

LANGUAGE EXPANSION

Language expansion is another important communication partner strategy. Just like verbal communicators, individuals using AAC need to see other people using AAC in more advanced ways. This is what helps them build their skills. As the communication partner, we use their AAC to add to and build on what they said. Technically:

Language expansion is our response to an individual's use of AAC to make that utterance longer and/or more linguistically complex.

Language expansion can mean adding words to make a phrase longer (*dog* "is white") or repeating a word in a more complex way (*run* "running"). Like modeling, language expansion is our response and the individual should not necessarily be expected to copy what we did.

