

My Words

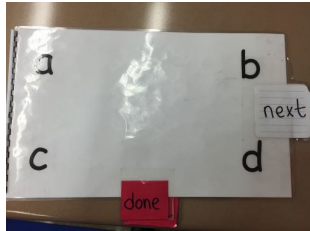
WHAT AND WHY: My Words is an activity that leads to a book that supports students in connecting known words to letters of the alphabet. Goals are:

- a) Support students in identifying letters (alphabet knowledge);
- b) Work collaboratively to find words to link to letters;
- c) Create a personally meaningful book;
- d) Re-read the book multiple times for deeper learning.

WHO IS THIS FOR: This is for students who are struggling with learning the letters of the alphabet, but especially for older students who are emergent readers.

HOW TO DO IT

Pick a Letter: Have the student use an alternative pencil (see Hanser, 2020) to pick a letter.



AlphaBook, Tip # 3, 2019
www.aacintervention.com



High Contrast FlipBook
Hanser, 2020 (Teachers Pay Teachers)

Adding Words to the Book:

Partners suggest several words that start with the target letter. Students use YES / NO or a simple AAC device to pick words, which are added to their book.

Write
that down!

Use a Social Script to Add Words. Musselwhite (2020) has suggested a Social Script to help students direct this activity:

- (Attention Getter) 1. Excuse me!
(Starter) 2. Can we work on my Words book?
3. I'll pick a letter.
(Maintainer) 4. Give me three words and I'll pick one.
5. Great.
6. Okay, I'll pick a different letter.
7. Give me three words. I'll pick.
8. Good.
(Closing) 9. That's all for now. Thanks.

Social Scripts & Literacy
Musselwhite, 2020

www.teacherspayteachers.com

Sample Books:

On the right are sample pages from a My Words book, made using the *Pictello* app.

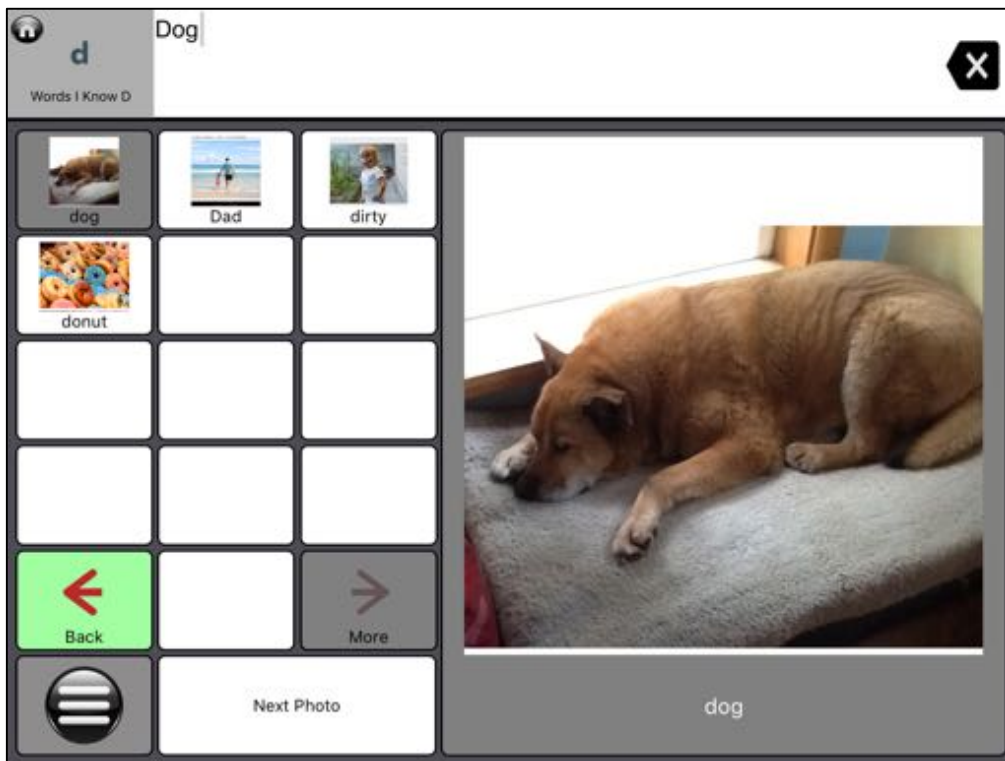


Pictello App

www.assistiveware.com



Below is a sample My Words book, made using the Photo mode in the *Talk Suite* app.



Talk Suite app

www.talk-suite.com

Other Resources for Making My Words Books:

- PowerPoint
- Google Slides
- Apps such as *Book Creator*