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A **core board** is a form of low-tech alternative and augmentative communication (AAC).

Core vs fringe words

- **Core words** are the most used words in the English language. They are typically the first words that children learn how to speak. Core words include: verbs (doing words), prepositions (in, on, under), pronouns (you, I, he, she) and adjectives (big, tall, small).
- **Fringe words** include more personalised vocabulary that are important to the individual and specific to certain activities, topics, and environments. **Fringe words** are typically nouns (objects, people, and places).



Why use core boards?

- To support children to learn and use core vocabulary to communicate.
- To support the development of spoken language (rather than replacing it).
- To support the use of single word and sentence building to extend speech.
- To support and enable individuals to create new sentence structures.
- To support children where speech is difficult to understand.
- To increase participation.
- To use language flexibly across activities.