

Inclusive Education

Core Word Focus: WHERE

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 **where**; this word builds to the language skill of being able to ask questions to gain information.

So many of our students are needing information but they don't know how to get it. It is a hard experience to be searching for something precious or regulating and not being able to find it. Teaching **where** as a first question word is good because the answer is concrete—things exist somewhere and we can search together. We can show our students *how to get information from others*.

As you work on this core word focus, instead of you asking the child **where** something is, go together and ask the teacher or another student **where** a thing is. Go on searches together to find items around the school and use pointing as you look. This is an example of language being used as a tool to solve a problem. The word **where** gives them a way to find an answer to a problem. Treasure hunts and playing hide-and-seek are good activities to highlight the word **where**. Sorting items (groceries, clothing, dishes, art supplies) and putting them in their proper place is a daily activity that can highlight the word **where**, as is putting animals into their habitats.

Examples:

Where are you?

Where did she go?

Where should we go?

Where is it?

Where is my coat?

Where are we going?

Where is the sun?

I don't know **where** it is.

Where is Peppa Pig?

Books:

Where's My Joey

Where's the Owl (series)

Where to Hide a Star

Where Are You Blue Kangaroo

Where is the Green Sheep

Where is Ladybird

Where Do I Sleep

Where's Walrus

Where is Spot

Where is Bear?

Over in the Garden

Put Me in the Zoo

Songs & Activities:

Where is Thumbkin

Where is My Lunch

Where Has My Little Dog Gone

treasure hunts

I-Spy

hide-and-seek

peek-a-boo,

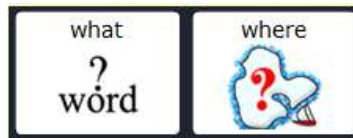
putting things away

categorizing

TOUCH CHAT



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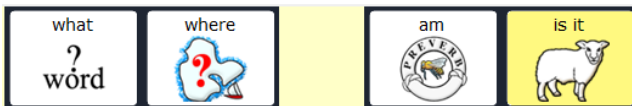


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Where Sentence Strips

Where is it



Where did she go



Where is my coat



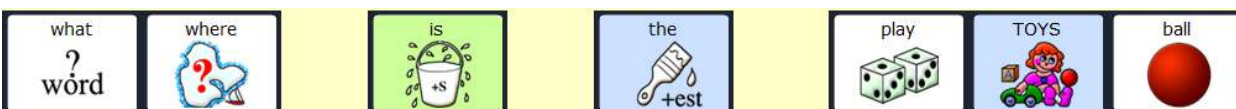
going



Where are you



Where is the ball



Where are we