

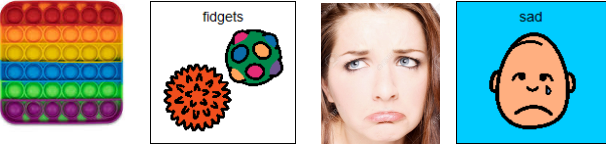




Communication System	Benefits	Drawbacks
<b>Objects</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tangible</li> <li>• Concrete (can be directly related to the activity)</li> <li>• Less chance of technical difficulties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not portable</li> <li>• Not robust</li> <li>• Difficult to manage</li> <li>• Difficult to represent abstract concepts</li> </ul>
<b>Partial Object Symbols/Tactile Symbols</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tangible</li> <li>• Can be concrete (part of the object) or abstract (material representing a core word)</li> <li>• Can build sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less portable</li> <li>• Meaning of symbol may be different for different people</li> </ul>
<b>Photos/Pictures</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More portable</li> <li>• More robust</li> <li>• Can be embedded in high tech or low tech</li> <li>• Can be used in different environments</li> <li>• Can use a combination of photos and picture symbols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No tactile component (relying on vision)</li> <li>• Can be complex visually</li> </ul>
<b>Mid-Tech</b> (switches, GoTalk9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tangible</li> <li>• Voice output</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be hard to manage (multiple pages of symbols)</li> <li>• Not robust/limiting vocabulary</li> </ul>
<b>High-Tech</b> (speech generating device, iPad) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice output</li> <li>• Most robust linguistically</li> <li>• Often portable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May rely on visual and auditory skills</li> <li>• Leisure vs dedicated</li> <li>• Requires frequent charging</li> </ul>

