
- Choose your voice
- Choose your selection method

Gaze Interaction	Select buttons by eye gaze. Works with Tobii Dynavox eye trackers.
Touch / Mouse	Select buttons on a page by pressing the touch screen or left-clicking with a mouse. Devices that emulate a mouse may also be used.
Mouse Dwell	Select buttons on a page by letting the mouse cursor rest (dwell) over the button. Works with all devices that emulate a mouse.
Scanning	Use switches to advance the scan cursor. There are different ways to 'push' a button that is highlighted by the scan cursor

2a. Choosing Communication Level



Step 2: Choose a communication level for your AAC User.

You have three options to select the home page that is most suitable for your AAC communicator.

Communication Level 1: Emerging Communicator: This might be an individual who is experiencing their first time in front of a computer screen; here we are trying to encourage the communicator to understand that when they look at the screen, something happens, establishing screen engagement.

This Home Page will offer many different easy and fun engaging activities because we are trying to encourage the user to understand that when they look at the screen, something happens. We want them to realize they caused something to happen; and as much as possible, something that is fun, exciting, and engaging. Communication options at this level are best used to engage others and make simple choices.



Sarah is new to eye gaze, and new to AAC. Her parents and teachers can tell what Sarah wants by reading her facial expression, and body language. Her Caregivers want her to show a preference for favorite objects, activities, and people. They want large symbols on her communication device and fun and engaging activities. They started with the **Emerging Communicator** home page.



Communication Level 2: Symbol Communicator: This home page will provide you options that enable communicators to build their own messages symbol by symbol. These individuals are not yet fully literate. There are many different communication options, which include ready-made pages that allow you to customize and personalize them for the AAC communicator. Options range from simple vocabulary grids, to the more complex symbol-based vocabulary structures supporting the early stages of literacy. You also have access to games, tools, and simple IR remote controls.



Joey is excited to start communicating, even though he is new to eye gaze, he can use picture symbols to communicate his needs, make requests, and with help ask simple questions. He needs symbol pages that are simple but are able to grow in complexity, as he becomes more proficient in his communication. We think he should start with the **Symbol Communicator** home page.



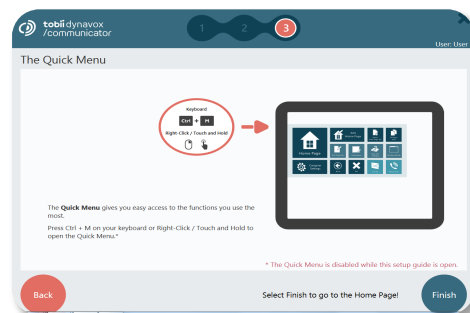
Communication Level 3: Text Communicator: For communicators who understand the same as their peers with a desire to communicate about a broad range of topics, and have literacy skills on par with their same age peers, the Text Communicator home page is the place to start. This home page will also offer the AAC communicator the opportunity to access and make use of key distance communication modules, applications and programs such as Telephone, E-mail, Chat, and social media apps. At this stage the user will be able to use standard and specialized keyboards with word and phrase prediction, making writing (for pleasure and necessity) and communicating easier and more intuitive.



Lisa might be new to eye gaze but she has a lot to communicate. She understands and wants to communicate the same things as her peers. Her literacy skills are good but she cannot access a keyboard. She wants to access and make use of tools that support Telephone, E-mail, Chat, and social media apps. She is a perfect candidate for the **Text Communicator** home page.



Step 3: The Quick Menu gives you easy access to the functions and commands you will use the most when navigating and personalizing your home page.



- Right Click
- Ctrl + M
- Press and Hold
- Press bottom, left side button on the I-Series.

2.b. Creating New User

At this point you should have a home page, based on one of the three communication levels we outlined above. If you feel good about the home page you selected, move on to the next section. However, if you feel like you need a different home page, no worries, you can set up a new user.

Open Quick Menu
Select Care Giver Settings
Select User Set Up tab
Select Add or Change User
Select New User and you are ready to go!

3. Home Page Overview

- Why is your home page so important? We've been thinking about that, and we want to share with you why we think it's important to spend some time developing the home page that is best for you. To keep it simple, we believe that your home page is how you navigate into communication. It's how you will interact with your world. Sounds a bit daunting doesn't it? But it's not. Your home page is easy to navigate and easy to edit. Let's get started.



- The New User Set Up Guide helped you find a starting point for your home page. Let's do a quick explore, so you have an idea what is on your home page. Also, the more you explore, the more you can determine what you want to keep on your home page and what you might want to edit



3.a Let's Explore Activity


Go ahead and complete the explore activities listed below. Find your Home Page in the table below, and have some fun finding out what's there.


