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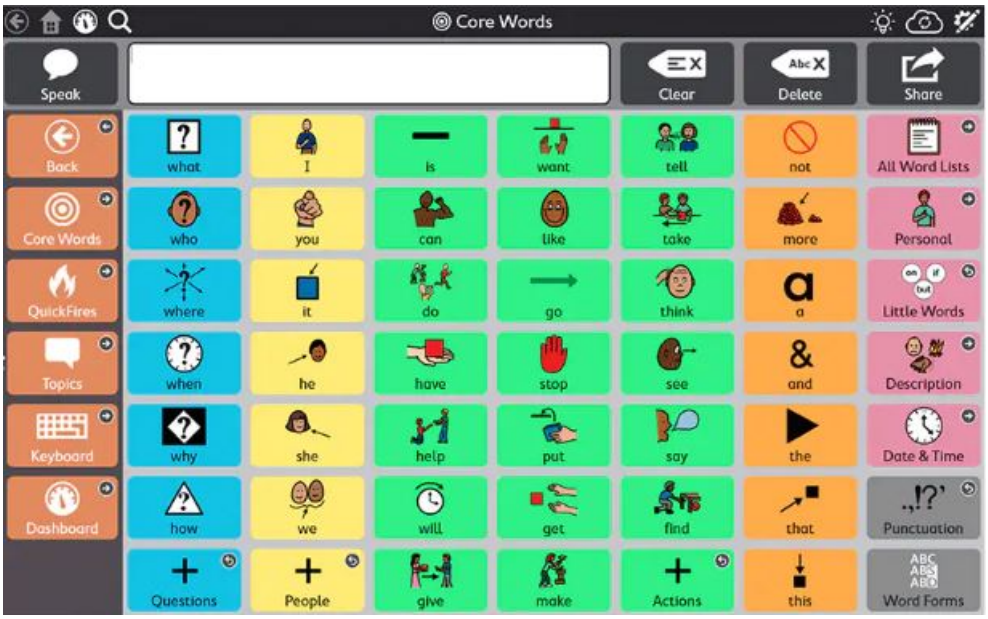

QR Codes

We use QR Codes so you can have quick access to information such as videos without having to type in web addresses. Scan the QR code using the camera on your smart phone to view the linked information.

Android Users
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iOS Users
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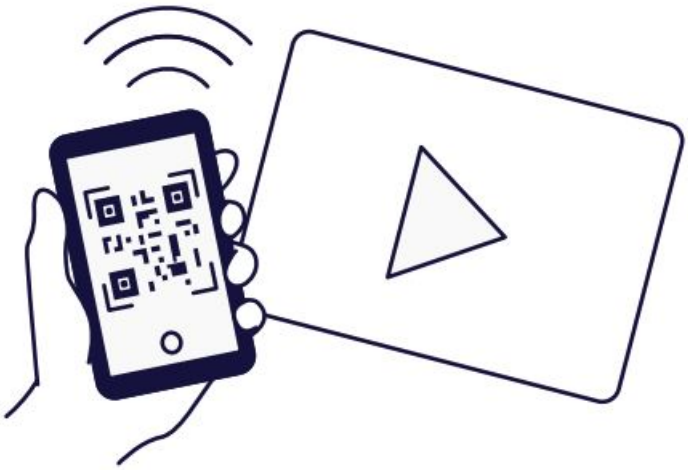


FAQ

How do I decide which page set to use?
The right page set for each user is determined by multiple factors, including access needs, literacy level, symbol needs and preferences, language acquisition style (analytic versus gestalt), clinical diagnosis (aphasia etc.), and their language(s). The best guidance comes from your referring clinician or local Tobii Dynavox solutions

consultant. They will look at the unique profile and needs of each user and make a recommendation. Visit TobiiDynavox.com and select Contact to find your local solutions consultant or Tobii Dynavox partner.

Can I try different page sets?
Yes! You can choose a different page set at any time. Go to Edit > Page set > [Select the current page set] > New page set. Experiment with different page sets at the beginning of your journey if you like. However, once the user starts familiarizing themselves and having success with a particular page set, it is best to stick with that one.

