

How to Choose Vocabulary for a Core Vocabulary Board Hybrid Lists

Gail Van Tatenhove took the Benajee lists* and compared them to other lists and to language samples from the devices of augmentative communication users. She came up with the following hybrid lists that she uses in clinical practice. These lists can be used to add new words for language learning and for communication expansion. (*Benajee, M., DiCarlo, C., & Buras-Stricklin, S. (2003) *Core Vocabulary Determination for Toddlers. Augmentative and Alternative Communication, 2, 67-73.*)

Clinical Application of the Benajee List

First 8 Words:

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| 1. all done | 5. more |
| 2. help | 6. stop |
| 3. want | 7. that |
| 4. mine | 8. what |

First 15 words:

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| 1. all gone | 6. I | 11. Stop |
| 2. away | 7. it | 12. that |
| 3. go | 8. like | 13. want |
| 4. help | 9. have | 14. what |
| 5. here | 10. more | 15. you |

First 30 Words

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| 1. again | 11. 1 | 21. out |
| 2. all gone | 12. in | 22. put |
| 3. away | 13. it | 23. some |
| 4. big | 14. like | 24. stop |
| 5. do | 15. little | 25. that |
| 6. down | 16. mine | 26. there |
| 7. get | 17. more | 27. up |
| 8. go | 18. my | 28. want |
| 9. help | 19. off | 29. what |
| 10. here | 20. on | 30. you |

First 50 Words

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|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 1. again | 14. get | 27. mine | 40. stop |
| 2. all | 15. go | 28. more | 41. tell |
| 3. all done | 16. good | 29. my | 42. that |
| 4. away | 17. happy | 30. not | 43. there |
| 5. bad | 18. help | 31. now | 44. turn |
| 6. big | 19. here | 32. off | 45. up |
| 7. come | 20. I | 33. on | 46. want |
| 8. do | 21. in | 34. out | 47. what |
| 9. don't | 22. it | 35. play | 48. where |
| 10. down | 23. like | 36. put | 49. who |
| 11. drink | 24. little | 37. read | 50. why |
| 12. eat | 25. make | 38. sad | 51. you |
| 13. feel | 26. me | 39. some | |

Adding to the Top 50

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| 1. +ed | 26. have | 51. one | 76. they |
| 2. +ing | 27. he | 52. other | 77. think |
| 3. +s | 28. hear | 53. over | 78. thirsty |
| 4. after | 29. hi | 54. place | 79. those |
| 5. almost | 30. hot | 55. please | 80. time |
| 6. another | 31. how | 56. pretty | 81. tired |
| 7. any | 32. hungry | 57. problem | 82. together |
| 8. ask | 33. idea | 58. ready | 83. try |
| 9. be | 34. is | 59. ride | 84. under |
| 10. before | 35. job | 60. same | 85. very |
| 11. body | 36. know | 61. say | 86. walk |
| 12. can | 37. later | 62. she | 87. way |
| 13. cold | 38. we | 63. sick | 88. we |
| 14. color | 39. let | 64. silly | 89. when |
| 15. did | 40. listen | 65. sing | 90. win |
| 16. different | 41. live | 66. sit | 91. with |
| 17. dress | 42. lose | 67. sleep | 92. work |
| 18. fall | 43. love | 68. slow | 93. write |
| 19. fast | 44. maybe | 69. sorry | 94. wrong |
| 20. favorite | 45. much | 70. start | 95. your |
| 21. for | 46. myself | 71. surprise | 96. |
| 22. fun | 47. name | 72. swim | 97. |
| 23. give | 48. need | 73. take | 98. |
| 24. goodbye | 49. nice | 74. thank you | 99. |
| 25. guess | 50. of | 75. these | 100. |

Adding Words to Get to 300+ Core Words

1. Add all the pronouns
2. Add more adjectives and adverbs
3. Expand verbs, with tense variations