Emerging Communication	Symbol Communication	Text Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a jungle expedition! <i>(Select the X in upper right corner to close.)</i> There is nothing as satisfying as finishing a puzzle. Have fun! Let's play the drums. Turn down the volume so we don't disrupt our friends! Make a simple choice, it's easy and it's quick. Great communication option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to beat me in Tic Tac Toe! <i>(Select the X in upper right corner to close.)</i> Take a photo. It's easy and fun. Spell your name, and some of your favorite things. Go to the dictionary and find your favorite foods. Test your memory with the vehicles memory game. FUN! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the calendar page, when is your birthday? <i>(Select the X in upper right corner to close.)</i> Tell someone how you are feeling in My Phrases. Edit your Home Page and change the background color. Add your friend to My Contacts. You may want to email them one day soon.


4. Quick Menu


We provided you with a starting point, a suggested Home Page. However, you know best, and it’s important that you feel comfortable making necessary changes to make your home page the best it can be. To make those customizations you will use the Quick Menu.


The **Quick Menu** will provide you access to the tools you need to manage your page sets.



Home Page



Edit Home Page



Create New Page Set



All Page Sets



Edit Page Set



Edit Button



Help and Training



Fullscreen Mode


Caregiver Settings


Back


Exit


My Contacts


E-mail

Quick Menu

1. Right Click

2. Ctrl + M




3. Press and Hold





4. Press bottom, left side button on the I-Series.





Open your Quick Menu.


4.a Quick Menu Overview

- **Three components make up your Home Page System:**
 - Navigating to your Home Page
 - View and Add pages through All Page sets
 - Edit Home Page for personalization

		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At any time access the Quick Menu and select Home Page to return.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the Quick Menu,you will find the link to All Page Sets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add page sets and view your options while deciding which page set you want to add to your home page.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Page allows you access to your communication world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• View your page set options in any one of the Three user profiles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change your home page grid size by choosing alternative layouts and button size.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• While navigating page sets, you can escape any page by selecting the X in the upper right corner or by selecting the home page button.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Here is where you will find any page set you’ve made or imported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage your page sets and choose what order they appear or if you want to remove them from your home page.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add any page set to your home page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose background color.

4.a. Let's Explore! Let's Explore the All Page sets button from our Quick Menu This is how we will view and add page sets to our Home Page	
Go to your Home Page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open <u>Quick Menu</u>. 	
Select All Page Sets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin by selecting <u>Emerging Communication</u>. 	 All Page Sets
Select your Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now select the Page Set you want to explore. The selected Page Set will highlight in red. 	
Select View <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember, this is a simple explore and add activity. Anything you add now can easily be removed from your Home page. 	 View
Explore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize yourself with the page set 	
Go Back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Quick Menu Use the Back button to return to the Home Page. 	 Back
Add or Continue to Explore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Add to Home Page if you want to have access to the Page Set Select another page set and begin viewing once again 	 Add to Home Page

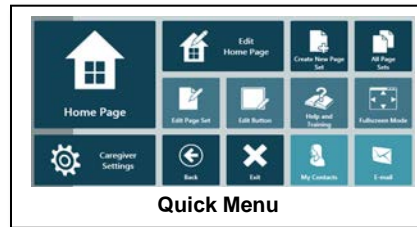
4.b. Let's Explore! Explore Edit Home Page button	
	Change the background color to blue, because that's my favorite color!
	Change the Home Page Grid Size to a 4 x 3, because I think they may need a bigger target to increase accuracy.
	Manage your page sets by moving the pages you think will be most motivating to the front of the line. Because I want to start with what is the most exciting!
	Remove two of the Page sets from you home page. Don't worry you can always add them back later if you want.



4.c. Let's Explore! Let's use the Home Page button	
	Sometimes you might find yourself lost in a page set and not really sure how to find your way home. If that ever happens ... remember your Home Page Button is always on the Quick Menu. One click and you are home!

5. Settings

You just explored the Quick Menu Tools that allowed you to add or remove page sets from your Home Page. Maybe you've changed the background color or the button size to better meet your needs. Create the Home Page that works best for you. Now let's review more of the Quick Menu by exploring "Settings".



- **Settings**



 Settings	 Caregiver Settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Settings Menu you can provide the user with access to key features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregiver Settings are items that are controlled by communication partner. Most require a mouse to access.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the Settings menu through All Page Sets. • Select your Communication Level. • Scroll down and select Settings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Caregiver Settings through Quick Menu
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here you will be able to add the settings button to your Home Page. • Allows the user greater control of setting features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will have access to several Tabs in the Menu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Input Method – modify settings for input ○ User Set Up – create or change user ○ System – enable status bar ○ System – enable Windows control
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the standard Settings menu to your Home Page. 	



5.a. Let's Explore!

