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 the 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. l 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. want 47. what 48. where 49. who 50. why 51. you

Adding to the Top 50			
1. +ed	26. have	51. one	76. they
2. +ing	27. he	52. other	77. think
3. +s	28. hear	53. over	78. thirsty
4. after	29. hi	54. place	79. those
5. almost	30. hot	55. please	80. time
6. another	31. how	56. pretty	81. tired
7.any	32 hungry	57. problem	82. together
8. ask	33. idea	58. ready	83. try
9. be	34. is	59. ride	84. under
10. before	35. job	60. same	85. very
11. body	36. know	61. say	86. walk
12. can	37. later	62. she	87. way
13. cold	38. we	63. sick	88. we
14. color	39. let	64. silly	89. when
15. did	40. listen	65. sing	90. win
16. different	41. live	66. sit	91. with
17. dress	42. lose	67. sleep	92. work
18. fall	43. love	68. slow	93. write
19. fast	44. maybe	69. sorry	94. wrong
20. favorite	45. much	70. start	95. your
21. for	46. myself	71. surprise	96.
22. fun	47. name	72. swim	97.
23. give	48. need	73. take	98.
24. goodbye	49. nice	74. thank you	99.
25. guess	50. of	75. these	100.

Adding Words to Get to 300+ Core Words 1. Add all the pronouns 2. Add more adjectives and adverbs 3. Expand verbs, with tense variations