GoTalkNOW: A Tool for Literacy Instruction for all Learners

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This ain’t your Grandma’s GoTalk!

From this....  

Low Tech with Overlays

To this.....

Dynamic Screen
It is so much more than a choice making device!!!

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more you learn,
the more places you'll go!
~ Dr. Seuss
The National Reading Panel Report (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [NICHD], 2000)

NICHD summarized several decades of scientific research that clearly shows effective reading instruction addresses five critical areas:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
Phonics and Phonemic Awareness

Phonemes are speech sounds, not letters. This symbol, b, is not a phoneme. It is a letter that has been designated to represent the phoneme /b/.
Let’s Take a Look at Examples....

- Alphabetic Principle
- Letter Knowledge
- Phonemic Awareness
- Onset-Rime
- Tongue Twisters
Fluency

Fluency is recognizing the words in a text rapidly and accurately and using phrasing and emphasis in a way that makes what is read sound like spoken language.

[FLUENCY CHECKLIST:
- **Accuracy:** I read the words correctly
- **Rate:** I read not too fast and not too slow
- **Expression:** I read with feeling, and I didn’t sound like a robot
- **Punctuation:** I follow most or all of the punctuation marks as I read the text]
## Vocabulary

### Four Types of Vocabulary

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<th>Listening: words we understand when others talk to us</th>
<th>Speaking: words we use when we talk to others</th>
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<td>Reading: words we know when we see them in print (sight words and words we can decode)</td>
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**Word Power 80**

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**Keyboard Chart**

- a
- s
- d
- f
- g
- h
- j
- k
- l

- z
- x
- c
- v
- b
- n
- m

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**Phonics**

- I
- me
- to
- happy
- the
- a
- and
- at
- my
- is
- be
- can
- do
- this
- on
- out
- with

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**Handwriting Practice**

- Your
- my
- you
- this
- that
- for
- in
- at
- more
- our
- my
- our
- our
- our
- our
Comprehension Strategies: Prior Knowledge and Generating Questions

- **Predict**: Try to figure out what might happen next.
- **Visualize**: Picture the people, places, and events being described.
- **Connect**: Connect what you are reading to other texts and the real world.
- **Question**: Ask questions about the material you are reading.
- **Clarify**: Investigate. Identify main points and summarize.
- **Evaluate**: Judge the story and the actions of the characters.
GoTalkNOW is optimal for literacy instruction for those with sensory processing disorders.

Video Modeling helps control sensory input

- Visual and auditory input controlled
- Visual and auditory input predictable
- Can be repeated as often as desired
- Allows user to choose/anticipate what is coming
Literacy Improves AAC!


Literacy skills provide the AAC user the ability to:

- Generate novel messages
- Express vocabulary not preprogrammed in the device
- Repair communication breakdowns
AAC and Word Prediction

Word Finder Rules

1. Say the word in your head. If it seems like a long word, use the Word Finder.
2. Think about the first sound in the word. --- What letter makes that sound?
3. Think about the last sound in the word. --- What letter makes that sound?
4. Look for a word that starts and ends with those letters. If you find one, try it.
5. If you don’t find one, keep typing.
Additional Apps

• Camera Roll
• Video Camera
• Explain Everything
• Doodlecast Pro
Let’s show you how to:

• Make a custom scene with hotspots
• Make a custom grid with target vocabulary
• How to import a photo
• How to import a video
Overview of 4 different GoTalkNow Apps

All GoTalk Now Apps available:

Try before you buy — GoTalk NOW FREE — 1 book and 3 pages

Start out simple — GoTalk Start — 1 book, 5 pages, no sharing, upgradable to the GoTalk NOW.

GoTalk NOW — unlimited books and pages, voices, templates, backup and restore, sharing via WIFI, in-app purchases available.

Get the complete App — GoTalk NOW PLUS — everything in the GoTalk Now, plus the Symbolstix image library, the Ready-Set-Communicate book, and Acapela text-to-speech English voices.
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GoTalk Start ($19.99)
1 book, 5 pages, no sharing

GoTalk Start
Start using your iPad for AAC!
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GoTalkNOW ($79.00)

- **GoTalk NOW**
- Turn your iPad into a GoTalk!
- Attainment has been making augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) tools for 20 years! Our experience is front and center in **GoTalk NOW** — a flexible, yet powerful app for people who have difficulty speaking.
- **GoTalk NOW** is a full-featured, customizable AAC app for the iPad, ideal for both the beginner and experienced communicator, that turns your iPad into a dynamic **GoTalk** in seconds with an easy-to-use, touch-based editor.
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- GoTalk NOW Plus
- The complete GoTalk NOW app
- GoTalk NOW Plus gives you a complete GoTalk NOW app without having to download any in-app purchases. It incorporates all the features of GoTalk NOW —
  - PLUS the SymbolStix Library,
  - PLUS the Ready-Set-Communicate book,
  - PLUS Acapela® text-to-speech English voices.
References and Resources


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