

Inclusive Education

Core Word Focus: IDEA

Core words are simple, useful words we use every day to talk and share ideas. A core word approach helps AAC learners practice these important words so they can communicate better in many different situations. Our next core word is **IDEA**, which means a thought or suggestion about what someone could do. Using the word *idea* helps others understand what the speaker is thinking or feeling. This also connects to the development of *Theory of Mind (ToM)*, which is the ability to understand that other people have their own thoughts, feelings, and beliefs. Language plays a big role in developing ToM, especially when children learn to talk about mental states and intentions using words like “think,” “know,” “believe,” and “idea.” As language skills grow, children become better at understanding others’ points of view.

The word idea used in a phrase like, “I have an idea” can be helpful in starting a conversation, suggesting something new, asking for help, or offering a solution. Socially, indicates that the speaker wants potential feedback, to build a connection, express confidence, guide the direction of a talk, or test how others might react. These uses help AAC learners practice important social and thinking skills.

Examples:

I have an idea!

Is your idea to call for help?

I have no idea what’s happening

What a great idea.

Books & Activities

Idea Jar by Adam Lehrup

The most magnificent Idea by Ashely Spires

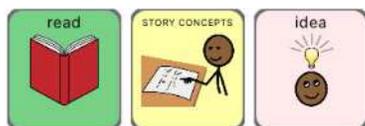
If I had a car/house/school by Chris van Dusen

What do you do with an idea? By Kobi Yamata

I have an idea! By Herve Tullet

Turkey Trouble by Wendy J Silvano

TOUCH CHAT



LAMP/Unity AAC



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BOOK CREATOR RESOURCES

Links to Online Resources



Links to Core Word resources: Idea
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Simple LAMP Book



LAMP Core Word Book: Idea
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LAMP Sentence examples:

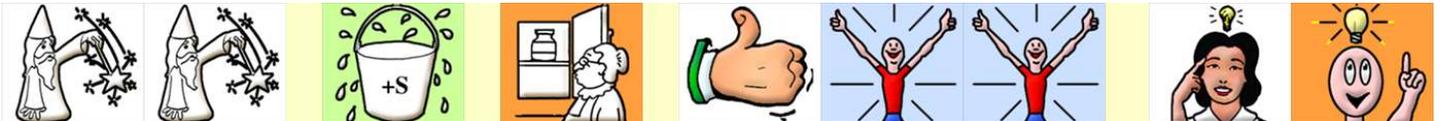
I have an idea



What is your idea?



That is a great idea



Do you have an idea?



This is a bad idea



You have no idea

