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Introduction to Pragmatically Organised Vocabulary

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Housekeeping

Welcome!

Please join in and ask questions as we go along

Please be aware of others in the session

- **Protect your own confidentiality**
- **Don’t share information about other patients from this session outside of the session**
- **Be generous – this is a shared session**

If you need more information please speak to us at the end about an additional support session

The session leader may not be able to address all questions which arise and may ask you to ‘park’ questions to be answered later

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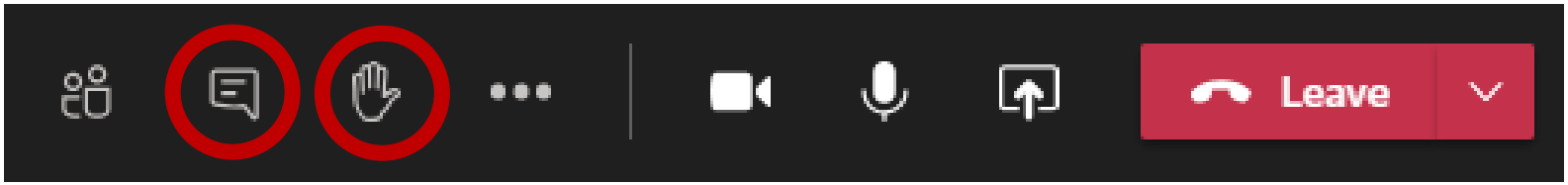
Teams Training

- Presenter – presenting!
- Chair – monitoring comments / hands up
- Turn off camera and mic unless talking
- Comments
- Hand ups



Plan

Introductions

- **AAC WEST Team**
- **Attendees**
- **What vocabulary is everyone going to be using?**

Session plan:

Why Communicate?

Why Pragmatic Vocabulary?

Features of a Pragmatic Vocabulary

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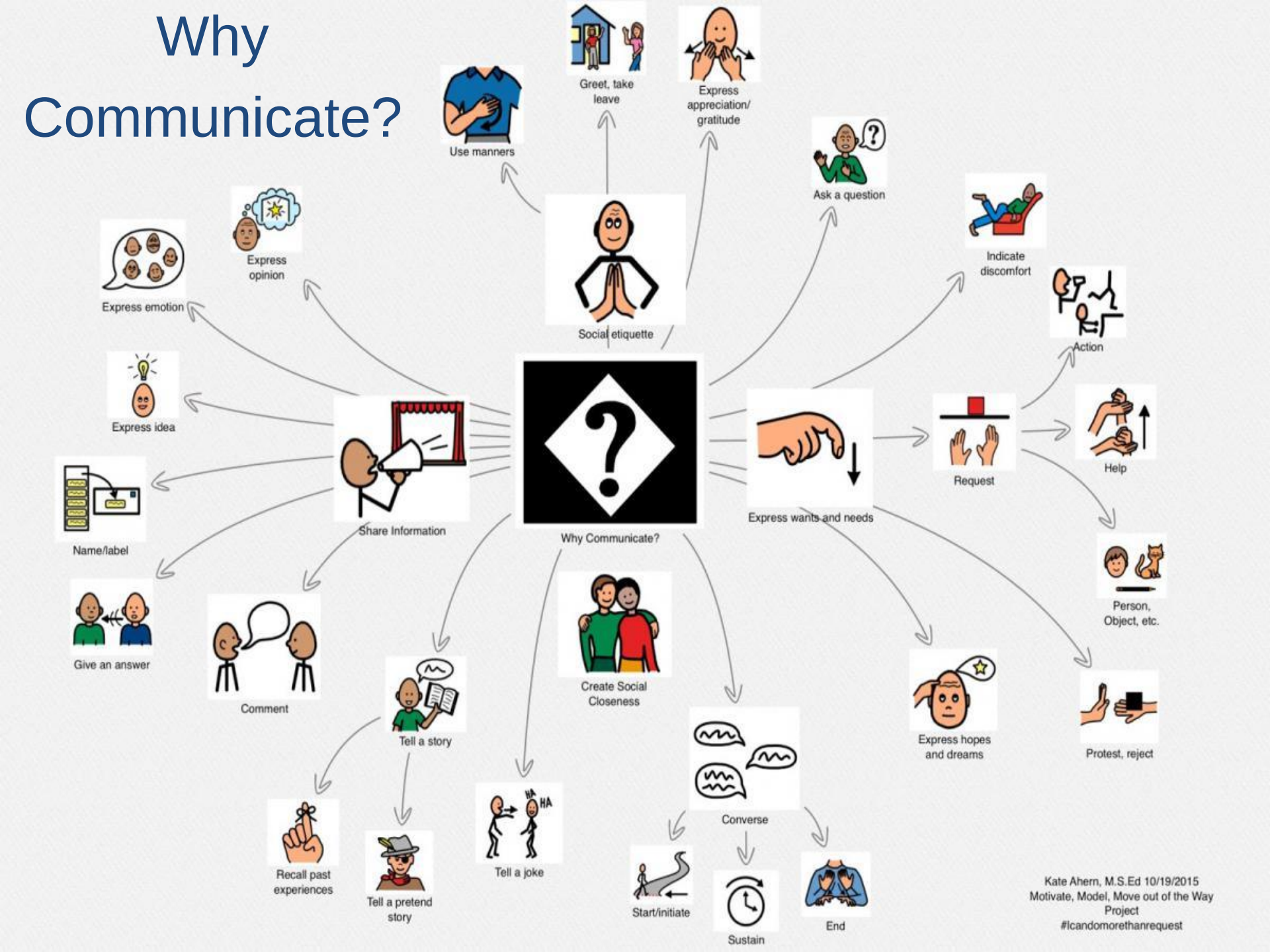

