

Flexible Switch



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Taction Pads

- Durability
- Reusability
- Sensitivity
- Not a true switch!
- Can be cut



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Pneumatic Switch



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Pal Pads



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SwitchBoard



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Sequencer

- 45 seconds of record time per level (short play) or 90 seconds of record time per level (long play)
- 2 Levels
- Switch Input Jack
- Relay Jack (cause-effect)



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VoicePal Levels

- 17.5 minutes of record time
- 2, 3, 5 or 10 messages
- 4 Levels
- Switch Inputs
- Sequential Messaging
- Random Messaging
- Scanning



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VoicePal 8

- 8 messages
- 90 seconds of record time (11 seconds each)
- Switch Inputs



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We want the user to focus on the book, not the technology!

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VoicePal 8K

- 8 messages
- On-board keypad
- 90 seconds of record time (11 seconds each)
- Switch Inputs



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What is Literacy?

Any activity that promotes reading or writing



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This is how researchers describe the normal communication message:

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Augmentative Resources



Create-a-Board Book

Magnetic Page Turner System

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- **55% Visual**

– Things we see like:

- Gestures
- Facial Expressions
- Body Movement
- Objects in the Environment

- **37% Vocal**

- Vocal Intonation
- Rate
- Intensity or Volume

- **7% Verbal**

- The actual words that are spoken

Reference: Linda Hodgdon, Visual Strategies for Improving Communication

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Success Stories™ by Sandbox Learning



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Take advantage of digitized speech!



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Things to consider when adapting books:

- Can the book be altered?
- Who will be using the book?
 - Will there be multiple users?
- What is the goal for the user/users?

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Tips & Tricks

- Review the book before you start adapting it.
 - Take note of picture and text placement
- Before taking a book apart, number the pages!
- Use contact paper to cover books.
 - Cheaper than laminating and more flexible
 - Use a wallpaper roller to make contact paper smooth
- Keep book, overlays, objects, PC symbols and instructions in a re-sealable bag.

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Sources for Objects & Books

- Dollar Stores
- Happy Meals
- Pet aisles (for squeeze toys)
- School Book Clubs (i.e. Scholastic)

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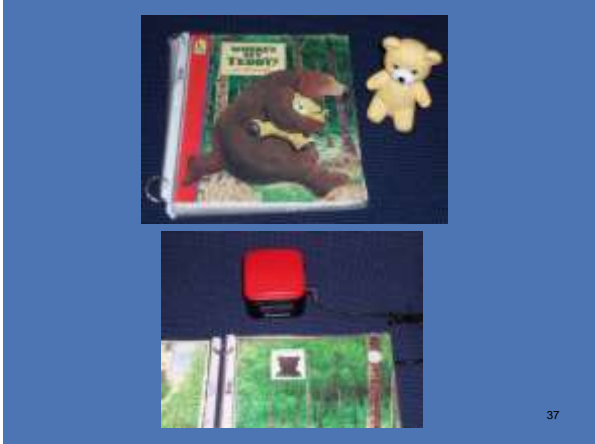
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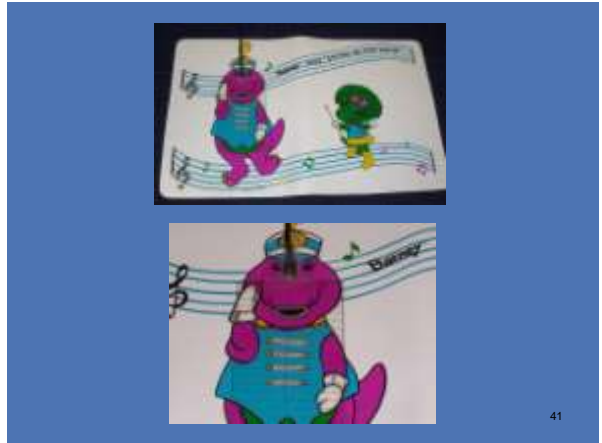
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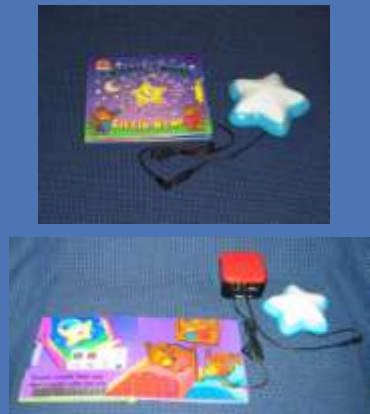
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Literacy Kit

- Sequencer
- Mini, Small and Large Pal Pad
- 6 Overlay Pockets
- Book (to be adapted)



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Ways to Get Ideas:

- www.adaptivation.com
- Photo Album of Ideas
- Recipes for Success Remixed
- Workshop Kits
- Trial devices



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