

# Communication Pack

## For adults who benefit from symbol support



This pack has been designed to help with the creation of a paper-based AAC resource for adults who:

- have an acquired communication need (e.g brain injury, stroke) or have a learning disability
- can use their fingers / hands to point (direct access)
- do not have the level of literacy required to exclusively use text-based AAC resources

The pack includes: **Guidance Documents** explaining who the pack is for and how to use the templates, **Demonstration Resources** with example pages and books made from the templates to bring the pack to life, and **Communication Templates** for you to use to create personalised communication resources.

### Guidance Documents

**Client Profile:** This is an imaginary profile of a person called **Sue Sample**. This is to be used alongside the **Demonstration Resources**. Together they show the reasoning behind the design of the **Communication Templates** and the intended use for them.

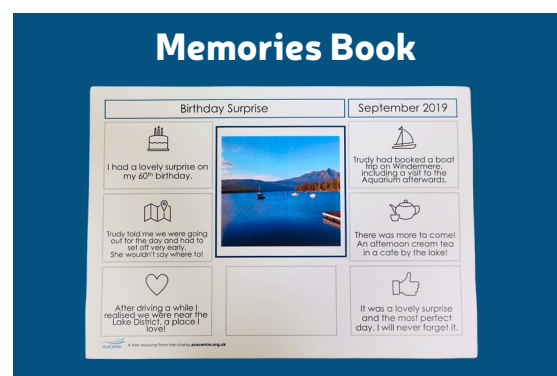
**Vocabulary Collection Template:** A worksheet to help generate ideas for words and pages to help you personalise or expand someone's communication resource.

### Demonstration Resources and Communication Templates

The **Demonstration Resources** (PDF) can be printed and used as examples for the person who might use the **Communication Pack**. The person creating the pack can also use them alongside the **Communication Templates** (PowerPoint) to inspire discussion around and creation of a personalised pack. Both include:

- Communication Book
- About Me Book
- Memories Book
- My News
- Pain Scale

These resources are all designed to work together. Depending on the needs of the person you are supporting, you may choose to provide some or all of the resources.



## Additional Resources

In addition to the resources we've included, you could add other items to the person's communication pack. A white board or notepad, a yes/no chart (if the person communicates "yes" & "no" in unconventional way), rating scales, maps and mementos from outings or events may all further support and enhance communication.

## Personalisation

The templates are Microsoft PowerPoint files which makes it easy to personalise text and images. We've set the default font and image sizes quite large for good visibility. However, using PowerPoint's editing tools, you can change the font, font size and colour schemes to suit the preference or visual access needs of the person you are supporting.

The templates can also be uploaded and edited in Google Slides. As they were not created in this format they may lose some functionality. However, our testing suggests that simple personalisation and updating in Google Slides is reliable.

## Access

These resources are designed to be used by pointing to information with a finger or similar. If the person using them finds that difficult, they can be used in different ways. Learn how in [Chapter 7 of Getting Started with Paper-Based Symbol Resources](#) or by following the QR code below.

## Practical tips

Laminating these resources will help to protect them. Matte laminator pouches tend to work better as glossy ones can reflect overhead lighting.

## Size

The resources were designed to be printed at A4 size by default. Some people prefer smaller, more discreet resources. Others may need a bigger size to assist with accessing them visually or physically. Try changing the settings on your PDF or printer to print to different scales or sizes.



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The **Demonstration Resources** were populated using a mixture of free stock symbols, images and icons. This includes some within PowerPoint and some imported from:

**Canva** [canva.com](https://canva.com)

**Open Symbols** including Mulberry Symbols, The Noun Project  
and ARASAAC from [opensymbols.org](https://opensymbols.org)



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