

Shared Reading Guides & Cards

We have developed a series of Shared Reading Guides and Cards for use in shared reading.

These are designed to be a resource for people who are getting started either with shared reading or with AAC – or both! It is important to know that they are not designed to be in long term use. In the long term with shared reading, we need to follow the student's lead as much as possible. So, when they are interested in a page or a character, we follow up on that. As you become more comfortable with shared reading and/or AAC you will also start using a broader range of communication with students in this activity.

As well as helping you to get started, the guides and cards give you examples of invitations to participate that also support you to use AAC in your interactions, and which support autonomous communication development in students.



The shared reading guides are designed for students who are at Level 1 in shared reading. This means that they aren't yet using speech or AAC to communicate regularly with others. We don't ask them questions – we model AAC with a focus on supporting autonomy, so that they can, over time, learn to use AAC themselves. We need to use symbols many, many times in real situations and for real reasons so that a beginning communicator can learn to use them.



The shared reading cards are designed for students who are at Level 2 or above in shared reading. This means that they are using speech or AAC to communicate with others. At this level we also need to be careful not to ask too many questions – or activities can start to feel like tests for the student! Instead we make statements or give our own opinion – and then invite them to give theirs.

The shared reading guides and cards are available for:

- PODD (Pragmatically Organised Dynamic Display), for use with non-electronic expanded functions Group PODD
- simPODD (PODD with SymbolStix symbols) for use with non-electronic expanded functions Group PODD
- Proloquo2Go for use with 7 x 11 Crescendo
- Proloquo for the default layout

Have fun reading!

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