Speech Ease

Core Words vs Fringe Words

Core words are the words that make up about 80% of the words we use every day. These are words that can be used in multiple ways and scenarios such as “in”, “need”, “do”, “I”.

Core words give AAC users a powerful and flexible tool to communicate whatever they want to say.

Core words are often more abstract and there isn't a picture or object that represent them. For example, it is hard to have a specific picture to signify "want", or "put." But fringe words are visually much easier to recognise i.e. house, ball, road, hole.

Fringe words are very specific words. They have a more narrow meaning than core words. They describe particular things.

Unlike core words, fringe words cannot be used over a variety of circumstances and a sentence cannot be formed with only fringe words.

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