AAC will inhibit the development of speech. Myth Reality

AAC is a tool that can be implemented while verbal speech is developing, improving, deteriorating.

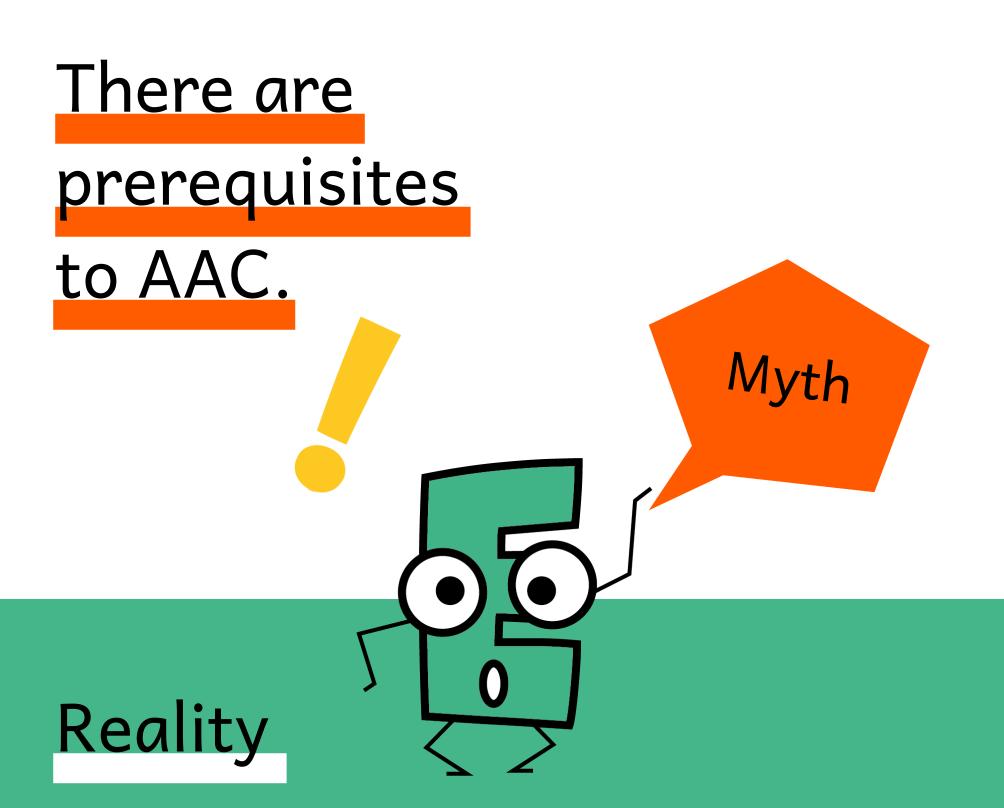
AAC does not inhibit the development of speech.

Everyone should be able to have access to an appropriate communication system.









It is never too late or too early to learn AAC.