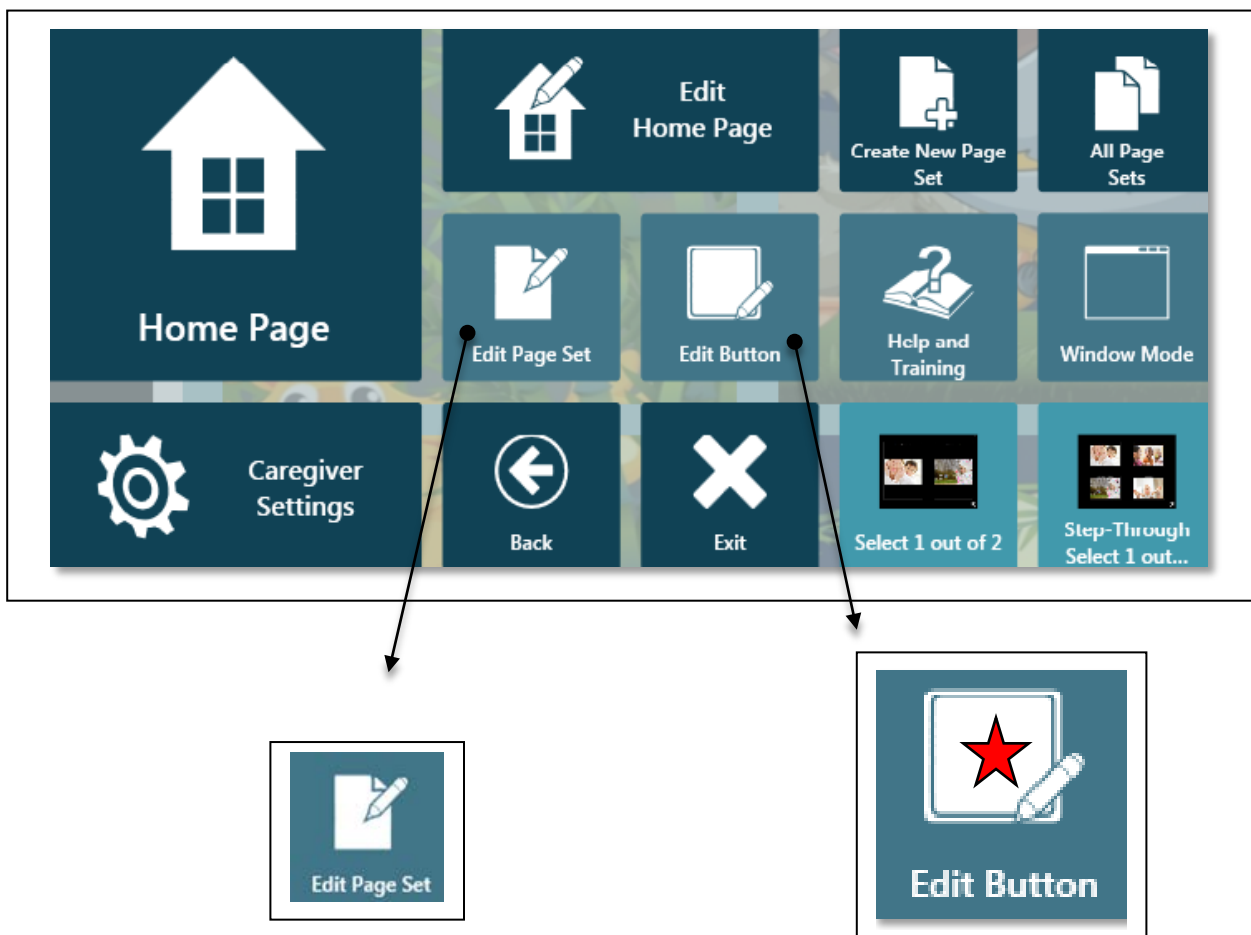
 Settings	 Caregiver Settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find the Settings category in the All Page Sets button. <i>(remember to open your Quick menu)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you remember which tab allows you to change and create a new user?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the Settings button to your Home Page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find 3 different input mode options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oops...that's a little too much control, you better remove that Settings button quick! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yikes, the volume is too loud. You need to find the settings tab which allows you to turn it down.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to make sure you are heard at all times, so why don't you add the volume button to your Home Page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need to create an alternative pronunciation for a name in your family. It doesn't sound the way it's spelled!

6. Customization

We've customized our Home Page, and it's just right for you. But now we need to customize our page sets. We've provided you a starting point, but you might want to add images, vocabulary, and content that is important to you. By using the Edit Button Tool you can quickly make those changes.

We believe that with the options provided to you at each communication level, you can start successfully navigating quickly through your chosen page sets. However if you need to make some basic customizations, utilizing Run View Editing will make quick work of those customizations.

The **Edit Button** tool allows you to edit button images and text, sound properties, and button link. The Edit Button Tool is designed to give you what you need to complete basic editing without having to go into Edit View. For more information on advanced editing by using Edit View, see chapter 7, page 37 in the Tobii Dynavox Communicator 5 Getting Started manual.

