

## Inclusive Education

### How to Use Word Finder in LAMP

Many alternative & augmentative communication apps offer a word finder option, but they differ in quality and therefore usefulness. The LAMP Words for Life word finder functions perfectly and so make an excellent tool for learning the motor plan to specific words. LAMP's word finder should be used intentionally (and without apology!) in order to practice the path to words and build automaticity and efficiency.

To use word finder: navigate to the SPELLING BUTTON (first of the three blue buttons in the middle right of the home page) then the purple WORD FINDER button in the top row. Spell your word, touch the word path, and follow each button in the path.

Many people have found it to be good practice to immediately navigate to the word again independently without the lit-up path. Now, the last step: set up the pathway to the same word again *for the child* and just leave the screen nearby for them to touch the path and follow it if they want to thereby building *their* motor memory to the relevant word. If they don't follow the path, or even look at it, don't worry about it, just follow the path again yourself.

