LAMP Words for Life®

What is LAMP Words for Life®?

LAMP Words for Life® is an Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) system. It has thousands of pre-stored words and is suitable for emergent communicators and children with a range of developmental disabilities. The vocabulary can be used for a range of communicative purposes including requesting, rejecting, commenting, describing, sharing information, and asking/responding to questions.

LAMP Words for Life® is based on the Unity® language system and the principles of Motor Planning. Each word remains in the same location on the same page. This means that there is a consistent motor pattern used to locate icons and elicit spoken words. LAMP Words for Life® is available as a stand-alone app for iPads. It is also available on Accent® and PRiO® products.

Vocabulary Files
  • 1-Hit: A single page consisting of 84 core words. The user clicks the icon once to elicit the spoken word.
  • Transition: This file consists of 203 frequently occurring words Including verb tenses e.g., "are," "is," "were," and "was."
  • Full: The full vocabulary set features over 3000 words including a Range of grammatical markers. Most words require two clicks to Elicit the spoken word. Fringe (topic) words require three clicks.

What are the Features?
  • The user has the option to personalise and edit vocabulary to suit their communication needs. The application encourages the user to learn individual words as it does not have pre-stored phrases.
  • Given the application has thousands of pre-programmed words, extensive customisation is not required.
  • The consistent motor planning approach makes it easy for users to memorise the location of words and communicate efficiently.
  • The full version has three pages of vocabulary. The spoken word can be elicited by selecting a maximum of three buttons.
  • Different colours are used to represent different word structures. For example, the green buttons represent verbs (action words) and the blue buttons represent adjectives (describing words).
  • Antonyms (opposites) such as "big" and "small" are located on different sides of the display to prevent confusion.
  • Symbols are paired with text to support literacy development.
  • The Vocabulary Builder function can be used focus on targeted word list for routine activities. When this function is selected, the remaining pre-stored words are temporarily hidden from the display. This allows the user to learn the motor patterns to certain words without visual distraction.
  • The Word Finder tool can be used to search for target words. The pathway is highlighted to support the user to navigate to the target word and learn where it is stored.
  • This communication system has a high-quality text-to-speech function with different voice options.