

Communication board with symbols (PECS)

AAC Tool

Material needed:

- Communication board with PECS symbols: story characters, feelings, places, basic actions, and expressions
- Laminated cards with symbols
- Velcro or magnetic backing

Key competence: literacy

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

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**Plural
Words**

HOW TO USE IT

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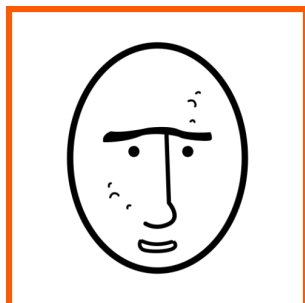
HOW TO CREATE IT

A communication board can be created using available free pictogram resources. The selected symbols are printed, cut and laminated. They are organised on a sturdy board divided thematically: characters, emotions, places, actions, and expressions. Adding Velcro or magnets allows for flexible use and adaptation to different activities and the individual needs of the child.

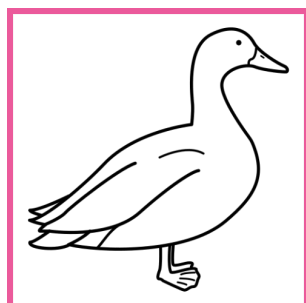


Ugly duckling

Pictograms



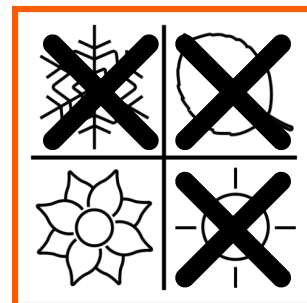
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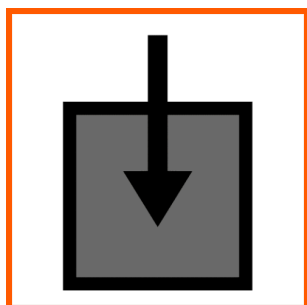
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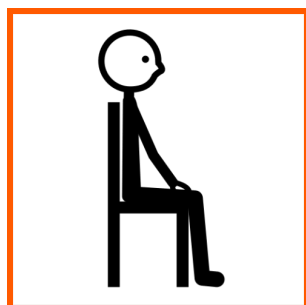
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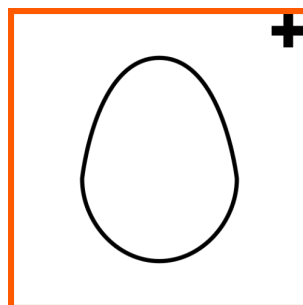
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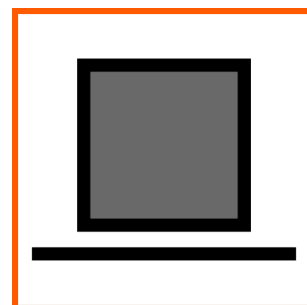
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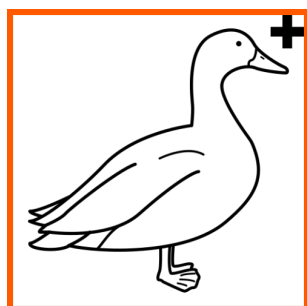
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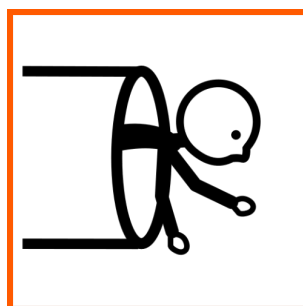
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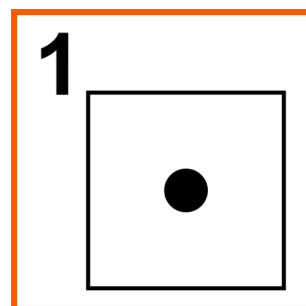
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ducklings



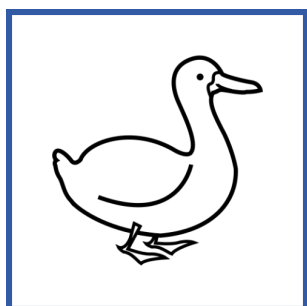
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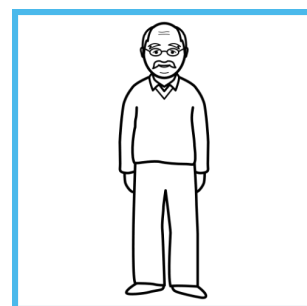
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ugly duckling