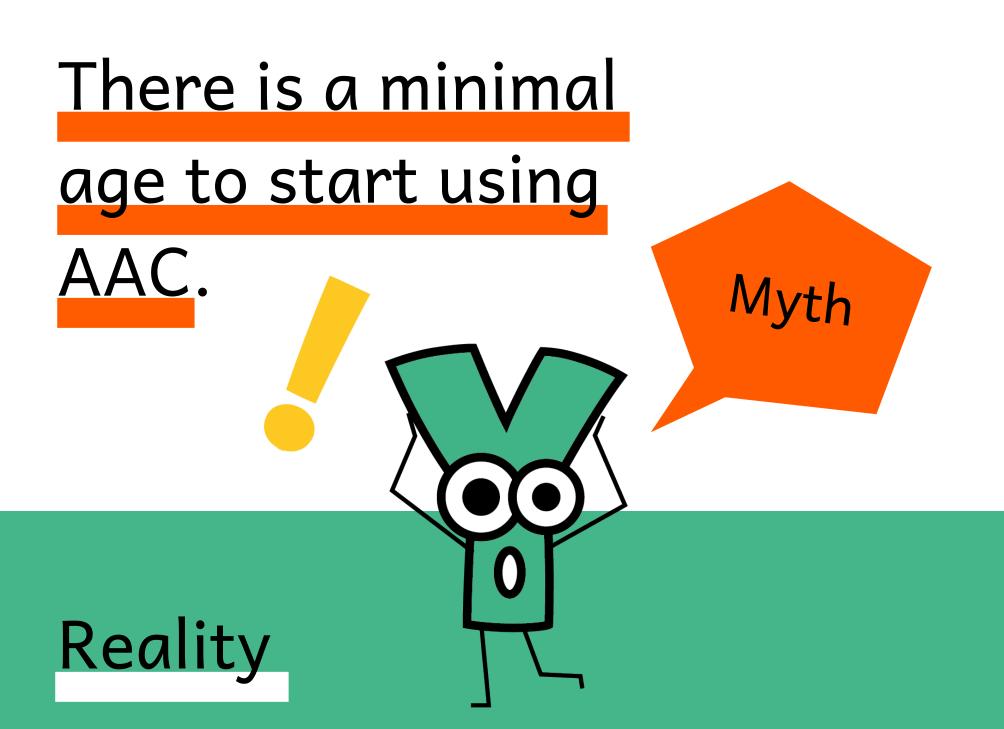
Everyone can learn AAC, without any prerequisites.

Prelinguistic skills can be worked on in the context of language rich activities using AAC.









There is no proof of a minimal age existing for learning AAC.

Learning AAC helps child to improve their language skills faster.

It also enables young children to express their needs before resorting to verbal speech.

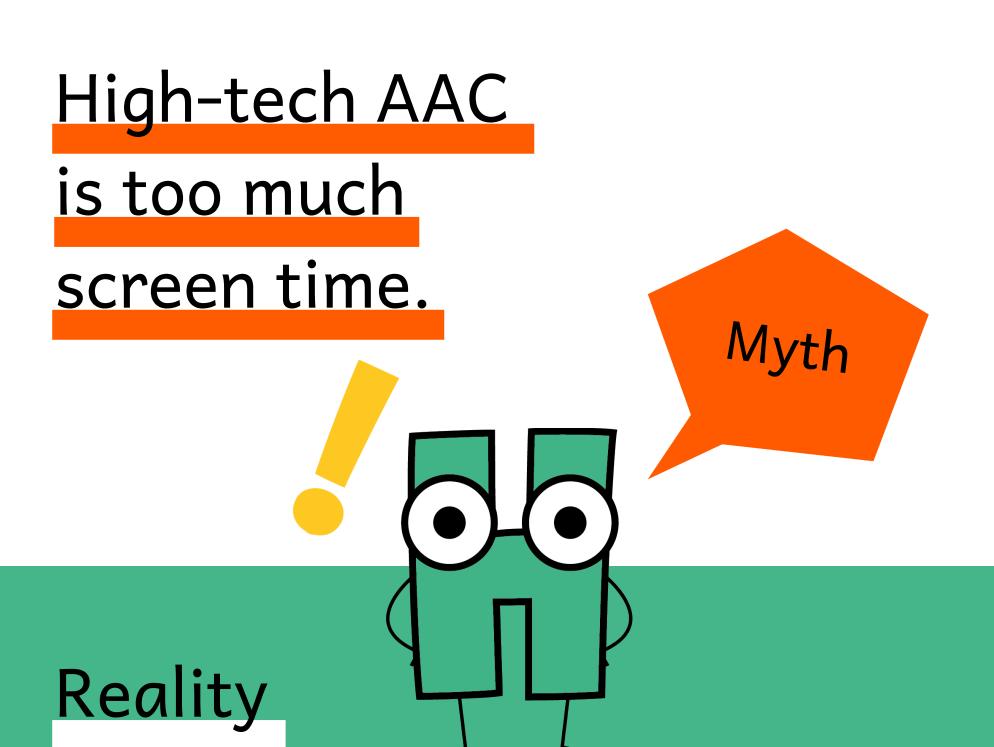
Tools:

