
SKILLS CHECKLIST for use of a STATIC DISPLAY DEVICE

COGNITIVE SKILLS requirements:

- Understands cause-effect
- Has knowledge of basic matching skills (e.g. object-picture; picture-symbol)
- Able to attend to task
- Able to attend to the device

ACCESS SKILLS requirements (refer to one applicable option below):

DIRECT SELECTION:

- Has the functional range of motion to access all cells available on display
- Can cross midline (visually and physically)
- Has the functional strength to depress cells
- Can isolate a body part (e.g. index finger of right hand) to access a button of a particular dimension (e.g. 1 inch x 1 inch) specific to the device being considered

SCANNING:

- Can EITHER visually attend to and visually scan all cells available on display OR can attend to and scan the cells with auditory cues
- Has the functional range of motion to access a switch, activated by a specific motion (e.g. lateral flexion) of a body part (e.g. head)
- Can consistently use a body part (e.g. head) without signs of fatigue
- Can time switch activation to select desired cell

SYMBOL-BASED KNOWLEDGE requirements:

- Can recognize at least the total number of symbols available on display on the device being considered (e.g. at least 4 symbols if using the GoTalk 4, at least 25 symbols if using the GoTalk 20+, etc.)

EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE SKILLS requirements:

- Will independently initiate use of a low-tech / programmatic device to communicate basic wants/needs (e.g. symbol board, PECS, single-message units)
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