**Pragmatic Auditory Scan Chart**

This chart has been adapted from the work of Linda Burkhart – see [www.lburkhart.com](http://www.lburkhart.com) for more information.

The communication chart is designed to be read aloud by the communication partner. When the person who is using the chart to communicate hears the option they want to communicate, they indicate “*yes*” in some way.

Try and read aloud the options in a neutral voice. When an option is selected, you could repeat the word or phrase selected in a livelier voice. You will see examples of this in the videos below.

Begin by personalising the vocabulary on the chart. You will find it easier if you keep to the structure provided, but anything can be changed.

Consider laminating the chart, ideally using a matt laminate pouch. Alternatively, you could print the chart on tearproof / waterproof paper or use card.

The chart references a spelling chart. You can download a wide range of alphabet charts from [www.acecentre.org.uk](http://www.acecentre.org.uk).

You can view videos of communication books based around similar principles as this chart being used on the Ace Centre’s YouTube page – [www.youtube.com/acecentre](http://www.youtube.com/acecentre). Alternatively scan these codes to go directly there:

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| Ruben shares a special moment: | A close up of text on a white surface  Description automatically generated | A demonstration of modelling with an auditory scan book: | A close up of text on a black background  Description automatically generated |

A wide range of alternative paper-based communication tools are available at [www.acecentre.org.uk](http://www.acecentre.org.uk). Please also visit the website for more information about developing, using and supporting communication tools or use the free advice line 0800 080 3115.

Read choices across the top: Do you want to say \_\_, \_\_, \_\_? Follow yes and no arrows. After a selection, repeat your understanding of the message so far. Ask for confirmation and then respond to the message.

Something’s wrong

Do something

Want something

I think it’s

Quick words

no

no

no

no

no

yes

yes

yes

yes

yes

* Watch
* sport
* film
* something else
* read
* newspaper
* book
* something else
* puzzle / crossword
* Contact / call
* Duty manager
* Someone else
* something else
* toilet
* a rest
* suction machine
* iPad
* tissue
* flannel
* hanky
* vick stick
* curtains
* lights
* fan
* something else
* OK
* good
* bad
* interesting
* boring
* strange
* funny
* like it
* love it!
* don’t like it
* don’t care
* what do you think?
* something else
* tired
* can’t sleep
* let me sleep
* pain (go to body parts)
* can’t breathe
* uncomfortable (go to bed/ pillow or body parts)
* feel sick
* cold
* hot
* too loud
* too quiet
* don’t know what’s wrong
* something else
* don’t know
* (explain it to me)
* need help
* too much
* not enough
* it’s better
* it’s worse
* go now
* it’s finished
* more
* change it
* hurry up
* stop
* wait a minute
* something else

Start again please

Use spelling chart

More to say about…

Body

Chat / questions

Bed or pillows

no

no

no

no

no

yes

yes

yes

yes

yes

* BED
* raise bed head
* lower bed head
* raise foot of bed
* lower foot of bed
* PILLOW
* not enough head support
* too much head support
* cushion behind back ‘B’
* move ‘B’ pillow
* pillow behind head
* something else – I’ll spell it

Get spelling chart!

* people
* places
* an event
* finances
* clothes
* today
* tomorrow
* next week
* something else – I’ll spell it
* Are you OK?
* How are you feeling?
* What are you doing later?
* What have you been up to?
* Tell me why
* Talk about the past
* What’s happening tomorrow?
* When are you coming next?
* Who is that?
* something else – I’ll spell it
* head
* face

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| eye  nose | ear  mouth |

* whole body

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| --- | --- |
| Upper | Lower |
| arm  back  chest  elbow  finger  hand  heart  lungs  nail  neck  shoulder  stomach  thumb | ankle  bottom  foot  heel  hip  leg  knee  penis  shin  thigh  toe  toenail  vagina |

* right
* left
* both
* start again
* something else – I’ll spell it