The Challenge

A person using AAC:

- **can only say the words, or utilise the ‘pragmatic functions’, that someone else has chosen to make available to them**

- **may only learn to use the words and functions that they are shown how to use**

  (see modelling training)

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Our Goal

For everyone to be able to say what they want, when they want to say it, to the person they want to say it to

To achieve this, we need to make sure we provide access to

- as many words to say as possible
- words that they can use in lots of different situations
- words that they can use for lots of different reasons

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Any Questions?

Before we move on…

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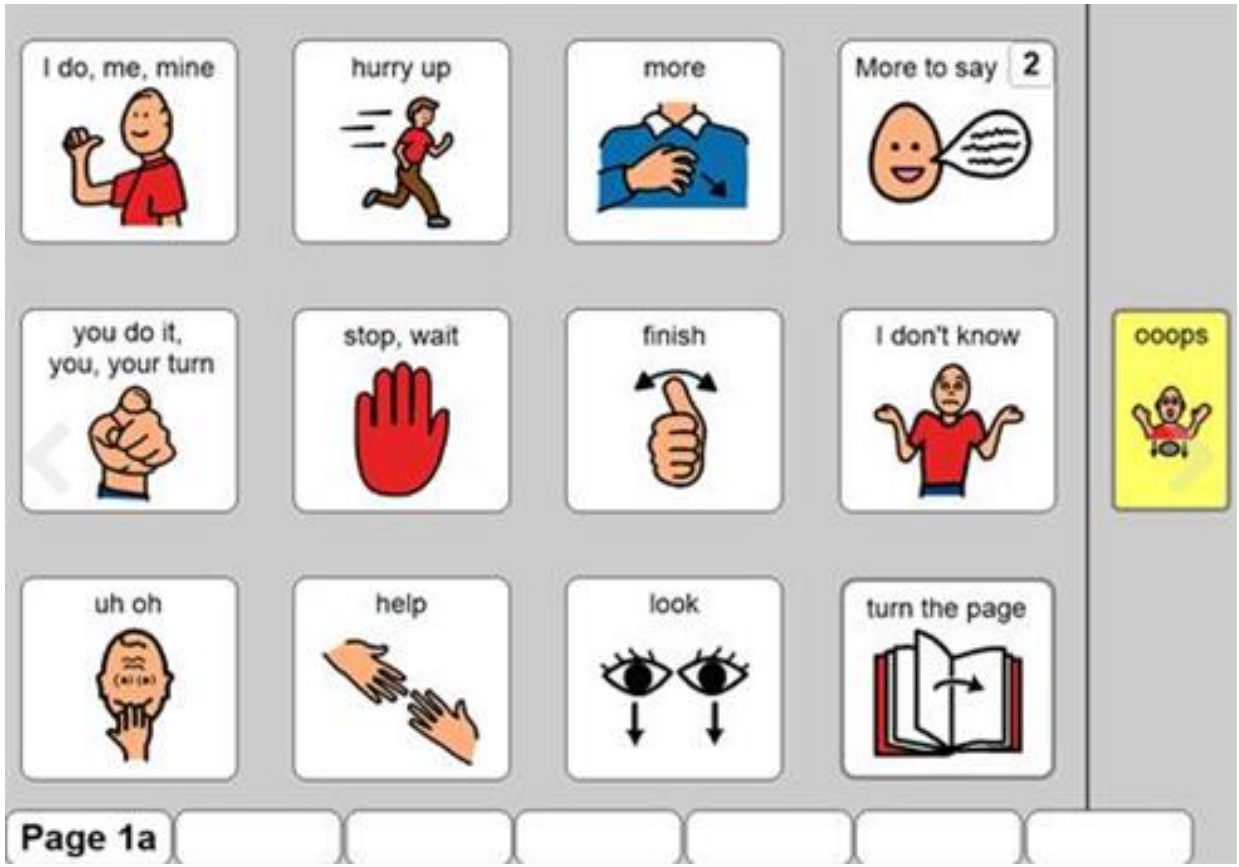
Features of Pragmatic Vocabularies

- **Quick chat**
- **Pragmatic starters**
- **Branches**
- **Categories**
- **Smart partner operating system**
- **Lots of vocabulary**

Quick Chat

All day long. No matter the activity. Most useful words.



