Apps to Promote Communication



Description: Communicate Easy is a solid, flexible app that provides visual prompts, picture / sound / video cards for choice making, schedules and stories. The app is a picture communication system targeted to helping individuals with Autism / ASD, Aspergers, ADHD, ADD, FG syndrome and other special needs conditions and can be used in numerous ways. The app is also beneficial to other young children.

1 on 1: Communicate Easy

How it can help students with autism: This app utilizes virtual picture cards, with sounds, that allows individuals with autism to communicate their wants and needs. The app also lets individuals customize their own collection to make finding the right words an easy process. The app also contains a feature that allows for lists to be made, in order to help individuals with autism remember to complete certain tasks.

\$2.99

Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/1-on-1-communicate-easy-autism-app-for-ipad/id919101009?mt=8



Description: :prose is the world's most intuitive mobile (AAC) app that let's you speak using body language instead of visual symbols. Starting with simple finger taps and swipes in the Canvas area, you can speak your own phrases out loud and communicate with others. Further, :prose enables you to pair bluetooth connected sensory devices as remote controls to command :prose to speak out loud from your Smartstones Touch device or your Apple Watch.

:prose is being used by the largest school system in the United States and provides an entirely new "inclusive learning" experience and accelerate "access to literacy" for nonverbal or communication challenged students.

:Prose	.How it can help students with autism: :Prose provides communication possibilities to nonverbal students using finger-swiping motions, instead of symbols. Students that have difficulties with using picture-cues can benefit from using routine finger swiping movements, which results in an auditory word or phrase being said aloud from the device. Additionally, the app allows for bluetooth connectivity, making it easy to use from other smart technology, so students with autism can feel comfortable with the app.
\$ 119.99	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/prose/id945122730?mt=8



Description: Check out your phone as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device through AAC Autism Talk Now App. The AAC Autism Talk Now App is designed for non-verbal(toddlers) even the adults with the same difficulty. AAC Autism App builds a home of luxury in communicating the daily basic needs such as Eat, Play, I want To, emotions and gestures.

Unlike thousands of other AAC Autism Apps, AAC Autism Talk Now App stands out with an excellent download and easy install options. This simple Autism device is stuffed with pictures, that speaks when tapped. Autism kids and adults always want to talk more. This is now possible through AAC Talk Now App.

Let the AAC App simply speak out loud on whatever you type in the white space. Isn't it amazing! AAC Autism Talk Now is a wonderful learning App that makes every kid fill out with joy. Explore more by downloading AAC Talk Now App right on your device today.

A wonderful App for kids to communicate their needs and show gestures and emotions.

Also a learning App that educates kids with sound and images through visual cues.

AAC Autism Talk Now

How it can help students with autism: AAC Autism Talk Now is an Android app that provides children and adults with autism with a series of pictures and common phrases to choose from, allowing them to communicate their wants and needs effectively. This app goes beyond basic food and necessities, and provides picture

	demonstrations of emotions, allowing individuals with autism to also communicate how they are feeling. Additionally, if the words they wish to use are not easily accessible to them, AAC Autism Talk Now allows the individuals to simply type what they want to say into the app, and then the app with audibly repeat what was typed in.
\$2.42	Link to the app: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=appinventor.ai_smartsanjaykumar.AAC_Autism_TalkNow&hl=en



Description: EESpeech Basic makes communication more accessible to individuals with communication difficulties (e.g., Aphasia, Dysarthria and Apraxia). This pre-defined communication notebook facilitates basic and daily communication needs, and prevents communication breakdowns anywhere and anytime.

EESpeech Basic

How it can help students with autism: This customizable app provides many communication possibilities for individuals with autism, as it categorizes frequently used words, and reminds individuals of the pronunciation and correct use of the words as they use it. The app allows for several different communication styles to be used, such as through pictures, frequently used words, and typing. There is also a separate feature where individuals can customize a page about themselves, including the language they prefer and their name. The app contains a number of frequently used action verbs and questions that individuals with autism can practice speaking and using, with correctly pronounced phrases.

