**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 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:

1. all done 2. help 3. want

4. mine 5. More 6. stop

7. that 8. what

First 15 words:

1. all gone 2. away 3. go

4. help 5. here 6. I

7. It 8. like 9. have

10. more 11. stop 12. that

13. want 14. what 15. you

First 30 words:

1. again 2. all gone 3. away

4. big 5. do 6. down

7. get 8. go 9. help

10. here 11. 1 12. in

13. it 14. like 15. little

16. mine 17. more 18. my

19. off 20. on 21. out

22. put 23. some 24. stop

25. that 26. there 27. up

28. want 29. what 30. you

First 50 words:

1. again 2. all 3. all done

4. away 5. bad 6. big

7. come 8. do 9. don’t

10. down 11. drink 12. eat

13. feel 14. get 15. go

16. good 17. happy 18. help

19. here 20. I 21. in

22. it 23. like 24. little

25. make 26. me 27. mine

28. more 29. my 30. not

31. now 32. off 33. on

34. out 35. play 36. put

37. read 38. sad 39. some

40. stop 41. tell 42. that

43. there 44. turn 45. up

46. up 47. what 48. where

49. who 50. why 51. you

Adding to the Top 50:

1. +ed 2. +ing 3. +s

4. after 5. almost 6. another

7. any 8. ask 9. be

10. before 11. body 12. can

13. cold 14. color 15. did

16. different 17. dress 18. fall

19. fast 20. favorite 21. for

22. fun 23. give 24. goodbye

25. guess 26. have 27. he

28. hear 29. hi 30. hot

31. how 32. hungry 33. idea

34. is 35. job 36. know

37. later 38. we 39. let

40. listen 41. live 42. lose

43. love 44. maybe 45. much

46. myself 47. name 48. need

49. nice 50. of 51. one

52. other 53. over 54. place

55. please 56. pretty 57. problem

58. ready 59. ride 60. same

61. say 62. she 63. sick

64. silly 65. sing 66. sit

67. sleep 68. slow 69. sorry

70. start 71. surprise 72. swim

73. take 74. thank you 75. these

76. they 77. think 78. thirsty

79. those 80. time 81. tired

82. tired 83. try 84. under

85. very 86. walk 87. way

88. we 89. when 90. win

91. with 92. work 93. write

94. wrong 95. your 96.

97. 98. 99.

100.

Adding Words to Get 300+ Core Words

1. Add all the pronouns

2. Add more adjectives and adverbs

3. Expand verbs, with tense variations