What if the user is struggling to make selections accurately?
There are a number of ways to help the user make selections quickly and accurately. Everything from changing the access method to adjusting settings to choosing a different grid size or simply repositioning the device can solve access issues. We can help! Always reach out to your local clinician, solutions consultant, or Tobii Dynavox partner first. Otherwise, call or email Tobii Dynavox support.

- Scan this code to see a video about access methods on high tech. devices.
- **qrco.de/bbA7US**

Tips for Introducing AAC

Make a team effort
Family members and other key people should all be familiar with TD Snap. Allow each person some time to explore the app and locate common words that come up in their interactions with the AAC user.

Keep it handy
Have the AAC device with you and accessible to the user at all times. Think of the AAC device as their voice. You are never without your voice and they should not be without theirs!

Model, model, model
People learn language by observing and listening, then trying it themselves. It has been proven that modeling is the best way to teach people to communicate using AAC. Modeling involves touching and using the device as you talk and interact with the person. Model communication using TD Snap when you are talking to the AAC user and throughout the day. Family members and caregivers should all participate in modeling as well.

- Modeling is about showing the individual how to communicate.
- It does not require imitation.
- Model key words instead of every word you say.
- Model as you look for vocabulary.
- Mistakes are OK. They give you the chance to model how to correct them.
- Modeling is not quizzing or testing.

Watch a video demonstrating modeling.

- **qrco.de/bbA7Ur**

Respond to all communication attempts
It is common that AAC users will explore their device and make selections that seem random at first. When you respond to their selections, you reinforce that each word has meaning and has real world results.

Recognize opportunities
Identify times during the day when an individual can learn and practice communication skills. For example, help them use TD Snap to communicate their choice of snack to eat or movie to watch.

Be patient
Learning to use AAC is like learning any new language. You would not expect anyone to produce substantive communication in a completely new language in the first days or even weeks of trying. Just continue to model, provide high interest opportunities for communication, and responding to any selections that they make in TD Snap.

Being a Great Communication Partner

Remember to use the strategies below to be a good communication partner and create an environment for communication success.

Create a positive communication environment
Adopt these attitudes and strategies that encourage communication.

- **Assume competence**
  "I know you have things to say." "You can do this."
- **Focus on use, not testing**
  Instead of saying "Find book." Say "It's reading time. What book should we read?"
- **Respond to all modes of communication**
  Learner: Smiles at you. Partner: "Well, hello to you too!"
- **Wait**
  AAC communication takes time. Count to five before providing help to locate vocabulary. If the AAC user is composing a sentence, wait patiently for them to speak instead of reading over their shoulder, guessing what they will say, or simply moving on in the conversation.

Look for Success
Communication success is more than the individual communicating what you expect, when you expect it, and how you expect it.

Success may include:

- Increased attention to interactions
- Initiation of communication
- Use of more vocabulary
- Longer interactions

- Greater enjoyment of interactions
- More independence in communication

Activity: Scavenger hunt!

Getting to know the vocabulary on your AAC device should be a fun and interactive experience. Sit down with the AAC user and start selecting buttons. See how things are organized and start to get comfortable moving around the app. Invite the user to join you in a vocabulary scavenger hunt. Here is a list of things to find:

1. A way to greet someone
2. Something you could use to draw a picture A thing you wear when it's cold
3. Your favorite animal
4. An activity you did today
5. Something you do outside
6. Your favorite food
7. A word to describe how you are feeling Something you need to brush your teeth
8. Words to describe the weather today

Activity: Customize the page set
Regardless of which page set you choose, you will want to add some personalized vocabulary. Spend some time reviewing the page set to find the best places to add this vocabulary. Refer to the Edit a Button and Add a Button sections for help adding some or all of the following information:

- Friends and family names and photos
- Personal information, if age appropriate (e.g., email address, phone number)
- Favorite foods and restaurants
- Preferred TV shows and musical artists