\$ Free

Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/eespeech-basic-aac-communication-notebook/id833923960?mt=8



Description: Commboards enables children and people of all ages with limited expressive abilities to express themselves by tapping on a picture or a symbol (AAC)

The tap is followed by the word being read aloud which in turn encourages oral speech and helps express thoughts and feelings.

CommBoards-Autism Communication-AAC

How it can help students with autism: CommBoards allows individuals with autism to communicate their needs, wants, emotions, and more through the use of pictures and audio. This app has a recording feature that records the audio around the individual, and saves it to promote recognition of certain people and settings. The pictures are customizable as well, so they can select a picture and establish the meaning behind it, which promotes easier recognition of the words they wish to use. Additionally, the individual can customize their frequently used board to access the words they wish to use easily. The audio is clear for the individuals, in order to promote effective speech development.

\$4.99

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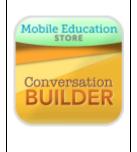
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Description: Introducing Convey! An innovative AAC app that gives a 'voice' to people who have difficulty verbally communicating their wants, needs or emotions.

This application uses hundreds of different Mands (requests) which are identified as different everyday emotions, items, and places that the user can press to hear the name of the item, place or emotion spoken aloud. It also includes innovative features like Schedules and Contexts that adjust the set of icons / mands presented based on the time of day (breakfast, playtime, dinner, ...), or location where you are

	at (i.e. home, school, restaurant, etc). Perfect for helping your child access the relevant requests for any given situation with minimal effort.
Convey	How it can help students with autism: This app allows students with autism communicate basic needs, wants, feeling, and phrases through a system of recognizable images. Convey includes a customizable setting that adjusts the meaning of the words to include the context that they are used in, which is beneficial for language acquisition. In addition to Convey being used as a communicative device, it also has an interactive, visual schedule setting, which can be altered to meet the day. Children with autism can use this schedule as a visual prompt to complete activities and know what they are supposed to do next.
\$Free	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/convey/id522627899?mt=8



Description: ConversationBuilder™ (Pat. Pend.) is designed to help elementary aged children learn how to have multi-exchange conversations with their peers in a variety of social settings.

The auditory pattern of conversation is presented in a visual format to help students recognize and master the flow of conversation. Students will learn when it is appropriate to introduce themselves, ask questions, make observations and change the subject of the conversation.

Being able to converse with peers is the cornerstone of developing relationships, and ConversationBuilder™ promotes development of this skill that so many elementary aged children struggle with in a fun and engaging way.

Conversation-Builder How it can help students with autism: This app provides students with autism with many common social situations, and works to teach them

how to interact appropriately during the situations.

ConversationBuilder gives real-life examples and pictures of social situations, and provides students with a multiple-choice format to choose the appropriate response. The app will walk the students through the conversations, explicitly explaining how to introduce themselves, speak during a conversation, and other valuable skills that are needed for a successful conversation with one or more person.

\$19.99

Link to the app:

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/conversationbuilder/id413939366?mt

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Description: LAMP Words For Life™ is a full English vocabulary augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) language app that combines the power of the PRC Unity® language system with Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP™) principles and strategies. LAMP™ is a therapeutic approach based on neurological and motor learning principles as well as clinical experiences that address the language development and communication needs of children with autism. It provides a consistent motor pattern for words and a systematic way to develop communication skills allowing for unlimited language growth opportunities. More than 20,000 parents, caregivers, teachers, and clinicians have been trained on LAMP™ worldwide and significant gains in communication ability have been witnessed and documented.

The app combines 50 years of PRC experience with the Language Acquisition through Motor Planning approach. It is appropriate for anyone from beginning communicators who are just learning that they can affect those around them to skilled communicators with advanced language skills. Language development in typically developing children occurs through the combination of a consistent motor pattern, the sound that motor pattern produces, and the reaction they get from the environment. LAMP™ presents vocabulary in the same manner so those language connections can be developed.

