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Inclusive Education

Core Word Focus: NOT

Core words are the powerful, flexible words we use every day for most of our communication. A core word approach gives the AAC learner focused practice with these important words that will help them communicate effectively in many different situations for many different reasons. Our next core word focus is **not**.

Not is an incredibly powerful advocacy word. Kids need to be able to *decline* something ("that's **not** the one I want"), clarify ("that's **not** right" or "that's **not** what I meant"), and to share their opinion ("I do **not** like it!" or "**not** good!"). When kids use these strong words, we need to hear their message and let them know we have understood. It's ok if it's necessary to tell them something is **not** possible to honour—most kids will accept that disappointment if they are confident, they have been heard and understood.

When you are reading books, you will notice that you will often have to expand *n't* to *not*. In reading—and in your everyday communication—expand the contraction to *not* this week because the emphasis is valuable. When we emphasize a word, we draw attention to it and through our focused emphasis we are giving them all the opportunity to absorb a word's meaning. Our goal here is to give them access to a word to convey the meaning instead of having to resort to actions to decline, clarify or share their negative opinion about something.

Examples:

That's **not** right. I do **not** want some. I am **not** mad. **Not** good! **Not** funny! It's **not** so bad. **Not** me! Not so fast. Not readv. I do **not** like it. It's **not** mine. **Not** that one. Not today. Not yet. **Not** really. That's **not** fair! It's not time yet. It's **not** your turn.

Books:

Not a Box	Eddie the Elephant	Don't Wake the Dragon
Grumpy Monkey	Do Not Open This Book	That's Not My Unicorn
But Not the Hippopotamus	It is Not Time for Sleeping	Do Not Lick This Book
This is Not My Hat	Not Just a Dot	Don't Forget Dexter

Activities:

Treasure hunt (hide a 'treasure' and then find it in the room/school – model "**not** here") Simplified variation of 20 Questions

Guess what's in the box (fill with objects of various textures) by feeling around for it (sample phrase, "it's **not** that").

TOUCH CHAT







BOOK CREATOR RESOUCES

Links to Online Resources

Simple LAMP Book

BOOK CREATOR

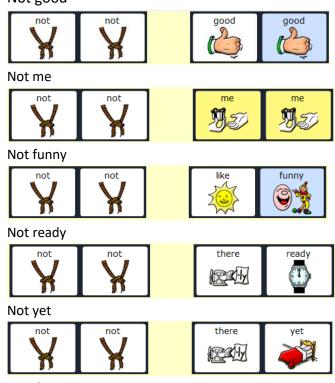




Links to Core Word Resources: Not

Sentence For LAMP Users

Not good



Not that one