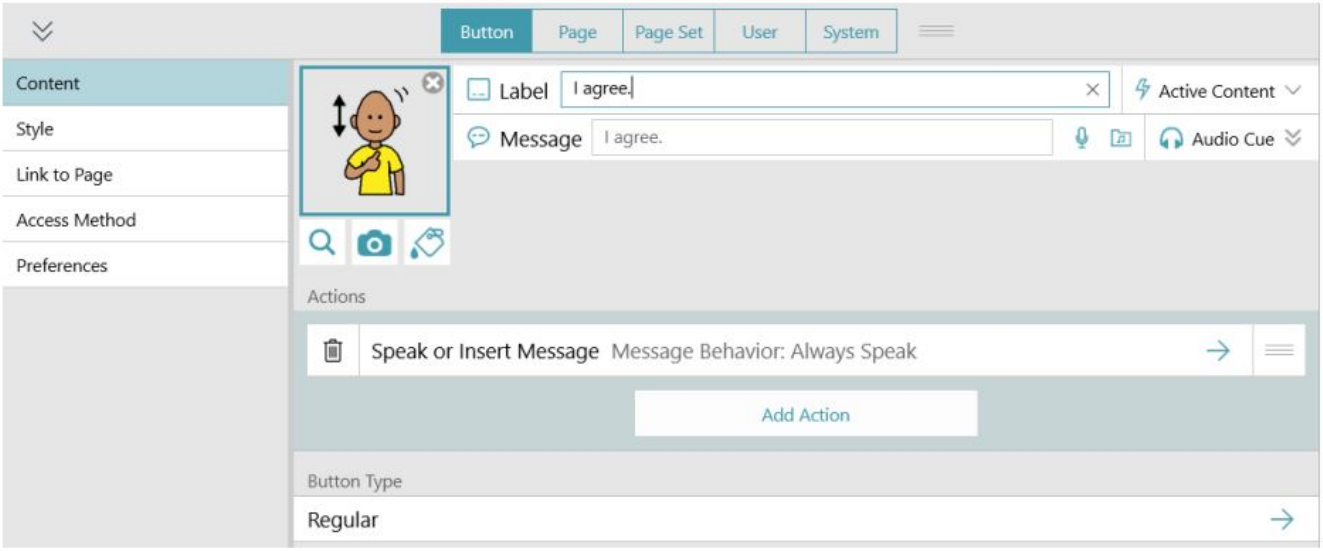
Tip
Use the Search tool to see if the vocabulary item is already in the page set before you add anything.

Edit a Button

1. Go to the page with the button you want to edit.
2. Select Edit.

3. The editing panel will pop up at the bottom of your screen. Notice “Button” is already highlighted.

4. Select the button you want to edit.
5. To change the button symbol:
   - Select the Search button to find a symbol.
   - Select the Camera button to add a photo.
   - Select the Symbol Editor button to change colors in the current symbol.
6. To change the text that appears on the button, type in the Label field. To change the Message that is inserted or spoken when the button is selected, type in the Message field.
7. Select Style to change the button color, border, font, or layout.
8. Edit the Actions to change what happens when the button is selected.



9. When finished, select Done.

Add a Button

1. Go to the page where you would like to add a button.
2. Select Edit.

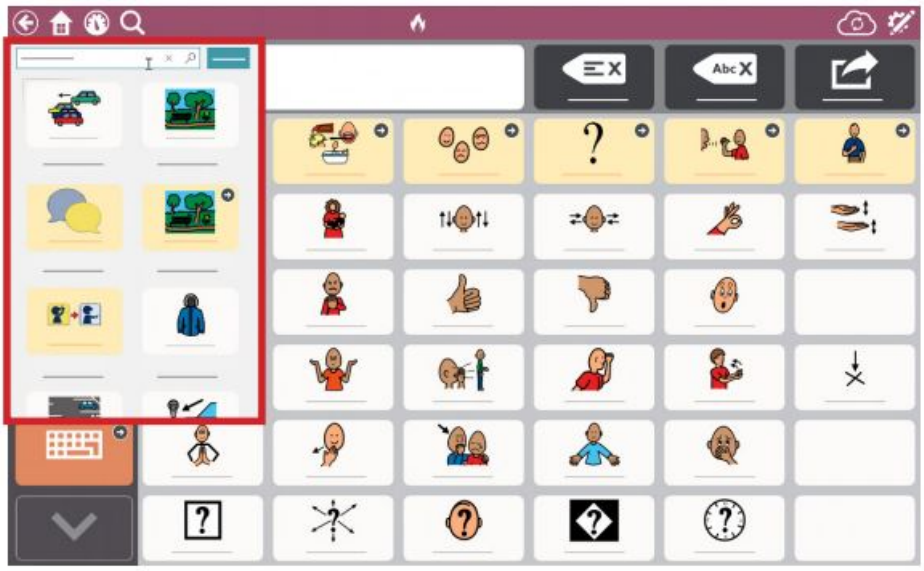
3. 2Select the empty cell where you would like to add a button.

