

# Smart Charts

## SMART CHARTS! Supporting Students . . . And Staff!

Cheat sheets??? NO! Smart Charts!

**WHAT AND WHY:** Smart charts are a way for communication partners to help support students who use AAC in quickly finding words on their devices.

They can make a HUGE difference, so take the time to make one! Following are a few samples of smart charts that we have used.

### Vocabulary Set: Wish Poem

*Krista was working on a vocabulary set that included:*

- Adverbs: really, very, so
- Adjectives: rich, cool, strong, crazy, funny, silly, sweet
- Collocations: I wish; I could
- Negation: not
- Conjunction: but

*We made a smart chart (shown on right) and both practiced. I modeled a simple poem (see chart), then she continued to practice. After 15 minutes, she was instructed to write her own poem on her device and e-mail it to me. The result is shown below. While practicing for this poem, she learned words that became part of her ongoing vocabulary.*

*Wish Poem Icon Sequences*

wish		VERB	
I could	I		
be		VERB	
really		ADV	
very	ADV		
so	ADV		
strong			ADJ
rich		ADJ	
cool			ADJ
funny		ADJ	
sweet			ADJ
crazy			ADJ
silly			ADJ
but	CONJ		
not			

Sample Wish Poem

I wish I could be stronger  
I wish I could be really cool  
I wish I could be so rich  
I wish I could be very silly,  
But not crazy.

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### Krista's Wish Poem



**Writing Sample:**

***I wish I could be stronger  
I wish I could be very funny  
I wish I could be very silly  
I wish I could be so rich  
krista***



**Creating Smart Chart for PRC Devices.** Smart Charts can be quickly created for all of the devices from the Prentke Romich Company, using the free software downloads.

[www.prentrom.com/download/pass](http://www.prentrom.com/download/pass)

**Writing Sample:**

***I wish I could be stronger  
I wish I could be very funny  
I wish I could be very silly  
I wish I could be so rich  
krista***

Dr. Caroline Rams

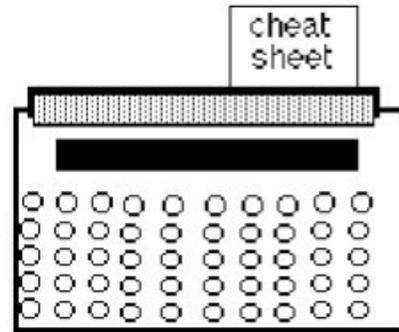
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### **Affix the Smart Chart to a**

**Communication Device:** You can attach the Smart Chart to a student's communication device using a 'report cover spine' (the plastic spine that accompanies covers for student reports – purchased at office supply stores). The 3-inch spine is affixed with Velcro, and Smart Charts are changed out every week or two.



**REMEMBER! Smart Charts might take a few minutes to create, but they can provide hours of communication support for both people who use AAC and their partners!**