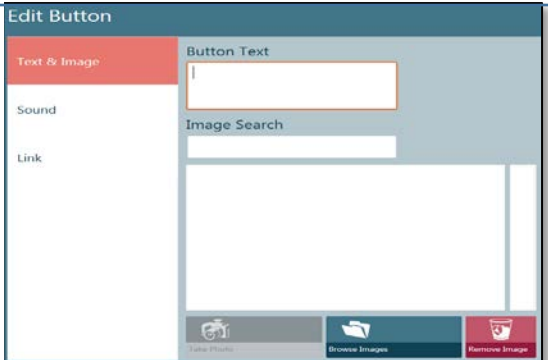
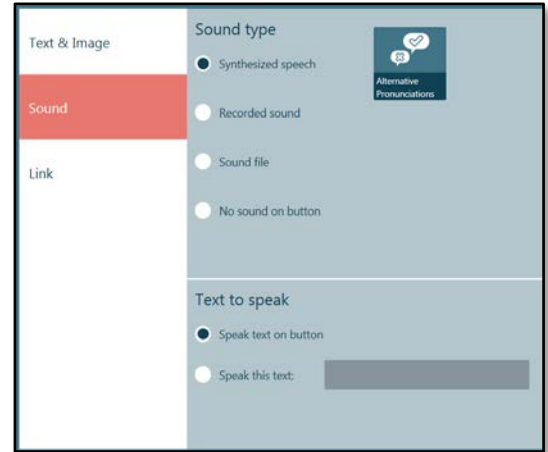
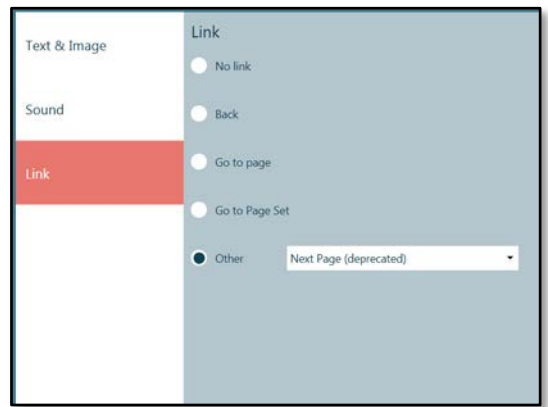


- Edit View is the 'design mode' of the program and allows editing of existing buttons and pages, or making new page sets.
- Advanced programming.

- Use the Edit Button Tool to quickly change the content of one button at a time.
- The improved runview mode (Edit Button) allows you to easily make simple changes to texts, images and links.
- Quick + Easy = SUCCESS!

6.a HOW TO EDIT A BUTTON

Exploring the Edit Button Tool	
Start with this page set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose Select 1 out of 4 	All Page Sets Emerging Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select topic “Play Together” Choose page set Select 1 out of 4
Open Quick menu	Right Click or Ctrl + M or Press and Hold display
Select (Edit Button) button	All buttons that are possible to edit, will have a red frame around them.
Select the button to change.	The Edit button Tool will open

Text & Image Tab	Change/add the Button text	
	Search for Image in Symbol Library	
	To take a Photo, select the (Take Photo) button	
	To search for an Image on computer, select the (Browse Images) button.	
	To remove the Image, select the (Remove Image) button	
Sound Setting Tab	Add Synthesized speech Message	
	Record Digitized Message	
	Use Existing Sound File	
	No Sound on Button	
	Speak Text on Button	
	Customize what text is spoken with button selection.	
Link Tab	No link - If selection should stay on same page	
	Back- If the selection of the button should take the user back to the previous page	
	Go to page - If going to a page within the same Page Set.	
	Go to Page Set – If going to a new Page Set.	
	Other - To access more linking options	



6.b. Let's Explore the Edit Button Tool!

My Favorite Things	
<p>In this activity we are going to modify the Farm Animal Book Page Set and create a book called My Favorite Things. It's going to be a great activity to create a customized and personal page set for your AAC user.</p> <div> </div> <p>Farm Animal Book</p>	<p>First we need to add the Farm Animal Book to your Home Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick menu • Select Edit Home Page • Select Add Page Sets • Select Emerging Communicator • Select Simple Selection • Select Farm Animal Book • Select Add to Home Page • Go to Home Page
<p>Now let's make a new book called <u>My Favorite Things</u>. We will do this by editing the <u>Farm Animal Book</u>, using the book as a template while personalizing the content.</p>	
<p>Select Farm Animal Book from your Home Page</p>	
<p>Now open the Quick Menu and Select Edit Button tool.</p>	<div> </div>
<p>Choose the first picture / page</p>	
<p>Now change the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image: Type in one of your favorite things into button text and symbol search. Choose your symbol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For example: I might type in Books, or Dog, or maybe Friends. • Sound: Let's make this easy and select "Synthesized Speech" • Link: Keep as is "Other. Next page" • Now select OK and move to the next picture and edit that next page until you are done with the book. 	
<p>When you are done you need to save your work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Quick menu • Choose "Save As" • Type in "<u>My Favorite Things</u>" • Select "Save" • Select "Yes, in addition to the old version" and select OK. 	
<p>Bonus Points!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move Farm Animal Book to space 1 on your Home Page. • Move My Favorite Things to space 2 on your Home Page. 	



