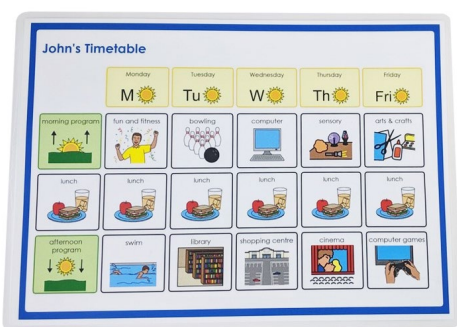


# Communication Aids

Communication aids can use symbols, photographs, words or phrases to support a person with communication support needs to send a message and/or receive a message. They are customised to each individual person or business. This information sheet will provide a brief summary of the three different types of communication aids that might be used by your campers.

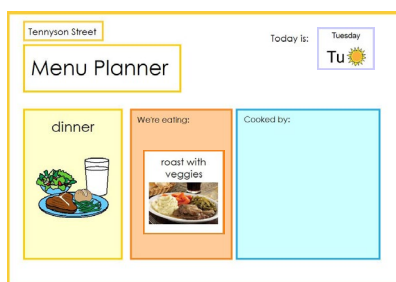
## 1. Receptive Communication aids:

Receptive communication aids are used to assist the person to understand information by providing visual support. Some examples of these include:



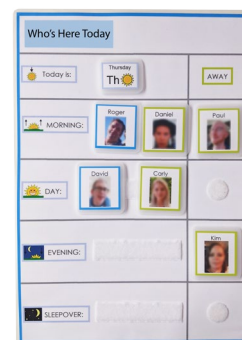
### Visual Timetables

These use pictures to show what activities will happen on each day.



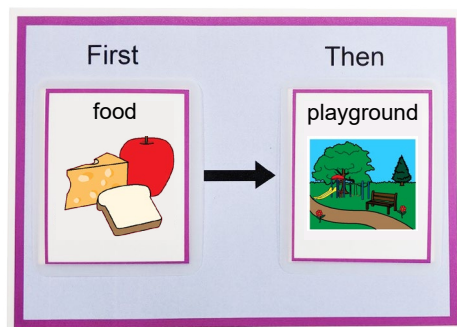
### Menu Planner

This aid allows a person to know what they will eat.



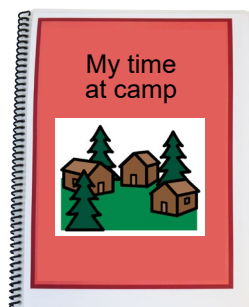
### Who's Here Today Board

This aid allows a person to know who they will be working with each day.



### First-Then Board

These are used to help a person transition from one activity to the next. For some people, not knowing what they are going to do each day at camp can make them anxious and uncomfortable. This is because they are out of routine and things are new, different and unfamiliar.



### Social Stories

These help a person to prepare for and participate in new situations. For example, "My time at camp" or "How to do the ropes course".

**Did you know...**  
**Communication aids can be electronic or paper-based.**



## 2. Expressive Communication aids:

Expressive communication aids are used to allow the person to send a message to another person. Some of these include:



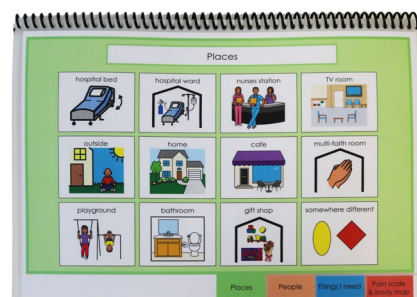
### Communication Board

This is a board which has a set number of pictures/words that the person might want to use. Because there are only a limited number of words/phrases on these board they are used for specific situations.



### Community Request Cards

These cards have set phrases and are used to request an item or service in the community.

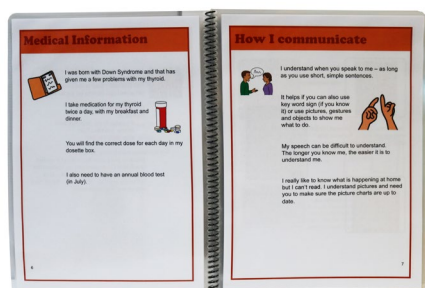


### Communication Book

These books have multiple pages with lots of pictures, words/phrases in it.

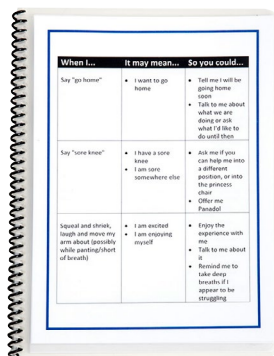
## 3. Communication aids for partners:

Communication aids for partners can help staff learn more about the camper with a communication disability. This can include:



### Book About Me

A book which tells staff what the person likes/dislikes and how to best support them.



### Personal Communication Dictionary (PCD)

A PCD explains what the person does, what it might mean and what you should do. It can be useful for people who communicate in ways other than speech (body language, individual gesture, vocalisations, signs).

**You can make your own communication aids using Scope's Tools 2 Talk+ app (available on the Apple App store).**

