



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

April 2020



AbleNet University Live Webinars

Play Games, Role-Play, Drama and Movement Activities to Build the Brain

April 8, 2020 | 9:00 AM PST | 60 minutes

Unleashing the Power of UDL: Top Digital Tools for the Inclusive Classroom!

April 15, 2020 | 12:00 PM PST | 60 minutes

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars



Videos for Modeling Social Skills

Model Me Kids offers videos for modeling social skills. The **Model Me Going Places app** uses a

photo slideshow of children modeling appropriate behavior in various community settings. The app is free and was developed by a team of licensed speech and language pathologists. Learn more about the team's technology tools at www.modelmekids.com.

Video Modeling Meets Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) According to the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders, video modeling meets evidence-based practice criteria. NPDC on ASD.

Free Social Skills Worksheets & Activities: Use the Activity Area links below to navigate within the activity areas.

- Activity Areas
- Time for School
- Time for a Playdate
- I Can Do It!

**APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH
Hey, Check Out These AAC App Sales!**

 <p>Prologue2Go • for Mac and iOS • get 50% off regular price of \$249.99 ON SALE April 2-4</p>	 <p>Prologue4Test • for Mac and iOS • get 50% off regular price of \$139.99 ON SALE April 2-4</p>
 <p>Predictable • for iOS, Android, and Windows • get 50% off regular price of \$159.99 ON SALE April 1-6</p>	 <p>LAMP Words For Life • for iOS • get 50% off regular price of \$299.99 ON SALE March 24-30</p>
 <p>TouchChat HD with WordPower • for iOS • get 50% off regular price of \$299.99 ON SALE March 24-30</p>	 <p>Avaz AAC Lifetime Edition • for iOS and Android • get 50% off regular price of \$199.99 ON SALE April 1-30</p>
 <p>CoughDrop • for Windows, iOS, and Android • get 50% off regular price of \$299.99 ON SALE April 8-10</p>	 <p>Alexicom AAC All Elements Vocabulary Set • for Mac and iOS • App is FREE • Vocabulary set only \$ 99 ON SALE March 22-31</p>


April is Autism Acceptance Month. Every year, AAC companies put their apps on sale at a 50% discount. This is a great opportunity to save money and get communication into the hands of someone who needs it!



The most engaging reading game for Grades 2-8, and all for FREE!

Combining strategy, engagement, and imaginative reading passages to create a fun, curriculum-aligned literacy game!

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The video game that builds strong readers through play. <https://www.squigglepark.com/dreamscape/>



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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

ConnectABILITY.ca

Create Visual Supports for your child

The visuals engine will help you build visual supports and sequences for your child, by providing templates from 1 selection to 16 different selections. Great for Choice Boards, Circle Time Boards, Labels, Rules, Schedules, Mini Schedules, First/Then Board, I Want Board, Personal Stories, Token Economy.

<https://connectability.ca/visuals-engine/>

7 Ways Technology Benefits Special Education Classrooms

1. Most students are drawn to technology and special education teachers often find that these students are then more motivated to work because they get to use a technology device in the classroom.
2. Teachers can work with more students at one time more effectively, such as using a phonetic ear so that more students can hear or a clicker response system to engage all of the students at once.
3. Technology is an equalizer and parents even report that when their children with challenges or disabilities uses technology that they are seen as more capable by peers.
4. Children learn valuable technology skills that can translate into marketable skills.
5. Children with physical disabilities have more opportunities for engaged learning with modified assistive technology such as touch screens and assistive wands.
6. Students who spend time in mainstream classes and special education classrooms can use technology to bridge the expectations and demands of each, such as by using a device to record lectures for playback later.
7. Technology can help build confidence in children. They are finding more success academically and they are also feeling more like their classmates who utilize technology every day, too.

<https://www.speechbuddy.com/blog/iep/technology-benefits-special-education-classrooms-and-beyond/>



<https://www.sayitwithsymbols.com/free-stuff/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

t.ly/8mb8B

<https://www.ianbean.co.uk/free-visual-supports-maker/>

<http://www.mypecs.com/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Assistive Technology in Education

6 chapters | 35 lessons

Course Summary

Gain a deeper understanding of assistive technology and discover ways to integrate it into your classroom with these informative teaching resources. Use these lessons to make sure you can use technology in different subject areas to meet the specific needs of your students.

<https://study.com/academy/course/assistive-technology-in-education.html>



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Communicating with Symbols



PCS AND PECS What's the difference?

- *PCS* are picture communication symbols
- *PECS* is a formalized program for using symbol supports for communication.

Picture communication symbols (PCS) are designed to convey a particular meaning, not just an object. Messages can be presented and generated through different types of media such as individual cards, paper charts and communication boards, computer display programs and voice output devices. Using these tools can allow an individual to express themselves with more complex types of communication and can allow them to interact easily.

The following are links to sites where symbols can be downloaded free.

- <http://www.pictoselector.eu/>
- <http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>
- <http://www.dotolearn.com/picturecards/printcards/index.htm>
- <https://w3.setbc.org/students/Pages/Student-Resources-Library.aspx>
- <http://www.boardmakershare.com/>
- <http://www.abaresources.com/free.htm>

<https://sites.google.com/site/speaking4autism/information/free-picture-symbol-resources>