4. Type button label text in the Label field.
5. To change the button symbol:
   - Select the Search button to find a symbol.
   - Select the Camera button to add a photo.
   - Select the Symbol Editor button to change colors in the current symbol.
6. When you are finished adding buttons, select Done.

Note
The action “Speak or Insert Message” is added automatically to all new buttons. To add other actions, select Add Action.

Search for a Word

1. 1 Select the Search tool.
2. Select the text box and type the word you want to find.
3. From the list of options, select the desired result.
4. Follow the highlighted path to find your word or phrase.



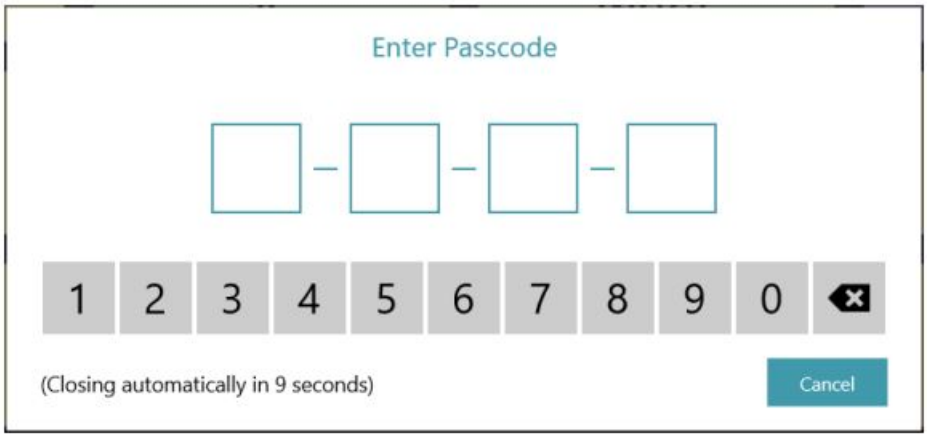
- View a short video about how to use the Search tool. qrco.de/bbAAcm

Lock Edit Mode With a Passcode

If you need to prevent the user from editing the page set, settings, in-app purchase, or Sync, you can require a passcode to access these features.

1. Select the Edit button.

2. Select the System tab.
3. Set the Use Passcode toggle switch to On.
4. Enter a four-digit passcode that only you know and is not easy to guess.
5. Enter the passcode again to verify it.



When you exit Edit mode, the passcode will be required to access in-app purchase and, if enabled, Edit Mode, Sync, and/or Search Mode.

Tip
If you forget your passcode, there is a master passcode listed in the TD Snap User's Manual.

Correct Pronunciation

If you find a word that is not pronounced correctly by the voice you've chosen, you can use a pronunciation exception to teach the voice to say the word in the way that you specify.

1. Select the Edit button.

2. Select the User tab.
3. Select Pronunciation exceptions.
4. Select Add Pronunciation Exception.
5. The Add Pronunciation Exception dialog will open.
6. In the Word field, type the word as it is written.
7. In the Pronunciation field, type the word phonetically as you would like it to be pronounced. To test the pronunciation, select the Preview button.
8. Select Done to save the Pronunciation Exception.

Note
Pronunciation exceptions are attached to the voice that is active when the pronunciation exceptions are created.

If you switch to a different voice and want to use the same pronunciation exceptions, you must import the pronunciation exceptions from the previous voice. See the TD Snap User's Manual for details.

