

# DO'S AND DON'TS OF AAC TERMINOLOGY

## ✓ USE

## ? THINK BEFORE USING

## ✗ AVOID USING

✓ **AAC users,  
people who use AAC**

? Part-time AAC users,  
people with complex  
communication needs,  
multimodal communicators

✗ People who rely on/  
require AAC, people with  
CCN, PWCCN, PWU AAC

✓ **People**

? Individuals, users

✗ Consumers,  
support recipients,  
patients

✓ **(AAC) device, tablet**

? AAC system, AAC tool,  
speech generating device

✗ Talker, voice output  
communication aid,  
VOCA, SGD

✓ **Nonspeaking**

? Nonverbal

✗ Functionally nonverbal,  
preverbal, prevocal

✓ **Communication  
disability, speech  
disability**

? Speech impairment

✗ Speech deficit,  
communication deficit

✓ **Spoken language,  
spoken words**

? Speech, language, mouth  
words (referring to spoken  
language)

✗ Natural language,  
natural speech (referring  
to spoken language)

✓ **AAC supports,  
communication  
supports**

? AAC strategies

✗ AAC intervention

? Intermittently (non)  
speaking, minimally  
speaking

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