LAMP Words For Life[™] app is symbol based for those who are not yet literate; however, those symbols are paired with text to support literacy development. The vocabulary, structure, and teaching approach are based on research and years of implementation with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

LAMP Words For Life	How it can help students with autism: This app provides children with a comprehensive vocabulary list, each word paired with symbols for the student's recognition and comfort. Using this app, students with autism can effectively communicate their wants, needs, and feelings through pressing a series of icons, which will speak out loud. In addition to having symbols to represent the word, the icons include the written word, which allows children with autism to develop sight word recognition, and allows for phonemic acquisition.
\$299.99	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lamp-words-for-life/id551215116?mt=8



Description: A free AAC talker app supports communication in all areas of life and therefore providing a voice to everyone. LetMeTalk is donation financed.

LetMeTalk enables you to line up images in a meaningful way to read this row of images as a sentence. To line up images is known as AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication).

The image database of LetMeTalk contains more than 9,000 easy to understand images from ARASAAC (http://arasaac.org). Additionally, you can add existing images from the device or take new photos with the build in camera.

For LetMeTalk no internet connection or mobile contract is necessary, so you can use LetMeTalk in almost any situation, like hospitals, nursing home or schools.

LetMeTalk

How it can help students with autism: This app provides a series of pictures for students with autism to select from, providing an audible voice for each picture. Students can use this to voice their needs, opinions, wants, concerns, and feelings, as well as practice being polite and using their manners. This app sorts the various pictures

	into categories, making it easy to find what the child needs to say. In addition to the basic wants and needs, LetMeTalk can also be used in a hospital setting with a category of words being formulated around medicine.
\$Free	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/letmetalk/id919990138?mt=8



Description: ChoiceBoard Creator is the perfect app for creating customizable choice boards for the unique needs of individuals with communication challenges. It reinforces correct choice by either playing a video reward or expanding the selected image and playing the customized auditory rewards.

It is an excellent tool to train and prepare users for more sophisticated communication devices via an easy, simple-to-use choice-making platform. The possibilities are limited by your creativity.

ChoiceBoard -Creator

How it can help students with autism: This app allows parents and students with autism to customize their own choice board, so students can make their own choices and voice their preferences. The child can be creative with how they want their icons to look, changing the background color and color of the object to match what they want. Additionally, the choices can come with videos to reinforce their choices, also helping the child become more familiar with the choice. ChoiceBoard-Creator can be used in the classroom during any kind of assessment or a typical day to allow students with autism to respond to a question.

\$1.99

Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/choiceboard-creator/id453988580?mt=8



Description: MyTalkTools is an award-winning app that enables over 100,000+ people with communication difficulties to express their needs and desires to those around them. A good solution for people with down syndrome, cerebral palsy, hearing or visual impairments, autism or other diagnoses that impair communication ability. It supports users, teachers, therapists, caregivers and parents with many innovative features.

MyTalkTools

How it can help students with autism: This app provides students with autism with a number of symbols that are converted to an audible word when pressed. Students with autism can use this app as a means of communication, with the app being customizable for the student's comfort. The app allows for various languages, so the English Learners can use the app in their native language and in English to promote their English Language skills. This app can also work without internet access, so students with autism can use it anywhere.

\$99.99

Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mytalktools-mobile/id324286288?mt=8



Description: Give a Voice to Your Child.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Easy to use, it can help all the children with autism or any disability that impairs the ability to communicate.

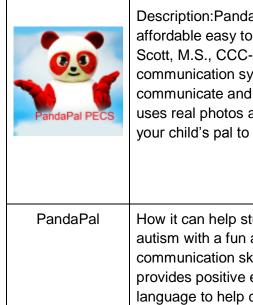
Create boards, choose page colors, upload your favourite pictures and run text-to-speech (31 languages, 70 voices). With Niki Talk Designer everything is a breeze.

The app includes a demo album in english. Subscribe to the Niki Talk Designer and create your personalized album: upload your favorite pictograms and photos, generate a sound with text-to-speech, create unlimited boards.

Niki Talk

How it can help students with autism: This app provides students with autism with a fun, customizable way of communicating. The app

	comes in 70 voices for male and female, and can be switched to match over 30 languages to benefit English Learners and those who use a different language at home. The boards can be customized to fit the creativity of each child and the pictures are organized and recognizable for ease of use.
\$Free	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/niki-talk/id556798417?mt=8



\$45.99

Description:PandaPal - Autism Communication System is an affordable easy to use Communication System, designed by Kim Scott, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist. This communication system allows verbally-impaired individuals to communicate and improves speech and language skills. Panda Pal uses real photos and an adorable gender-neutral panda bear, who is your child's pal to help him/her communicate throughout their day!