7. Emerging Communicator

The page sets available at this communication level are all about engagement. This Home Page will offer many different easy and fun engaging activities that encourage the AAC Communicator to understand that when they look at the screen, something happens, that they caused something to happen; and as much as possible interact with something fun, exciting or engaging.



Possible Goals	Page Set Options
Demonstrates intent to communicate with a partner such as selecting single button message in a joint action routine (e.g., request repetition of preferred activity or item).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 1 out of 2 Select 1 out of 3 / Add favorite things
Demonstrates joint attention toward an object with partner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm Animal book My favorite things book
Engages in turn-taking for one communication exchange (can include gestures, pointing, facial expression, eye movement).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matching games Jigsaw Puzzles
Demonstrates joint attention toward an object with partner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video activities Music player

At this level our goal is to create moments where the AAC Communicator can engage in activities that create opportunities for joint attention, intentional sharing, and fun engaging routines. Communicator 5 provides you many activities, however it can be motivating to personalize an activity. By using an existing page set as a template, we can create motivating activities to more quickly engage that individual who is using AAC.



7.a Let's Explore Personalizing a pageset!

Let's begin by editing the "What is in my Garden" page set.

- We are going to use the **"What is in My Garden"** page set as a template and create **"This is My Family"** page set.
- By using the Edit Button Tool we can quickly change the content of this page set.

Open Page set

- Add "what's in my garden" to your home page
- Find it in the SCENES tab and add to home page.



Unhide each item by selecting each blue circle

- Open Page Set
- You will see the different items in the garden



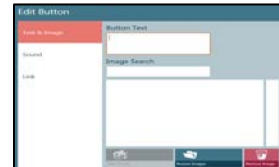
Open Quick Menu

- Select Edit button
- All buttons, that are possible to edit, will be framed in red.
- Select the button to change. (Select the blue butterfly)



The Edit button Tool will open

- In this activity we will only use the Text and Image Tab
- Add an image of the primary caregiver
- To take a Photo, select the (Take Photo) button
- To search for an Image, select the (Browse Images) button.
- To support literacy awareness I am going to add Button Text
- Once you are done, select OK



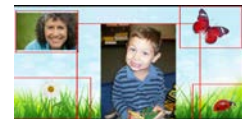
Open Quick Menu

- Select Edit Button
- Select the button to change. (Select the orange butterfly)
- Add an image of another important caregiver
- Use the Take a Photo, or Browse Images button.



Complete the Customization for different family members

- I added the image of my communicator right in the middle. (the tree picture)
- Remember pets and everyone important for that communicator.



Once you are finished customizing each image

- Open Quick Menu
- Choose Save As
- Title new page set "This is my Family" and Save



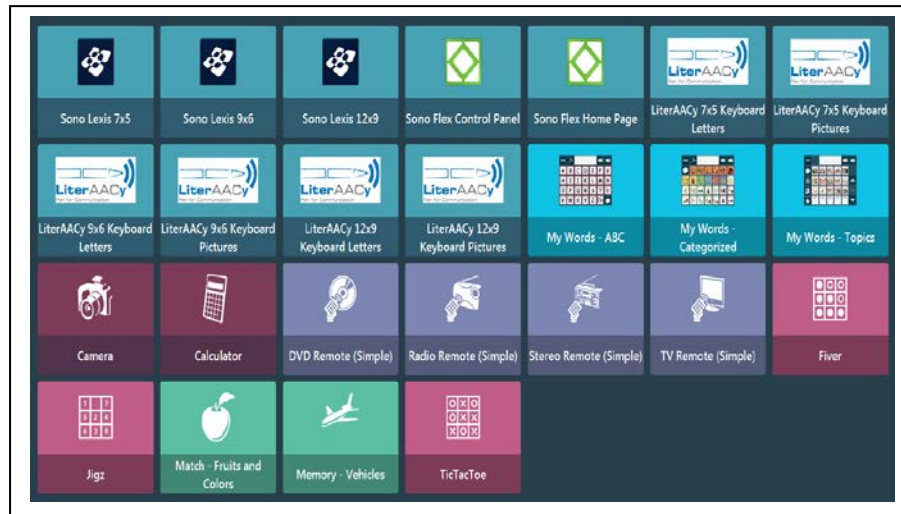
Save As

Last Step and it's important!

- Choose "Yes, in addition to the old version"
- Now you will have both the original page set and the new pageset
- From your Quick Menu go to your Home Page
- Select This is My Family and have fun!!!

- ☐ Yes, replacing link to the old version. (Recommended)
- ☒ Yes, in addition to the old version
- ☐ No, don't change the Home Page.

8. Symbol Communicator



This home page will provide you options that enable communicators to build their own messages symbol by symbol. The individuals at this communication level are not yet fully literate. Communication options at this level include visual scene, symbol, and vocabulary category pages that should be customized for the individual who is using AAC communication.


