

## Core Word Focus: GO

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 first core word focus is **go**. This is an incredibly useful word for many reasons, and we use it often every single day. Have fun modeling this core word because you will be able to do a lot!

**Go** causes something to happen—people can change locations, **go** somewhere fun, move their bodies, do something different—all because of the word **go**. Cause-and-effect toys, and games and songs with actions are all excellent ways to make use of the word **go**. **Go** is also an important advocacy word. It can enable a person to gain space, get away for some time alone or to a quieter environment, or change the rate or direction of a movement, etc. If a child uses the word **go** to advocate for some space or time away from others (**go** away!) please honour it if at all possible. (We can always work on manners and more socially comfortable ways of expressing advocacy at another time. First we gain a skill and then we refine it.) **Go** is also an expression of encouragement and initiation, two excellent reasons to communicate. **Go** on! Let's **go** do this!

### Examples:

Let's **go** play!

We are **going** outside/for a walk.

Look at it **go**!

I want to **go**!

Please **go**!

**Go** on.

Ready, set, **go**!

**Go** ahead.

Want to **go**?

Where did she **go**?

Time to **go**.

**Go** for it!

**Go** away!

**Go** faster!

I'm ready to **go**!

Way to **go**!

Let's **go** down the slide!

**Go** now!

I need to **go**!

Where did the time **go**?

We **went** to Vancouver.

I wonder where she **went**.

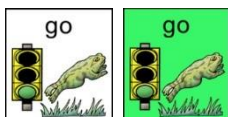
It **went** fast.

**Books:** We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Things That Go, Go to Bed Fred, Are You My Mother, Hooray for Hat, Hot Rod Monster, If You Give a Cat a Cupcake

**Songs:** Ants Go Marching, Stop & Go, Before You Go, Go Go Go, Let's Go for a Walk Outside, The Fish Song

**Activities:** wind-up toys, cars/trains, spinning toys, balls, doing the recycling, refilling water bottles, go-go-stop

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