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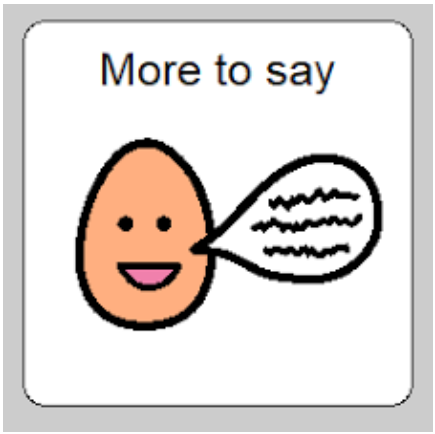
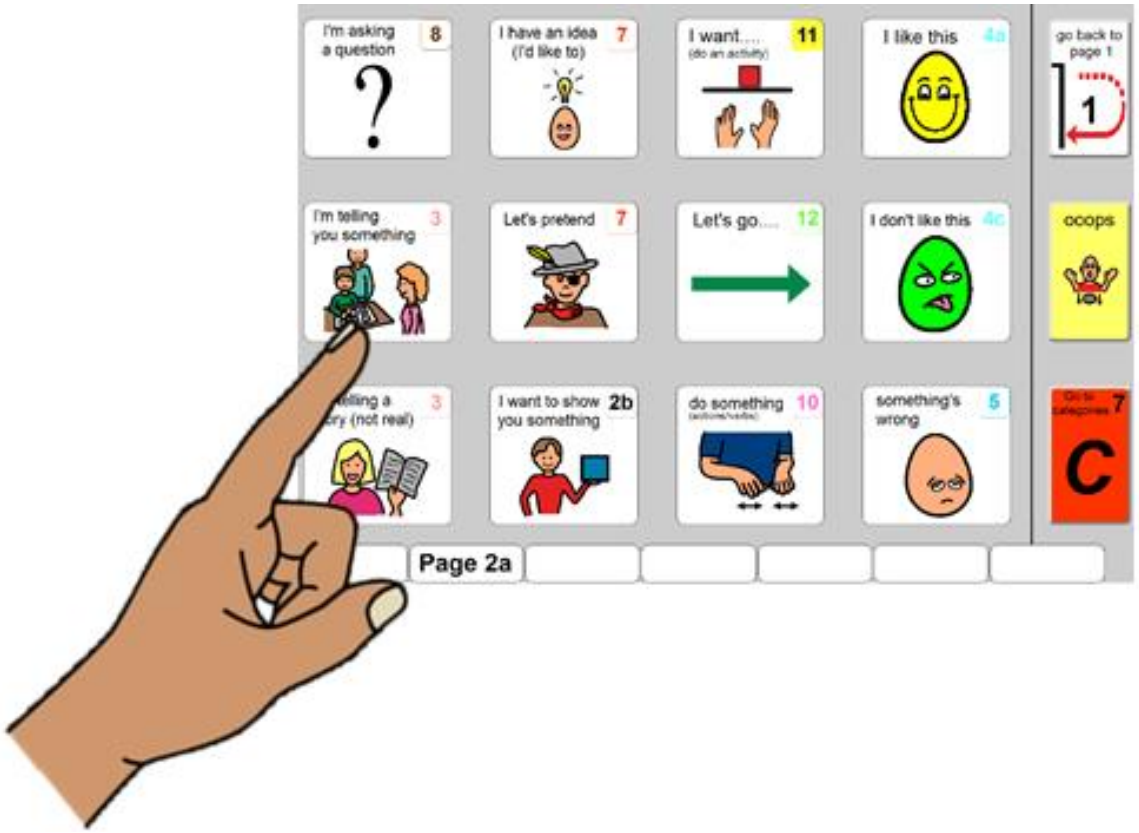
Pragmatic Starters

What's your reason for communicating? This is where you begin to build your message.