Possible Goals	Page Set Options
Starting to use clear and simple symbols (including objects, photographs and picture symbols) in motivating situations or favorite activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Visual Scenes • My Visual Scenes with Words
Starting to understand more abstract picture symbols (e.g., think, big, hot, few).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Words - ABC • My Words - Topics
Communicates best in routines, about familiar topics, and with familiar communication partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Words – Topics • My Book
Uses symbols and objects spontaneously to communicate basic needs and make a variety of requests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Words – Topics • My Words - Categorized
Beginning to use symbols to comment and/ or ask questions with support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Words – Topics • My Words - Categorized
Beginning to combine two or more symbols to create longer messages (e.g., uses carrier phrases “I want; I like; I see ___”).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Words - Categorized

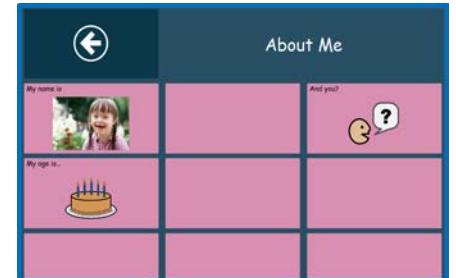
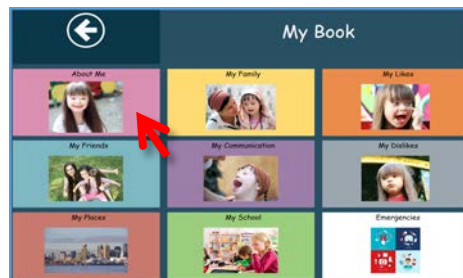
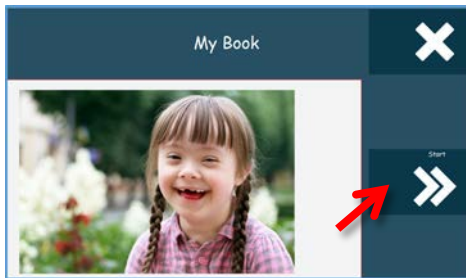
Communication options at this communication level should be seen as a continuum of complexity, from more simple engaging communication to combining symbols for communication. Individuals at this level cover a wide range of abilities. So as we look at some of the options, we will begin with page set examples that support beginning symbol communicators and will end with page sets that support communicators that have an understanding of using symbols to communicate.



8.a Let's Explore: Activity 1

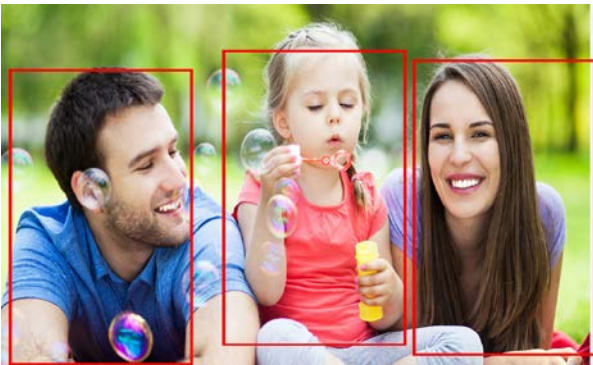
A great place to start at any level of communicator is the **"My Book"** page set. You will need to add this page set to your home page. Do you remember how to add a page set to your home page? (*Go to page 7 if you need a quick review*)

Consider This	Do This
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customize the images in this page set. Make it personal and meaningful to the communicator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Edit Button from Quick menu Browse images or take pictures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add content to the pages in My Book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Edit button and add meaningful content.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the topics but customize the content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Edit button and add meaningful content.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the Talk Button. A set of words and phrases for functional communication. It can be helpful when engaging the AAC communicator in the process of customizing content. If they are able, it's important to include them in the process in deciding what content should be included in their "My Book". 	
<p>If they are not able to participate in helping determine what content is important to their book, make sure to include primary caregivers in the process of determining what should be included.</p>	







8.b Let's Explore: Activity 2

The **"My Visual Scenes"** page set provides the communicator with a simple way to use motivating and meaningful images as communication tool. It also provides a way to establish a communication context for AAC user and their communication partners. Each visual scene has several active communication buttons available for quick message interaction. This is a simple page set that provides the individual with an easy step into communication.

Consider This	Do This
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore this page set on your own. You will need to add it to your home page. I know you remember how to do that. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right now the messages embedded in the visual scene are not highlighted. So explore the page and find the messages. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can select Edit Button and the messages will be outlined in red, showing that you can edit content. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the next section you will learn how to move those buttons around on the visual scene as well as highlighting the buttons for easy viewing. 	

8.c Let's Explore: Activity 3

My Visual Scenes with Words. We are gradually adding communication complexity. This page set provides the individual who uses AAC the support of a visual scene to establish context and provide quick communication. However now you will see the addition of single words and a core vocabulary to begin exploring combining single symbols to provide opportunities for more precise communication. Make sure to add this page set to your Home Page as it's not part of the default set up. But it's a great communication page set.

