

Great Ideas and **EASY SETUP** Instructions for the

SuperTalker™ *progressive communicator*

Global Version



A communication device that provides 8 minutes and 8 levels of communication to meet each student's developing communication needs. Use the SuperTalker™ *progressive communicator* to move students through 1, 2, 4, then 8 messages or use the Progressive Communication Framework to provide multiple communication opportunities within the same activity.

OVERLAY GRIDS MADE WITH BOARDMAKER BY MAYER-JOHNSON

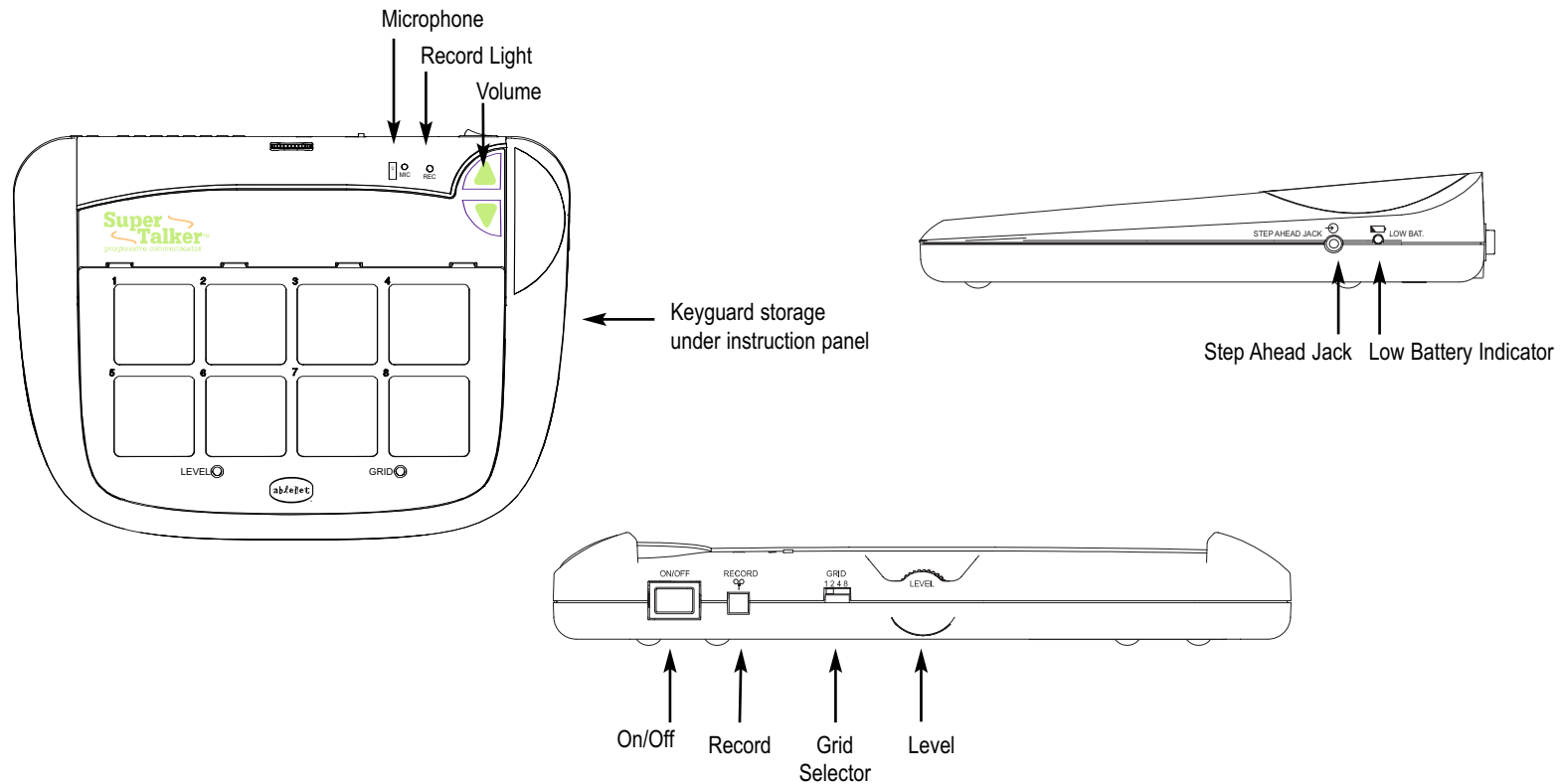
Go to mayer-johnson.com to download the new overlay grid formats made to fit your SuperTalker.



