

## Alphabet Charts Made with a High Contrast Colour Scheme – Listener Mediated Scanning

This pack contains a selection of alphabet charts made using high contrast colours. They are designed to be accessed by listener mediated scanning and are for people who find it difficult to point directly to letters on an alphabet chart. The charts in this pack make use of various yellow and black colour schemes which is one approach to producing high contrast resources.

The charts in this pack are set up so that the communication partner first establishes which row contains the intended selection, then offers each item in turn along that row. In agreement with the person communicating with the chart, they can either point to and / or speak aloud each option in turn.

Some of the charts are organised alphabetically. The letters on the other charts are organised by frequency of use, which means that letters that are used more often in English words can be selected more quickly.

There are two versions of each chart – one has **space / delete / start again** along the top, and the other has **space** at the start of the first row and then **delete / start again** as a separate row along the bottom. For those less experienced with listener mediated scanning, the option with **space / delete / start again** along the top row easier to use. It is just a matter of personal preference.

Consider printing the chart on card or tearproof / waterproof paper. Alternatively, it could be laminated, ideally using a matt laminate pouch as gloss may reflect overhead lighting.

Instructions for use could be written on the back of the chart. Alternatively, print the instructions provided here (perhaps adding in how “yes” and “no” are communicated if not obvious) and glue them onto the back of the chart. Consider personalising the instructions if required.

Depending on how the chart is used and held, it might also be helpful to print a copy of the chart on the reverse for the communication partner to refer to. Again, this is down to personal preference.

For more information about developing, using and supporting alphabet charts, please see [www.acecentre.org.uk](http://www.acecentre.org.uk) or use the free advice line 0800 080 3115. At [www.acecentre.org.uk](http://www.acecentre.org.uk) there are also a wide range of alternative paper-based communication tools available for download, including alphabet charts with standard colour schemes.

## Instructions for Use

Ensure you have an agreed signal for “yes” and ideally “no”.

Have pen and paper to hand.

Hold the chart so it can be seen easily.

Speak aloud and or / point to the first item in each row.

When the person indicates “yes”, offer each letter or command in turn along the selected row until they indicate “yes”. Make sure you include the first item in the row.

Speak aloud the letter or command they have selected and then restart the process. If you speak aloud the incorrect letter or command, they can indicate “no” or go on to select ‘Delete’ or ‘Start again’ on the chart.

It is easier to keep track of the conversation if you write down letters as they are selected.

If the person is happy for you to predict what word or phrase they might be spelling, check that you have guessed correctly before moving on to the next word or phrase.

Before putting the chart down, always ask if the person has more to say.

Videos showing similar paper-based charts being demonstrated and used are available to view on Ace Centre’s YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/acecentre](http://www.youtube.com/user/acecentre):

To view a demonstration of a similar alphabetically arranged chart see the video “Listener Mediated Scanning with Vowel-based Groups”, or scan this code:



To view a demonstration of a similar chart that is arranged by frequency of use see the video “Demonstration of Listener Mediated Scanning with a Frequency layout”, or scan this code:



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