Consider This	Do This
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customize the content in this page set. Make it personal and meaningful to the AAC communicator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Edit Button from Quick Menu to edit any existing symbol buttons. 	 Edit Button
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new Visual Scene contexts so that you can grow the communication supports with the individual who is using AAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will use the Edit Page Set button. This is a new feature, and we will outline it in detail in the next Explore activity. 	 Edit Page Set
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the Talk Button. It is a set of words and phrases that can be used for functional communication anytime, anywhere. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will see the vocabulary has grown. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the Core button. This is a set of single words that allow you to create more precise communication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three screens of vocabulary options. 	



9. Edit Page Set Button

Communicator 5 provides you with many pre-made page sets for communication, fun, and inclusion. However we expect that you will need to continue to develop new page sets activities and communication topics that support the communication development of your individual who is using AAC. It's important that their communication opportunities grow along with their communication. You can use the existing page sets as templates for developing new communication opportunities. So editing page sets and adding new content will be an important key to success.

In earlier activities we completed several explore activities where we never have to leave the run view and can edit a button, on the spot. Quick changes, and quick customizations. s easy to do and important to your AAC communicator.

Now the fun begins! Let's create a new **MY VISUAL SCENE WITH WORDS** topic and page. For this activity, I thought we would create a "My Classroom" topic. There are going to be some new features in this activity, so go slow, and have fun!

The first think you need to do is make sure you've added the page set to your Home Page. Go to page 7 of this document for a quick reminder how that is done.



9.a Let's Explore Edit Page Set Button

Part One:

Let's create a new **Visual Scene with Words** page set using the Edit Page Set Button.
You will make the **"My Classroom"** page set

Let's begin by select an image for the "My Classroom" visual scene

- Copy and Paste the URL listed at your right your browser
- Here is a possible image that could be used to represent your classroom
- However the best way to go would be to use your device to take a picture of your very own classroom.

<http://ts3.mm.bing.net/th?id=JN.WBRLpTXS7ewEmDnWu00QXw&pid=15.1&P=0>

- If you use the image I highlighted for you in the link, save image to your computer
 - *Right Click and Select Save Image as (preschool)*
- If you take a picture with your device it will be saved to your button.



Select "MY VISUAL SCENES WITH WORDS" page set

- View the down arrow to access a "blank situation" topic button



Let's add an image to the "blank situation" button

- Open the Quick Menu and select Edit button
- Add Button Text (*My Classroom*)
- Select Browse Image to access the classroom image you saved
- Select Ok when done



Part 2:

Select the new **MY CLASSROOM** topic

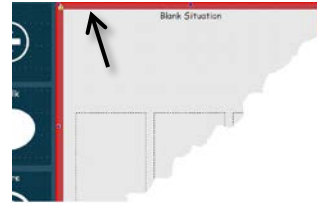
- Select down arrow, and move to 2nd page and You will see your new page set called MY CLASSROOM.

Let's add the same image to make your visual scene in the button that is labeled "blank situation"

- Open Quick Menu. Select **Edit Page Set** button. Select area labeled "blank situation".
- Insert the picture by selecting Browse in the Picture search window and select OK
 - Picture Search is the panel on the right side of the screen

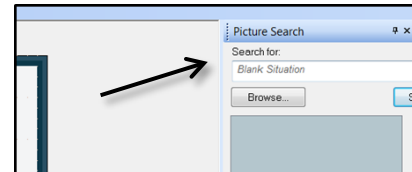
Add same image to create the visual scene

- Open Quick Menu and Select **Edit Page Set** button
- Select the blank area labeled "blank situation"
- You should see a **RED** border around the square



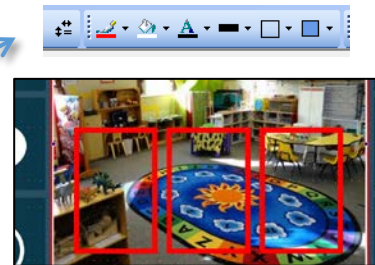
Insert the picture

- Select Browse in the Picture search window
- Select OK
- Picture Search is the panel on the right side of the screen



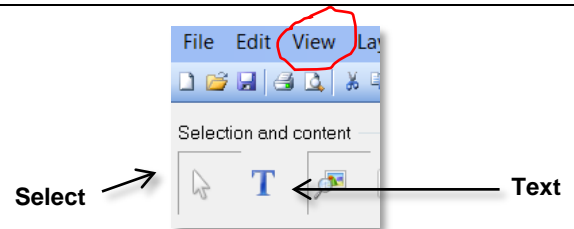
Move the Hot Spots

- Let's highlight the hotspots and add a communication message.
- Begin by selecting on of the symbols highlighted by a dash line.
- Go to the menu bar at top and change the boarder color to red
- Change the button width to 5
- Now move each hot spot to some place on your visual scene



Once your image is placed, add a caption to your scene

- Select the "INSERT TEXT" tool in the panel on the left of the screen.
- Type **My Classroom**
- Choose the "SELECT" tool to return to your screen
- Now Select the **View Menu** and Select **RUN**



Open Quick Menu and select Edit Button

- Remember the buttons you can edit will highlight in red.
- Use the Edit Button from the Quick Menu to make these quick and easy customizations.
- Don't forget to add messages to your HotSpots



Save your work

- Open the Quick Menu and Select Save As
- Name your work, in this case name it *My Classroom Visual Scene and Words* and select Save
- Now choose the 2nd option ... **"Yes, in addition to the old version."**

WOW! We've covered a lot of information and you've done fantastic! This is a good time to take a break. We will finish the Symbol Communicator section with a quick review of the remaining communication page sets and their unique features that support language and literacy development.

