

## Communicative Competencies

The examples listed are samples and not an exhaustive list.

Linguistic	Operational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Selects a single-button message to make a request or participate in a song or story</li> <li>● Generates a new message by combining the selection of two buttons</li> <li>● Demonstrates the use of _____ nouns/verbs/adjectives across a variety of situations</li> <li>● Recognizes sound/letter associations</li> <li>● Creatively combines existing vocabulary to describe a new concept</li> <li>● Asks and answers a variety of pre-stored questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrates attention to or engagement with AAC system</li> <li>● Demonstrates navigational skills (e.g., Go Back, Home, selects vocab folder)</li> <li>● Adjusts the volume to suit the environment</li> <li>● Asks for assistance when the AAC system is not properly functioning</li> <li>● Moves head into better position for eye tracking access (if able)</li> <li>● Uses message window controls such as Delete or Clear</li> </ul>
Social	Strategic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintains attention to partner in a conversation</li> <li>● Demonstrates conversational turn taking</li> <li>● Uses humour</li> <li>● Uses social greetings</li> <li>● Uses comments or compliments</li> <li>● Uses segues effectively to add to the fluency of conversation (e.g., "I have an idea!")</li> <li>● Shifts communication style based on the partner or situation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notices when an intended message was not conveyed</li> <li>● Uses multiple modes to get message across</li> <li>● Persists in repeating a message when no one listens/understands</li> <li>● Uses a repair strategy for communication breakdowns</li> <li>● Shows resourcefulness by using existing vocabulary to explain intended message</li> <li>● Uses messages such as "Wait!" or "I have a question!" to assert power in a conversation</li> </ul>

For more information, see the following links:

[DAGG-2 \(Tobii Dynavox\)](#)

[Communication Matrix \(free "try it" option at top, left\)](#)