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The SuperTalker *progressive communicator* has all these great features:

- 8 minutes of memory
- 8 Levels/8 Overlays
- Selectable 1, 2, 4 and 8 grid formats
- Keyguards for 1,2,4 & 8 grids
- Keyguard storage
- Uses 4 AA alkaline batteries
- Travel strap available
- See catalog for accessories

Advanced Features:

- Step Ahead Jack allows for sequential message access across all locations
- Volume control with lockout
- Low Memory Indicator
- Erase messages
- Low Battery Indicator

Recording Time

The total recording time of 8 minutes for the SuperTalker *progressive communicator* is not preset. It is possible to record messages of any length and on any level within the 8 minutes of available memory.

Steps to Success

Step 1 - Install the Battery

- Remove the battery door.
- Install four AA batteries as indicated on the battery door
- Replace battery door.

Note: Make sure alkaline batteries are fresh and making contact

Step 2 - Overlay and Keyguard

1. Remove the keyguard by pulling down on the **KEYGUARD RELEASE** with your thumb.
2. Gently pull up on the keyguard.
3. Select overlay and write level number in circle.
4. Place your desired overlay over the message location(s).
5. Secure overlay with correct keyguard.

Note: Additional keyguards are stored under instruction panel

Step 3 - Select the Level

1. Select a **LEVEL** (1-8) to match overlay using the dial on control panel.

Note: Only one grid of messages will be stored per level.

Step 4 - Select the Grid

1. Slide the **GRID** selector to 1, 2, 4, or 8 to match overlay.

Step 5 - Record a Level

1. Turn power on (red/yellow light flashes).
2. Press the **RECORD** button until red light appears, then release.
3. Press and hold message location while speaking. (light flashes)
4. Release the message location when finished recording.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 until each message location is recorded.
6. Press **RECORD** button to exit record mode. (light goes out)

Recording Notes:

- Recording in a different overlay format will erase all messages on that level.
- If no message location is pressed after a length of time, the SuperTalker will return to the play mode.
- In noisy environments, speak closer to the microphone.

Step 6 - Play Messages

1. Adjust **LEVEL** and **GRID** selector to match current overlay.
2. Press and release any message location to playback messages (light will flash yellow once).

Playing Notes:

- The unit will not play the correct messages if the **GRID** selector does not match the **KEYGUARD** selection for that level (light will flash red one time).
- If you don't hear a message, check the **VOLUME** control.
- If you press a message location in which no message has been recorded, the light will flash red one time.

Electrostatic discharge may interrupt message playback. Activate message again to replay.

Multiple Level Recording

1. Must select a new **LEVEL** on dial.
2. Follow **Step 5 "Record a Level" 2-6.**

Keyguard Storage

The keyguard storage area is under the instruction panel of the SuperTalker. It allows three keyguards to be stored at once, if desired.

1. Remove the instruction panel by pulling tabs in direction of arrow.
2. Remove keyguards and put desired keyguard on the SuperTalker.
3. Place the remaining keyguards, feet down and facing the same way, in the storage compartment.
4. Replace instruction panel.

Blank Overlays

Blank overlays of 1,2,4 and 8 have been provided for you to copy and insert symbols, located on pages 14-17.

Advanced Features

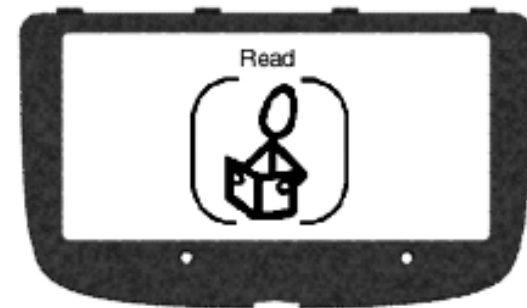
See instruction panel on device.