The communication page sets covered in this section were designed to be robust enough to use out of the box, however there is an expectation that you will add or personalize content as communication needs for your AAC communicator develops. These page sets were designed to be used in conjunction with a AAC communication partner who can assist in personalizing, modifying, and customizing the content to meet the exact needs of the AAC communicator.

10. Additional Communication Page Sets for Symbol Communicator

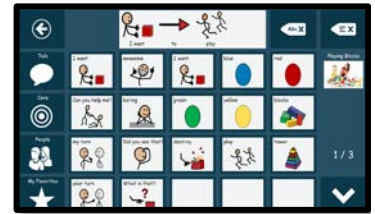
My Words – Topics

Considerations:

- A great next step in communication complexity
- Context based words and phrases available with room to expand
- Significant room to expand topics without additional editing needed

Features:

- Core vocabulary and Talk phrases are available and consistent among the different topics
- Edit Button feature is primary mode for customization, so that means it's easy and fast to personalize!



My Words – Categorized

Considerations:

- Combines a core layout with category based vocabulary folders
- Words and Categories laid out in Fitzgerald key
- Keyboard easily accessible for more precise communication
- A great option for individuals who demonstrate good comprehension

Features:

- Expanded tools to edit message
- Word Modifier support for developing syntactic understanding and use
- Lock page feature available to allow for multi-select on one page



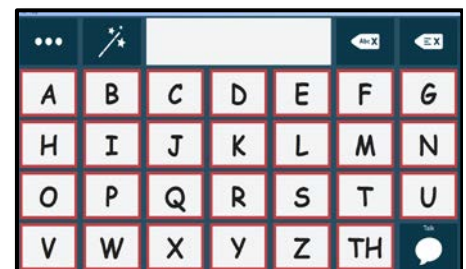
My Words – ABC

Considerations:

- Supports communicators with emerging literacy skills
- Supports development of first letter identification
- Easy customization with the Edit Button tool

Features:

- Word Modifier support for developing syntactic understanding
- Lock page feature available to allow for multi-select on one page
- Expanded tools to edit message production



11. Text Communicator

The text communication level is for individuals who are fully literate, and write their messages by means of an on-screen keyboard. The Text Communication level has features that allow the user to communicate efficiently through rate enhancement techniques; such as word and phrase prediction.

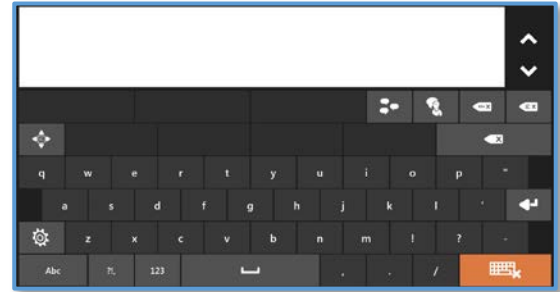


Possible Goals	Page Set Options
Literacy abilities are on par with age and education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Keyboard Option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Keyboard Large Keys Keyboard Grid Keyboard
Understands communication and directions the same as peers.	
Social interaction skills, environments, and activities are as expected with age and education.	
Able to use various strategies to repair communication when he/she is not understood.	
Able to utilize rate enhancement features of the device (e.g., word prediction)	
Beginning to combine two or more symbols to create longer messages (e.g., uses carrier phrases "I want; I like; I see ____").	

11.a Keyboard Options for Text Communicator

Regular Keyboard

- Layouts: QWERTY, ABC, SCAN, and Pointer
- Large message window for creating multi-line messages and text.
- Phrase and word prediction buttons available.
- Small button size
- Is not Keyguard compatible



Grid Keyboard

- Layouts: ABC, Scan, and Pointer
- Larger target areas
- A keyboard suitable for eye tracking or keyguard.
- Keyguard compatible
- No word prediction
- Button Size: Medium



Large Keys Keyboard

- Layouts: ABC, Scan, and Pointer
- Large targets and reduced visual complexity
- Multi-hit letter selection for users who require larger buttons.
- Word Prediction
- Keyguard compatible



The following features are found in each keyboard

• Access to “My Phrases” button and Speech History	
○ Select “check” to insert phrase into message window	
• Speak message window button	
• Quick access to “Settings”	
• Edit text features	
• Caregiver Settings / Keyboards and Language Tab	
○ Keyboard settings	
○ My Phrases editing	
○ Alternative Pronunciation	