

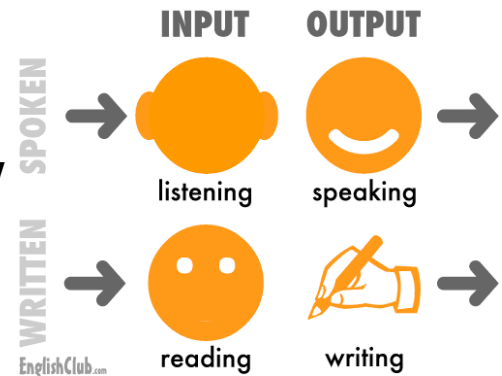
Communication for All: Understanding AAC Devices

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Speech is how we say sounds and words. ---*We can hear it*

Language refers to the words we use and how we use them to share ideas and get what we want. ---*We can write it*



Finding the Just Right System:

SETT- Student; Environment; Task; Tools - Joy Zabala

Today System & Tomorrow System: Should include necessary components from no tech, low tech, mid tech, to high tech.

Fits like new clothes for kids- Not too bit, but with a little room to grow.

We can't "get" kids to use AAC, but we can SHOW them how to use it and TEACH them how powerful their words can be!!

Just like giving children a library will not teach them to read; giving children an AAC device will not teach them to talk. We learn through engaging, meaningful interactions. We teach children to read all of the books one step at a time. We teach children

Autonomous communication: Being able to say whatever I want to say, to whoever I want to say it to, whenever and wherever I want to say it.

-Gayle Porter