Progressive Communication Framework

The Progressive Communication Framework empowers students to communicate using the 1, 2, 4, and 8 messages in each and every activity throughout the day. Using this structure will encourage students to practice skills in every activity.

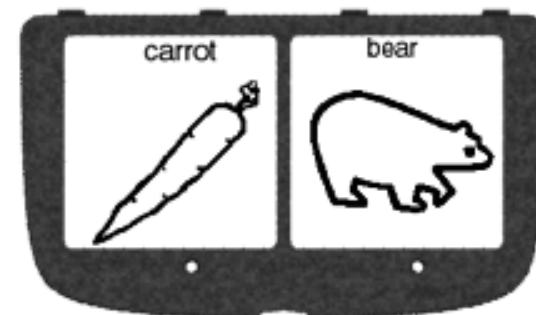
Set the Stage

It is important for everyone to experience communication from expressing basic wants and needs, to sharing opinions and information. This step in the framework provides the opportunity to “set the stage” for the activity by labeling the activity and explaining the purpose. Understanding what is happening in an activity and the purpose of it is important for students to draw meaning and comprehension to the activity and to begin to understand the power of communication.



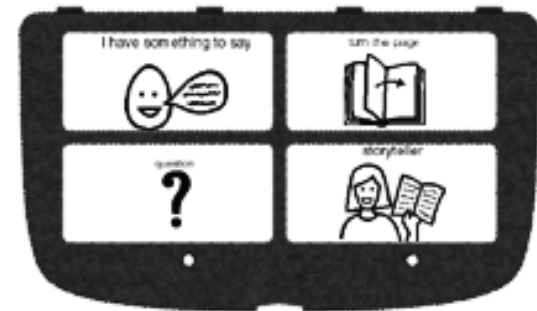
Choice

Making choices is a part of everyone's daily life. Having the opportunity to experience choice making is a way to experience having control over things in the environment. This step in the framework provides the opportunity to have control over the choice of an activity. Providing options for a choice of activities using two messages provides an introduction to the concept of choice.



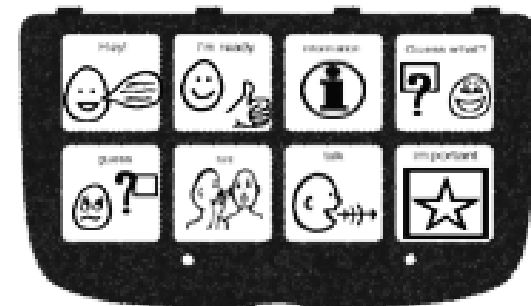
Participate

Providing communication opportunities during activities is a great way for students to experience meaningful interactions during learning activities. This step in the framework provides participation in an activity by recording messages for making comments, asking questions, directing others and learning about concepts.



Socialize

Communicating and sharing information with others is important for all students. Communication creates opportunities for inclusion in daily life, increasing independence and participation in a variety of settings. This step in the framework provides the opportunity to talk with peers or share information at home and/or school, so everyone will know what's happening.



Read



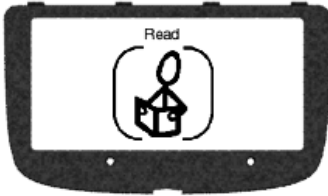
LEVEL ○

GRID ①

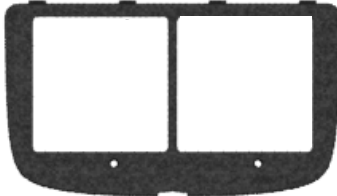
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Progressive Communication Framework: Experience the Power of Communication!

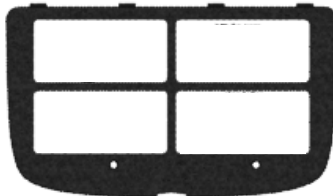
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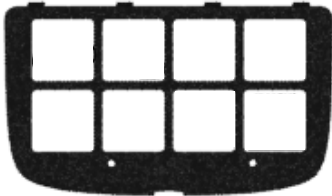
Choose



Participate



Socialize



Set the Stage

Purpose: To introduce the class/activity for students to gain an understanding of what will be happening in the class/activity.