How it can help students with autism: This app provides children with autism with a fun and creative way to learn language usage and communication skills. The app features a lovable panda bear who provides positive encouragement and easily understandable language to help children learn to pronounce words and use appropriate language. The app contains photos of objects to help increase visual recognition, and even provides pictures of American Sign Language for frequently used words. In addition to communication skills, PandaPal also includes a scheduling feature for students to use each day and a First, Then feature that teaches students that something must happen before something else can happen.

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Description: Multi-award winning app for people with speech disabilities who need a sleek, simple and smart way to communicate! Predictable speaks out the messages you type using your favourite from a selection of keyboard layouts (including 10 key keyboard, Apple's own iOS keyboard, or any keyboard extension from the app store also works). Intelligent word prediction, which learns an individual's pattern of use, makes communication even faster. Use Nuance voices, record your own voice saying familiar phrases or use your voice banked ModelTalker voice.

Save phrases in the phrase bank for quick access; add items to Favourites and set up the features for a more personalised experience. Switch accessible; people with significant physical disabilities can still work the app using one or two switches. Now in it's 5th major iteration, with all new features and appearance.

Predictable

How it can help students with autism: This app features a text-based audible communication for individuals with speech difficulty. As opposed to other apps, Predictable is all typing based with various different keyboards to use, so individuals with autism can find the keyboard that works best for them. The app is able to pick up on typing patterns and will automatically produce what the app predicts the person is trying to say to make communicating more efficient.

\$159.99

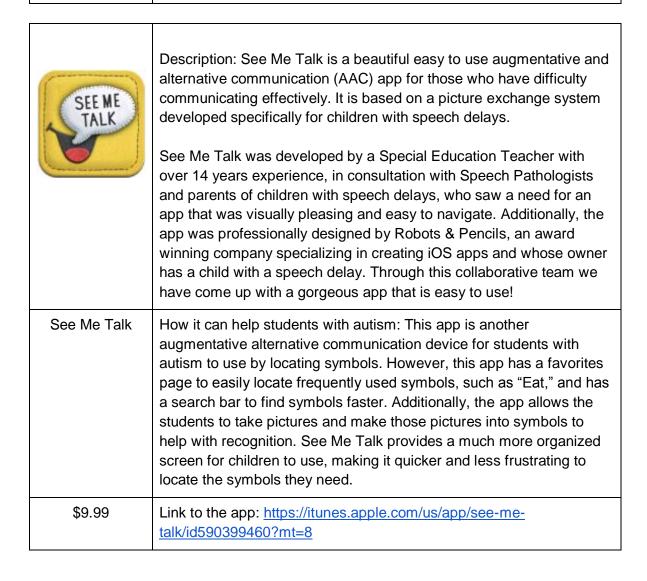
Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/predictable-text-based-communication-app/id404445007?mt=8



Description: Say Some More AAC is the iPad app that literally gives a voice to those who can't speak for themselves. Designed by a special education teacher, this customizable platform can be used for communication, as a visual schedule and to create social stories using recorded speech. Because it's programmable, the possibilities are unlimited.

It's the effective and easy-to-use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) solution for those who have lost their voices due to injury, disease or developmental delay, for infants who haven't yet developed their own voices, and to help overcome other communication challenges related to autism, stroke, Alzheimer's or dementia.

Say Some More AAC	How it can help students with autism: This app allows students to customize their own speech board using icons and text in order to communicate. The app contains a visual schedule feature that allows students with autism to remember what they are doing and where they are going next, with customizable icons to improve recognition. Additionally, this app provides a feature that records speech to create social stories, a great resource for students with autism to learn social and functional skills. The creative uses behind the social stories function is endless, and provides students with autism with an opportunity to make their own social stories.
\$Free	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/say-some-more-aac/id689623407?mt=8



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Description: Sign Language has never been so exciting!
GreenBeanies-One Cool Cat is a fun animated story with pop-up videos. The first story teaches 14 signs: Morning, Day, Eat, Happy, Home, Hat, Cat, Dog, Tree, Walk, Backpack, Finished, Moon and Sleep. Practice reading skills or enjoy having the story read to you. Continue the adventure with the second story: GreenBeanies' -Two Magical Hats. Learn 12 more signs as our quirky characters tackle more challenges in the wilderness. Children enjoy learning signs through these highly-interactive stories. This app series is perfect for all children but most especially for those with special needs and/or communication challenges.