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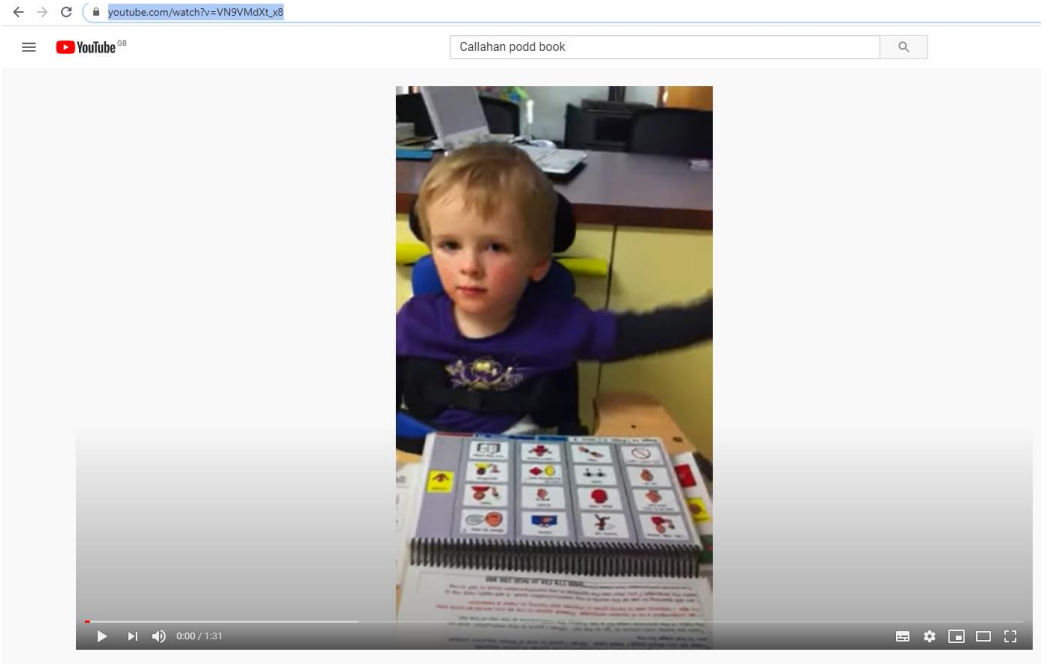
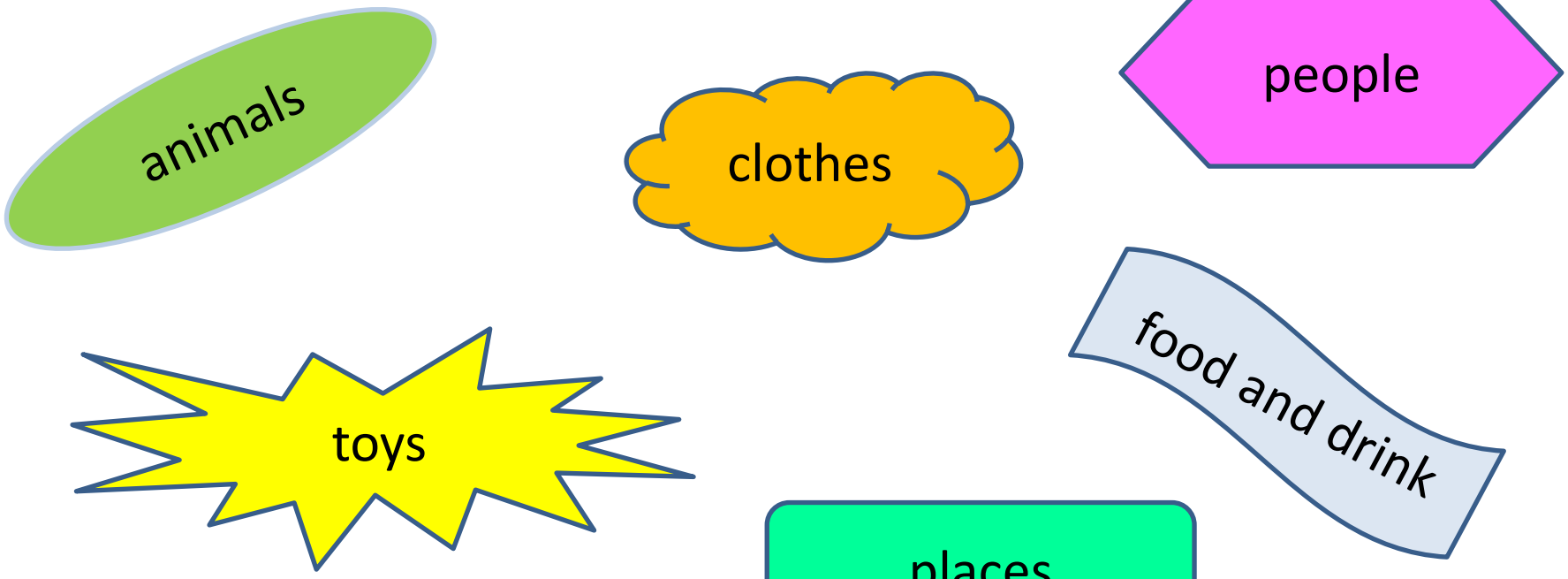
Branches

It's all linked and more clever than it looks!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN9VMdXt_x8

Categories



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Smart Partner Operating System

Making sense of what's not being said

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Lots of Vocabulary

Can you both use it use across the day, no matter the activity?

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Summary

- Pragmatics – the functions of language. It's all about being a 'complete' communicator, not just a requestor
- We're aiming for everyone to be able to say what they want, when they want to say it, to the person they want to say it to
- A person using AAC can only say the words, or utilise the 'pragmatic functions', that someone else has chosen to make available to them

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Any Questions?

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To let us know how the training was for you today and how we can make it better. This short survey should take less than 5mins.

This link will also be emailed to you.
Thank you, we really value your feedback.

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