Setup:

1. Select Grid 1 and desired Level.
2. Create an overlay with a picture/symbol that represents the class/activity.
3. Record a message that describes what will be happening during the class.

Message Examples:

Reading	Message 1: "It's time for reading. Everyone get in the reading circle to read the story."
Science	"Can't wait for Science class to begin. It's going to be a fun class today, because we're working on a great experiment."
Art	"Art is going to be fun today. We will be getting into groups to work on our project."

LEVEL ○GRID ①

Directions: Student introduces class/activity by pressing message location or external switch plugged into the corresponding SWITCH JACK.

TIP: For additional activity ideas, use the Hands-on Reading Series by Jane Kelly and Theresa Friend (from Mayer-Johnson Co.).

Copy the pre-made Macaw 1 overlay, in Hands-on Reading, reduced to 78% for use with the SuperTalker.

carrot



LEVEL ○

bear




GRID ②

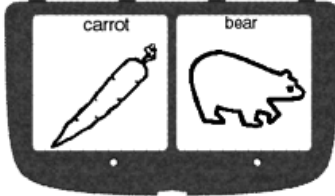
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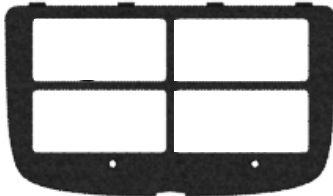
Set the Stage



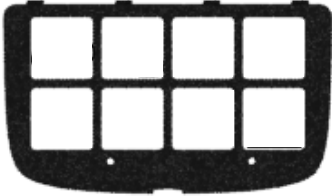
Choose



Participate



Socialize



Choose

Purpose: To provide students with a choice between two activities.

Setup:

1. Select Grid 2 and desired Level.
2. Create an overlay with pictures/symbols that represent the choices for the activity.
3. Record the messages that describe the activity choices.

Message Examples:

	Message 1	Message 2:
Reading	“Let’s read the book about a carrot seed. It is called ‘The Carrot Seed’.”	“Let’s read the book about animals and colors. It is called ‘Brown Bear’.”
Science	“I want to pour the mixture.”	“I want to stir the mixture.”
Art	“I will choose the blue paper to make my project.”	“I will choose the red paper to make my project.”

LEVEL ○

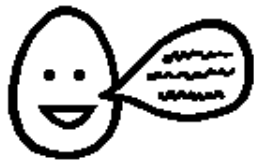
GRID ②

Directions: Student chooses activity by pressing desired message location or external switch plugged into the corresponding SWITCH JACK.

TIP: For additional activity ideas, use the Hands-on Reading Series by Jane Kelly and Theresa Friend (from Mayer-Johnson Co.).

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I have something to say



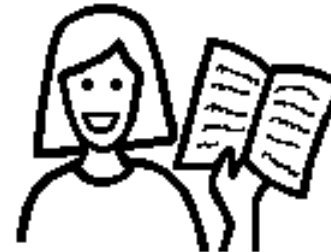
turn the page



question



storyteller




LEVEL ○

GRID ④


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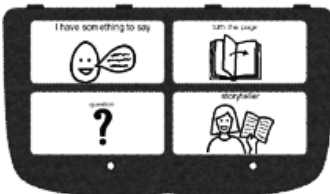
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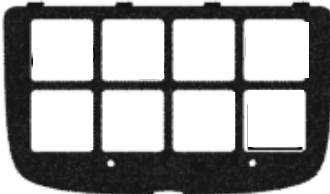
Choose



Participate



Socialize



Participate

Purpose: To provide the student with meaningful communication interactions during the activity (example: make comments, ask questions, direct others and learn about concepts).

Setup:

1. Select Grid 4 and desired Level.
2. Create an overlay with a picture/symbol that represents the choices for the activity.
3. Record the messages that describe the activity choices.