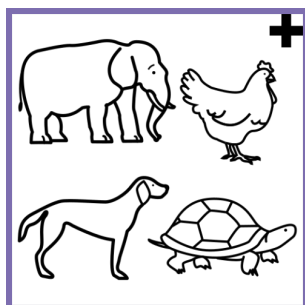
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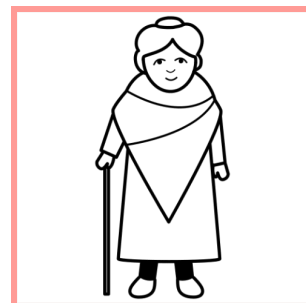
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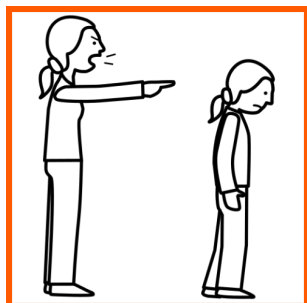
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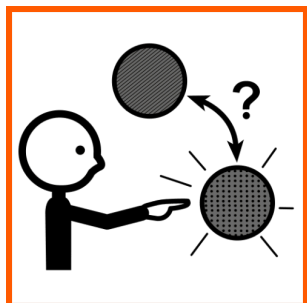
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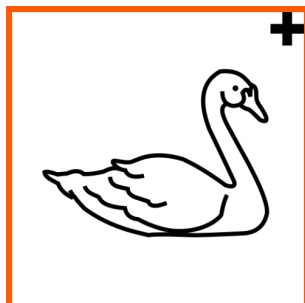
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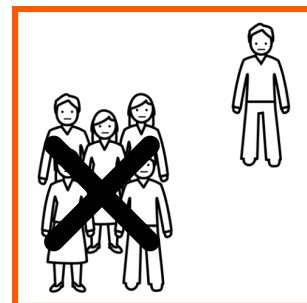
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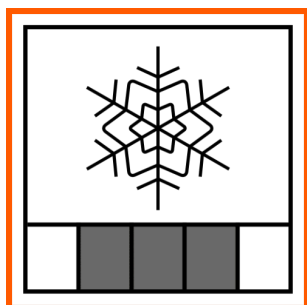
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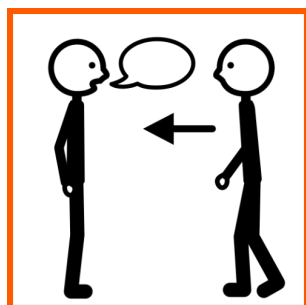
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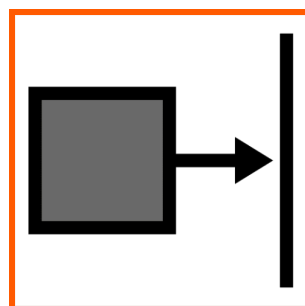
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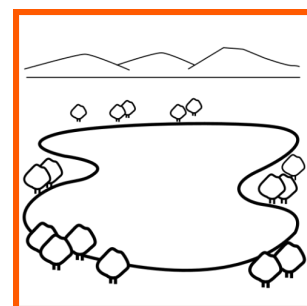
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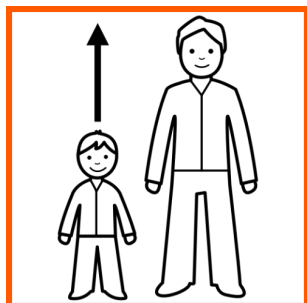
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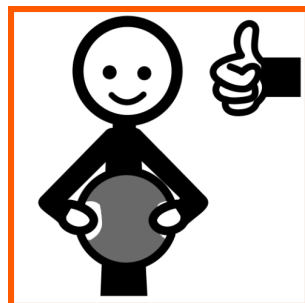
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beautiful



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