

## Using Picture Story Books in AAC

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## Story book reading

“There is a strong association between reading to children and developmental outcomes”

“Studies have found a positive association of parents reading to their children and the child’s subsequent reading skills, language skills and cognitive skills”

Reference: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (no date), Research Partnerships Reading to Young Children: A Head Start in Life\* <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf>

## Language therapy

- Picture story books are a common feature of language therapy for verbal children and those using AAC

## Core vocabulary

- Core vocabulary makes up more than ¾ of what children and adults actually say.
- Studies have shown that core vocabulary is consistent across clinical populations, activities, demographics.

## Banajee, 2003

These words make up 96% of what toddlers say

1. I	13. you
2. no	14. what
3. yes/yeah	15. on
4. the	16. in
5. want	17. here
6. is	18. more
7. it	19. out
8. that	20. off
9. a	21. some
10. go	22. help
11. my	23. all done/finished
12. mine	

Reference: Banajee, M., Dicarlo, C., & Stricklin, S. B. (2003). Core vocabulary determination for toddlers. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 19, 67-73.

## Adult Vocabulary Usage

### The Balandin Sampling, AAC, 1999

- Conversational samples were collected from 34 non-disabled subjects across four work sites
- There was a **small stable core vocabulary of 347 words which accounted for 78% of the conversational sample**

Susan Balandin  
Teresa Iacono  
AAC, Volume 14, No. 3,  
September, 1999



went

walking

Where's Spot by Eric Hill

- Core words:

Is he in the piano?

- Can also target:  
Yes / No questions

Animal names and sounds

Where's Spot

Proloquo2go

'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' by Bill Martin Jnr

Use visual supports for prompting alongside story books and AAC system



### Create your own core word books!

- Book creator
- Powerpoint
- Printable or interactive/ talking books
- Use child's photo, family, toys etc

### Book Creator

### The adventures of Mr Potato Head.

### Mr Potato Head is on the computer.

### Mr Potato Head is under the blanket. Goodnight Mr Potato Head!

### Core vocab book list

### Where to find more books?

- Op shops!
- Tarheel reader
- Teachers Pay Teachers
- Chapel Hill Snippets  
<http://chapelhillsnippets.blogspot.com.au/p/free-materials-to-download-and-print.html>
- Write your own

### Tarheel reader

- [www.tarheelreader.org](http://www.tarheelreader.org)
- Online books – downloadable and editable
- Audio books – iPad and PC
- Range of topics for kids and adults

### Teachers Pay Teachers

- Jenna Rayburn's Core Word Sets

### Chapel Hill Snippets

- <http://chapelhillsnippets.blogspot.com.au/p/free-materials-to-download-and-print.html>
- Adapted, printable books
- icons to use alongside story.
- Free to download

### Hanen Book Nook

- <http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Book-Nook/Dear-Zoo.aspx>
- Ideas for how to use a book with a child to work on language development
- Easily translates to use with AAC user

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