

AAC & Reading

Benefits of Using AAC for Reading

- Increases comprehension
- Helps your child understand the story
- Gives them a voice to join in
- Builds early language skills like naming, commenting, and asking
- Encourages bonding and turn-taking

How You Can Use AAC While Reading at Home

- Choose a short, fun, predictable book (i.e. Brown Bear)
- Create a page set on the AAC device with story words
- Model using the device: "Look! It's a dog!"
- Ask simple questions: "What do you see?"
- Let your child respond or model a response

Tips for Parents

- Keep it fun- don't worry about perfection
- Read the same book several times
- Give your child time to respond
- Celebrate ALL communication: touches, signs, words, AAC
- Ask your SLP for help with setting up or customizing your AAC