Message Examples:

Reading	<p>Message 1: Content "This book is great!" "I like this story."</p> <p>Message 3: Question "Where is the _____ on this page?" "Will you tell me about the picture?"</p>	<p>Message 2: Page Directions "Turn the page." "Read the page again please."</p> <p>Message 4: Story Concepts "What is the <u>smallest thing</u> on this page?" "What is the <u>largest thing</u> on this page?"</p>
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LEVEL ○

GRID ○ 4

Directions: Student chooses activity by pressing desired message location or external switch plugged into the corresponding SWITCH JACK.
TIP: For additional activity ideas, use the Hands-on Reading Series by Jane Kelly and Theresa Friend (from Mayer-Johnson Co.).
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<p>Hey!</p> 	<p>Ready?</p> 	<p>information</p> 	<p>Guess what?</p> 
<p>guess again</p> 	<p>hint</p> 	<p>talk</p> 	<p>important</p> 


LEVEL ○

GRID 8


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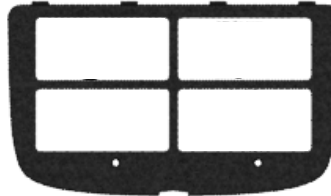
Set the Stage




Choose



Participate



Socialize



Socialize

Purpose: To share information with peers and others at home and/or school.

Setup:

1. Select Grid 8 and desired Level.
2. Create an overlay with pictures/symbols that represent the communication opportunities.
3. Record one message per location.

Message Examples:

<p>1 - Attention getter: "Hey, I have something to tell you!"</p>	<p>2 - Conversation starter: "Are you ready?"</p>	<p>3 - Context setter: "I did something fun at school."</p>	<p>4 - Turn transfer: "Can you guess what it was?"</p>
<p>5 - Turn transfer: "Good guess, but guess again."</p>	<p>6 - Turn transfer: "Come closer and I'll give you a hint."</p>	<p>7 - Topic related hint: "It had to do with a book, now do you know?"</p>	<p>8 - Share information: "We read the story, _____ and it was my job to turn the page."</p>

LEVEL ○

GRID ○ 8

Directions: Student shares information by pressing message location or external switch plugged into the corresponding SWITCH JACK or the external switch plugged into the STEP AHEAD JACK.

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Communication Blank Overlays

Use the SuperTalker *progressive communicator* to start the communication process. This device makes it easy to transition into a new activity or within the same activity. Simply flip the dial and change **LEVEL** and **OVERLAY** and you are ready to go!