- Facial expressions
- Body language
- Gestures
- Sign language
- Pictograms
- Makaton









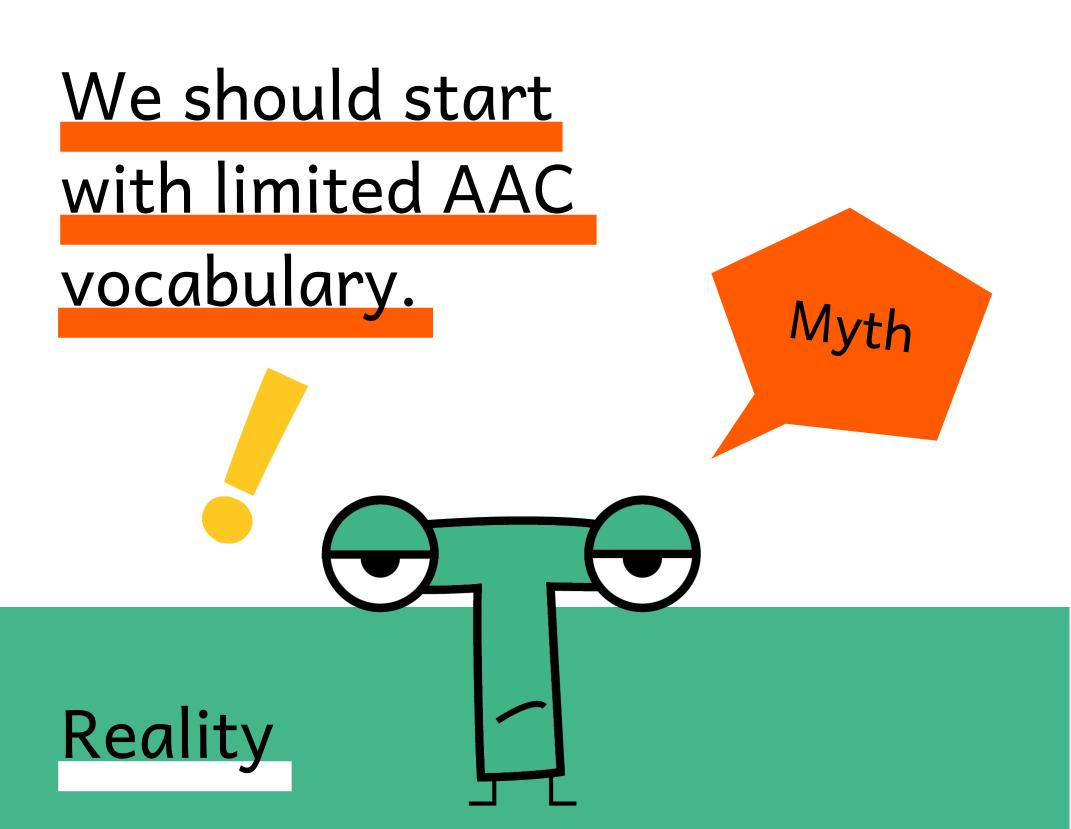
AAC is not considered as screen time.

It is a communication modality.









Limiting vocabulary can restrict the formulation

and expression of potential messages.







AAC users are less capable or intelligent.





AAC equips people who cannot communicate verbally with tools to express their thoughts and ideas effectively.

It does not mean that AAC users are less capable or intelligent than those who communicate verbally.

It only means that they resort to other communication channels.

Stephen Hawking, renowned physicist who used a speechgenerating device, is probably the best-known user of AAC.







AAC is reserved for people with language difficulties.



Reality

AAC is vital for people with speech difficulties to express themselves.

But AAC can be used by anyone to express their emotions and needs.

For instance, non-native people can use AAC to communicate in a new language.