Share & Save Your Pages

Sync

Syncing allows you to:

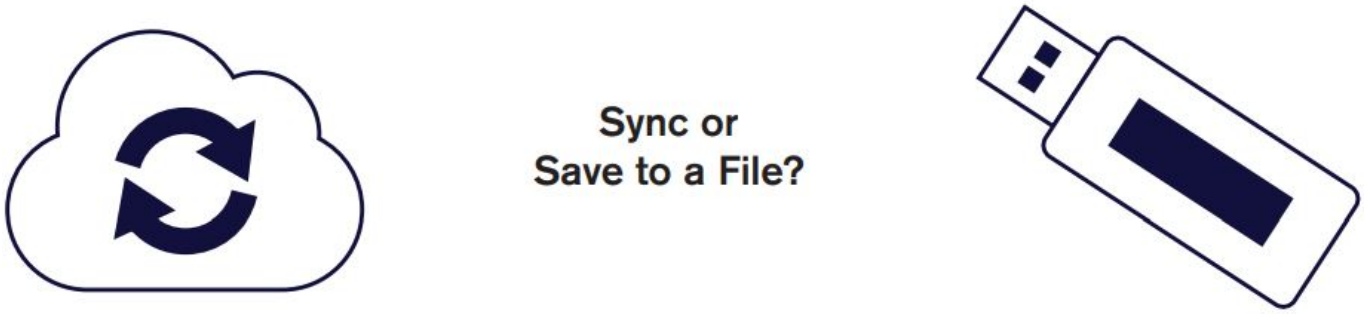
- Use the same version of the page set on multiple devices
- Share the page set with others
- Edit remotely
- Save your page set to the cloud in a single click

Unlike copying, synced pages are connected to each other through an up-to-date version in the cloud. When you select Sync, you send changes that you've made to the cloud and receive changes that others have made. When all of the connected devices have synced, they all have the same version of the page set!

This is your Sync button. It is located on the Top Bar of TD Snap.

For more information about Syncing and myTobiiDynavox.com, scan this code. **qrco.de/bbA7YD**

Save to a File
Your TD Snap user and pages can be backed up to a file. These files can be stored and shared on myTobiiDynavox.com or you can save them locally on your device or USB.



Sync
Syncing is most useful when the user is moving between multiple devices. Perhaps they have a device at school and another device at home. Sync the page set between the two devices to ensure consistency. Syncing can also be used to edit remotely, without disturbing the user. For example, the user can continue using their communication device while you edit the page set on your PC. Sync on the PC, then sync on the communication

device to receive the changes. Syncing can also be used as a convenient backup method for a single device. Each time you Sync, you create a backup to the cloud.

Save to a File
Saving to a file is better for sharing with people who want to make their own changes, separate from you, and when you just want to save or share a couple of pages, not a whole page set. Saving to a file is great for times when you don't have an internet connection. Create a backup file for yourself or put the file on a USB drive to share with someone else. Saving to a file is the only way to back up a User, including all of their settings.

Next Steps

Learn and Practice with your page set
Each TD Snap page set is organized differently and has different features. We've created training cards for each page set. They explain the unique features of your page set and help you learn hands-on through sample activities. Just scan the appropriate QR code below.

- TD Snap Core First Page Set Training Cards **qrco.de/bbWKbL**
- TD Snap Motor Plan Page Set Training Cards **qrco.de/bdTBON**
- TD Snap Aphasia Page Set Training Cards **qrco.de/AphasiaCards**

Core First Learning
Core First Learning is a collection of free, printable resources available for download from the Tobii Dynavox website. These beautifully illustrated materials are designed to support you in teaching the meaning, use, and placement of core words on AAC systems. Each of the core words is supported with five unique lessons designed to be used over the course of a week. You have the flexibility to use the books and lessons in any way that is most supportive.

For printable versions of all the lessons and books scan this code or use the link: **qrco.de/bbA7YY**

- myTobiiDynavox.com

Your free myTobiiDynavox.com account gives you access to numerous benefits including cloud storage for backups, page set syncing and sharing, lesson plans and more!

Joining myTobiiDynavox will allow you to do the following:

- Safely back up your system
- Download free tools and resources
- Review free Core First lesson plans
- Learn about available updates
- Access Tech Support and FAQs
- Share page sets and Page Bundles

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Additional Support

- Tobii Dynavox Learning Hub learn.tobiidynavox.com

- TD Facebook Community qrco.de/TDFB
- TD Snap Support Page qrco.de/SnapHelp
- North America Technical Support 1-800-344-1778 ext. 1
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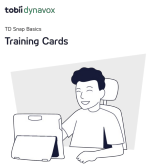	tobii dynavox TD Snap Basics Training Cards [pdf] Instructions TD Snap Basics Training Cards, TD, Snap Basics Training Cards, Basics Training Cards, Training Cards, Cards

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