Sign Me A Story

How it can help students with autism: This app uses a fun way to teach students with autism commonly used signs in American Sign Language. This benefits students with autism as they learn a new way to communicate using their hands. The app is engaging, contains powerful social messages, and the stories are interactive, allowing children with autism to practice the various signs until they become more comfortable with them. The app contains sound effects and music, which can be turned off as needed, to enhance the sensory aspects and keep the app exciting.

\$1.99

Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sign-me-a-story/id628136371?mt=8

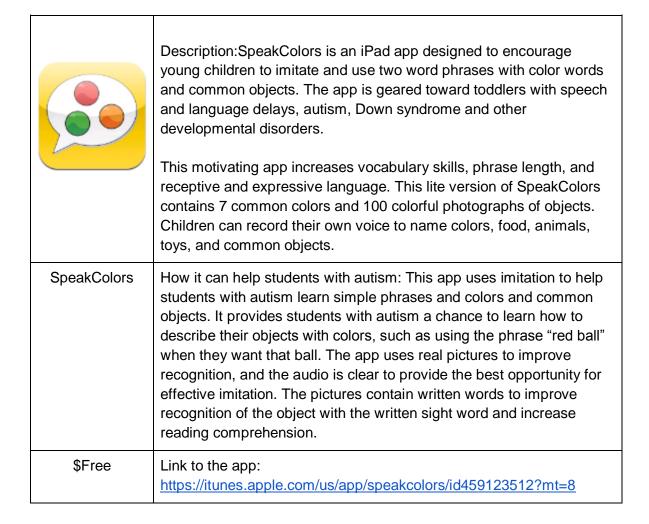


Description: SPEAKall!® is an evidence-based therapy app specifically designed to introduce augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) in autism spectrum disorders and/or developmental speech and language disorders. SPEAKall! was originally developed by the Purdue University Program for Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) in conjunction with the Purdue AAC Research Lab and the Purdue Speech-Language Clinic. This application has been designed to help children and adults with little to no functional speech acquire an initial symbol vocabulary and learn the process of constructing sentences.

SPEAKall!

How it can help students with autism: This app serves as a great introduction to using communicative devices for students with autism. The app slowly introduces the concept of symbols being used for

	words, and allows students to customize their settings to become more comfortable with using an augmentative and alternative communication device. The symbols are organized to prevent confusion and frustration, and symbols contain written words to provide written word recognition. Additionally, this app allows students to drag the symbols into a slot to create a sentence so they can learn to successfully construct phrases and sentences.
\$39.99	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/speakall/id478863940?mt=8



(MM)	Description: SpeechPrompts [™] provides speech therapy exercises to help those with autism practice rate, rhythm, stress and loudness of speech (prosody). The U.S. Department of Education's IES SBIR program funds research and development of SpeechPrompts, a collaborative project with the Yale Child Study Center.
	SpeechPrompts is a new app from HandHold Adaptive®, makers of iPrompts®, StoryMaker™ and other leading tools serving those with special needs and their caregivers. It is designed for use with individuals exhibiting abnormal prosody, such as those with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), Down syndrome and stroke victims. Prosody refers to the musical aspects of speech, including rate, rhythm, volume, phrasing and intonation.
SpeechPrompts	How it can help students with autism: This app works to help students with autism verbally communicate more effectively through interactive games, pictures, and clearly spoken audio. SpeechPrompts will listen to the student speak and provide clear, positive, and corrective feedback based on the goals of what the student hopes to accomplish. The app includes engaging visuals that the student can use to measure their success, and teachers and parents can set up their own program based on what the student struggles with.
\$19.99	Link to the app: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/speechprompts/id575636222?mt=8

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