

HOW-TO: Touch Chat Basic Editing

Touch Chat is highly customizable—this is a huge benefit in providing a person with a communication system that is uniquely able to meet their vocabulary needs. Touch Chat has been well thought out in terms of language organization. It is designed to meet immediate communication needs efficiently as well as to foster growth in language skills.

Important nouns, people, places and activities can be readily added to the appropriate categories (GROUP pages). Personalized social messages may be added to the SOCIAL page to increase interaction opportunities and success (such as “can I play too? or “can I have the next turn?”) as well as personal advocacy messages (such as “I can do it myself!” and “wait a minute”). Other than these two types of additions, it is important to consult with the speech-language pathologist about additions or changes to be made to personalize the vocabulary.

To Get In and Out of Guided Access (iPads’ lock feature)

1. Triple click the home button.
2. Enter your child’s passcode (usually it is the school year, i.e. 202122).
3. Select END to get out of guided access or RESUME to put the lock back on (while in the open Touch Chat).

To Edit an Existing Button

1. Navigate to the page with the button you want to edit.
2. Select Menu (top right in the banner).
3. Select Edit Page.
4. Select the button to be edited and select Edit This Button.
5. Choose a Button Label (should be short, to be visible on the button).
6. Choose an appropriate Button Message (will be spoken when the button is pressed by the student). These should be single words unless a) they are a two-part name or b) they are a social phrase on the SOCIAL page.
7. Select Image, then the magnifying glass, then a symbol. (If appropriate, the student can be consulted for this part.)
8. Scroll down and ensure Visible is toggled to on.
9. Save. Done.