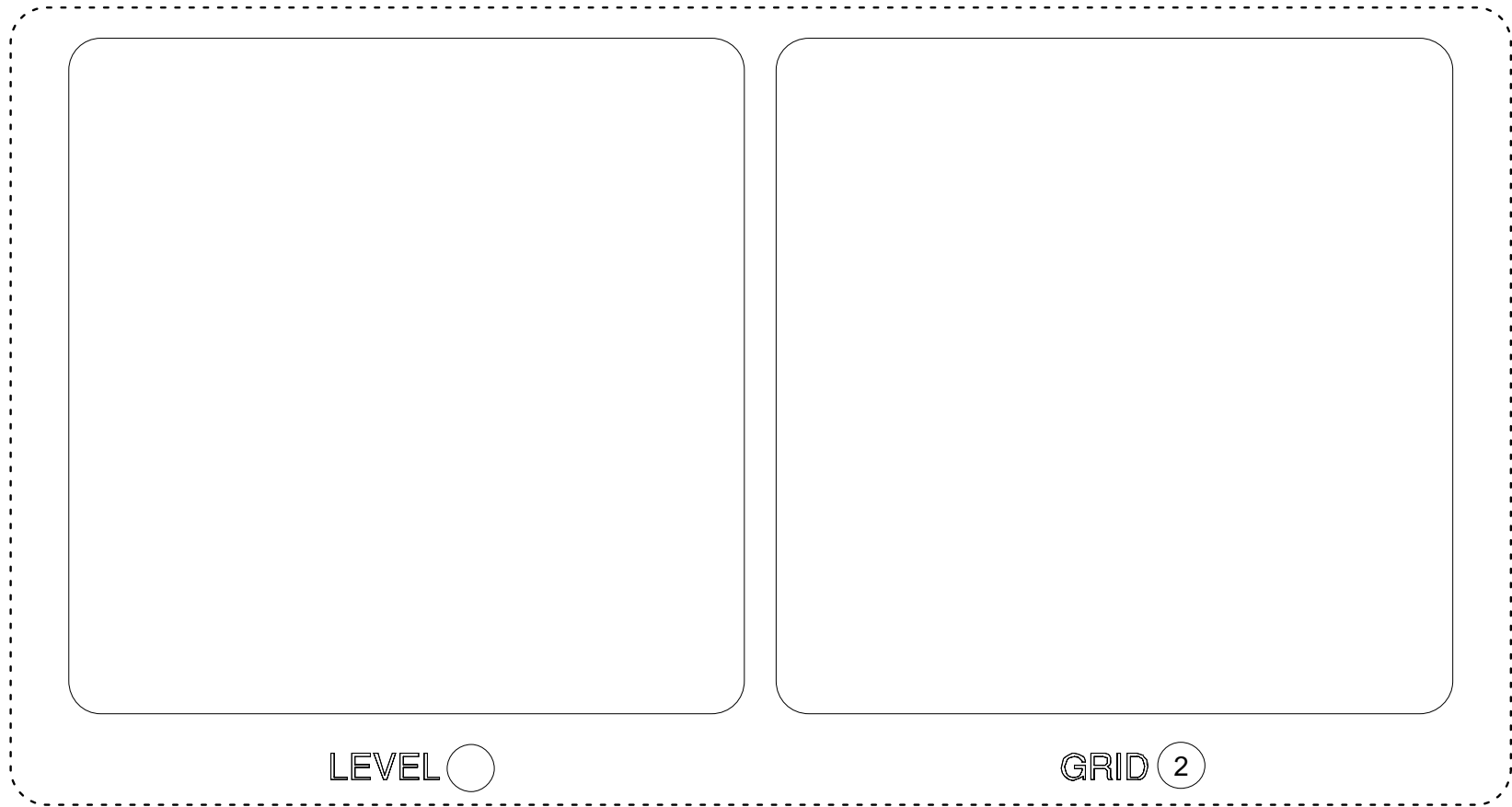
Grid 1: Experience and learn about communication using a single message. Create an overlay with a picture/symbol for as many levels as desired; record corresponding messages..

LEVEL ○

GRID ①

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Grid 2: Learn to choose between two things to say or do. Create an overlay with pictures/symbols for as many levels as desired; record corresponding messages.



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Grid 4: Access several messages to communicate with others throughout the day. Create an overlay with pictures/symbols for as many levels as desired; record corresponding messages.

A 2x2 grid of empty rounded rectangles, intended for communication. The grid is enclosed in a dashed border. At the bottom left, the word "LEVEL" is followed by a small circle. At the bottom right, the word "GRID" is followed by a circle containing the number "4".

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Grid 8: Demonstrate the power of communication by communicating many messages throughout the day. Create an overlay with pictures/symbols for as many levels as desired; record corresponding messages.

LEVEL ○

GRID 8

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Warranty

AbleNet offers a one-year warranty on the SuperTalker™ *progressive communicator* product. Warranty in full text is available upon request.

Guarantee

AbleNet offers a 30-day money back guarantee if our products do not meet your needs or expectations. Products must be in new condition to honor this service. Please call (800) 322-0956 for details.

Repair/Return Information

Please follow our repair/return policy when sending products back under our guarantee. All AbleNet manufactured communication aids are warranted for one year from the date of purchase. If documentation identifying the date of purchase is not supplied, the warranty period will be determined as one year from the manufacture date stamped inside the product. All products under warranty are repaired free of charge. Products no longer covered by warranty may be repaired for a nominal fee. All repairs are warranted for 90 days. Before returning a product for repair, please contact an AbleNet customer service representative for a Return Authorization Number (RA#) and repair charge, if applicable.

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