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# **Inclusive Education**

# **Core Word Focus: BIG**

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 the appreciation statement word *BIG*.

The concept BIG is typically paired with little/small and are taught early on in a child's langauge development. One of the best ways to teach this concept is to utilize something that a student cares about; so, if they like playing with balls, provide a big ball and a small ball. If eating is a preferred activity, you could use both **BIG** and mini snack foods (e.g. mini Oreo/**BIG** Oreo, baby carrots/**BIG** carrots). This can help a student invest in clearly communicating a desired food because no one wants to eat just one mini-Oreo.

#### **Examples:**

That's a **BIG** deal That is really **BIG** Do you want the **BIG** one or the

little one?

items

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You are a **BIG** brother/sister Let's go to the BIG park My ball is the **BIG** one

#### **Books**

Goldilocks and the Three bears
The little Mouse, the Red
Strawberry and the BIG hungry Bear

Monkey Puzzle
Big and Little are Best Friends
(Michael Garland)

Big and Small (Elizabeth Bennett) Big Truck, big wheels

#### **Activities**

Sort items by size (big, medium, small)

Have a **BIG** thing scavenger hunt

Have snacks and choose small or **BIG** 

#### **BOOK CREATOR RESOUCES**

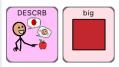




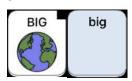
### **LAMP**



## **TOUCH CHAT**



### **SFY**



# **CORE Sentences Strips: BIG**

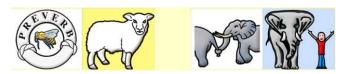
## I want the big one



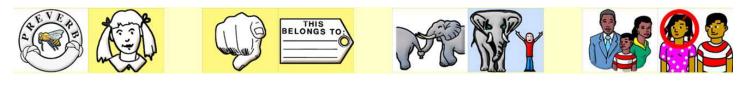
## He is big



Is it big?



Is she your big sister?



## My shoes are too big



## That is a big house

