

Rating criteria

The apps included in our brochure were evaluated for

- Availability of pre- and user-loaded pictures, text, and voice
- Customization of the app
- Social media compatibility with Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
- Availability and cost of upgrades



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Free Augmentative & Alternative Communication Apps for iPad®

A review of currently available apps to assist people with communication challenges



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Free ACC apps for iPad®



What is alternative and augmentative communication (AAC)?

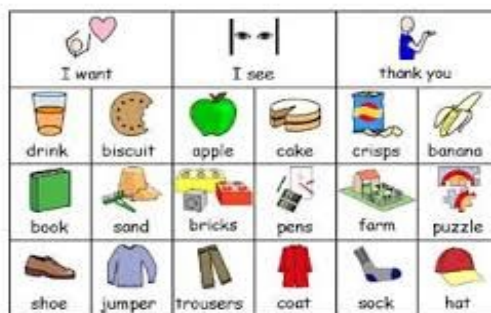
People with speech or language problems rely on AAC to supplement spoken language or completely replace speech. Special augmentative aids, such as picture communication boards and apps on mobile devices, are available to help people express themselves. This can help increase social interaction, school performance, and feelings of self-worth.

Things to consider when selecting an AAC app:

- Does the app use words, pictures, or both?
- Does the app have a text-to-speech function (“voice”)?
- Can I upload and store my own pictures and text?
- Is the app compatible with social media sites?

The Most Downloaded Free AAC Apps for 2014-2015

Name	Pre-loaded pictures	Pre-loaded text	Can upload and store text/pictures	Social media interface	Upgrade available/cost
AbleAAC	yes	yes	no	no	yes, \$30 - 60
Alexicomm AAC	yes	yes	yes	no	No
Avaz lite	yes	yes	yes	no	yes, \$100
Communicade	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
EE Basic	no	yes	yes	yes	no
EZ Speech	yes	yes	yes	no	yes, \$100
Gabby Tabs	yes	yes	no	no	yes, \$100
Grid Explorer	yes	yes	no	no	no
One Voice	yes	no	no	no	no
Panda Pal	yes	no	yes	yes	yes, \$46
Say Hi AAC	yes	yes	no	no	no
Say Some more	yes	no	no	no	no
Sono Flex Lite	yes	yes	no	no	yes, \$100
Talktablet	yes	yes	no	no	yes, \$80
Tap to Talk	yes	yes	no	no	yes, \$150
URVoice	yes	yes	yes	no	yes, \$4.99
Verbally	no	yes	no	no	yes, \$100



Sample AAC Page

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