



Collecting personal vocabulary

It is really important to make sure your child has all of the necessary words and pages for their communication system so that it is personal to them. Use the categories below as a guide to help you think of important words and phrases. Share this with the child/young person, their family members, teaching staff and anyone who your child regularly interacts with. Also think about where they go regularly (e.g. If they go to Brownies/Scouts they might need words such as 'sash', 'Elves', 'pact' etc).

About me: (name, age, where I live)	
My family (including pets)	
My friends	
My school teachers / classmates	
School places / buildings / after school clubs, trips	
People I know from the community	
Words needed in other languages?	



Foods: Main/ favourite foods	
Favourite drinks	
Fruits / vegetables	
Breakfasts	
Favourite sauces/ condiments	
Snacks	
Desserts	
Other	



Activities/hobbies	
TV programmes / films	
Music	
Toys and games (including outside activities)	
Places	
Other	
Likes other (e.g. cuddles, tickles)	
Dislikes other (e.g. loud noises)	



Medical words (e.g. equipment / pain / medication)	
Names of professionals e.g. Physio / doctor / SLT / school nurse	
Basic needs and personal care consider age of child and relevant vocabulary	
Feelings	
Family words / commonly used expressions at home	
Slang words / joke phrases Consider age appropriate words	
Other	



Name of child:

Date completed:

Completed by: