

# Cars AAC Modeling

## Step by Step Guide

### TouchChat

### PRE-ROUTINE



- Materials:
- Cars
- Ramp, road block, bridge, etc...
- AAC device on core page

On TouchChat:

- Stay on core page (WordPower 60)
- No pre-teaching required
- Decide 3–5 core targets to focus on (but model naturally)

Example targets:

- GO
- STOP
- WANT
- AGAIN
- MORE
- HELP
- MY TURN
- YOUR TURN

|            |               |            |             |           |            |                                    |
|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| PEOPLE<br> | QUESTIONS<br> | PLACES<br> | SOCIAL<br>  | TIME<br>  | GROUPS<br> | ABC<br>123                         |
| I<br>      | can           | to         | ACTIONS<br> | come<br>  | good<br>   | DESCRIBE<br>                       |
| my<br>     | do            | drink<br>  | eat<br>     | feel<br>  | a          | more<br>                           |
| it<br>     | have          | finish<br> | help<br>    | go<br>    | the        | that<br>                           |
| you<br>    | is            | like<br>   | listen<br>  | play<br>  | stop<br>   | EXTRA<br>And It The<br>WORDS<br>Up |
| your<br>   | don't<br>     | .          | want<br>    | watch<br> | work<br>   | clear                              |

# Routine

## Communication Opportunity

have cars near by

Model:

- WANT
- WANT + PLAY
- HELP + PLAY

Say Naturally:

“Let’s play with cars!”

Wait 5–10 seconds.

If no response, model again and get cars.

## Tool Choice

Show cars

Model:

- WANT
- WANT + THAT

If they reach:

Model what they did:

- WANT + THAT
- WANT + CAR/TRUCK (if navigating to new page)

If they use mouth words:

Model what they said on device

## Action Phase

As you play, model 1–2 word phrases consistently.

### Play

Model:

- GO
- STOP
- FAST
- SLOW

### Help

Model:

- OH NO
- STUCK
- FIX IT
- HELP

### More

Model:

- AGAIN
- MORE + PLAY
- MORE + FAST
- MORE + GO

## Expand Naturally (Without Testing)

If child says:

“go”

You model:

- GO + FAST
- or GO + MORE

No prompts or pressure for imitation



# Boundaries + Repetition

## Boundaries

If they throw it:

Model:

- NOT + THROW
- PLAY
- STOP

If they're done/or need a break:

Model:

- ALL DONE
- CLEAN UP
- BYE PLAYDOH
- BREAK

## Repetition Framework

(Important for Gestalt + Early Communicators)

Keep the routine predictable:

1. Transition to routine
2. Show toy options
3. Model communication opportunity
4. Play
5. Clean up

Same structure each time = stronger motor plan

## Things to Avoid

- Don't quiz ("where is the car going?")
- Don't require imitation
- Don't over-model 5-word sentences
- Don't navigate all over the system

## Goal Target Ideas

### Core Words

Focus on:

- MORE
- GO
- STOP
- FAST
- HELP

### Gestalt Processors

Model:

- LET'S MAKE IT GO FAST
- READY SET GO
- OH NO IT'S STUCK
- LET'S CRASH

### Comments

Model:

- I THINK
- MAYBE
- DIFFERENT
- THAT LOOKS GOOD
- I LIKE IT

## **PART 1: SHOW CARS**

### **Step 1**

Have the cars close by  
Do not give choice yet

### **Step 2**

Model on device:

- WANT

or

- WANT + PLAY

Say:

“Let’s play with cars!”

### **Step 3**

Wait 5–10 seconds.

Do not talk.

### **Step 4**

If no response, model:

- WANT

Wait 3–5 seconds

### **Step 5**

If still no response, model:

- WANT

or

- WANT + CAR

Give car choices and honor  
reaching as communication

## **PART 2: ACTION PHASE**

As soon as play starts, model  
single words during action

### **Step 6**

Model:

- GO

Pause 5 seconds

### **Step 7**

Model:

- MORE + GO

Pause 5 seconds

### **Step 8**

Create a problem and model  
asking for help)

- STOP
- STUCK
- HELP

### **Step 9**

Model asking for more:

- MORE + PLAY
- MORE + CARS
- GOOD + PLAY
- LIKE + PLAY

continue the fun 😊



## **PART 3: CLEAN UP**

Modeling cleaning up

Model:

- ALL DONE
- FINISH

Pause 5-10 seconds

If no response:

Model:

- HELP

Pause 5-10 seconds

If still no response

Model:

- ALL DONE
- FINISH

Either model cleaning up routine or model

- LATER

Bring child back later to help clean up

- **Model 1-2 words only**
- **Do not ask questions**
- **Do not require imitation**
- **Always pause after modeling**
- **If no response, continue play naturally**