

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH AN SGD

Let's start customizing your speech-generating device!

Daily Life

Things you can do:	√ Important	Date added to device
1. Answer YES or NO to a question		
2. Explain why you cannot use your natural speech		
3. Introduce yourself		
4. Answer the phone		
5. Talk on the phone		
6. Give your pet a command		
7. Say things that you used to say a lot (e.g. "after a while crocodile")		
8. Call family/friends by names/nicknames		
9. Start a conversation		
10. Tell someone your important information		
11. Talk about the weather		
12. Talk about your family		
13. Talk about your hobbies		
14. Talk about pets		
15. Talk about driving a car		

Food & Drink

16. Communicate specific preferences regarding food and drink		
17. Say the names of foods that you like		
18. Say the names of foods that you don't like		
19. Link to your favorite restaurant's menu		
20. Request grocery items		

Personal Needs

Things you can do:	√ Important	Date added to device
21. Request personal care items		
22. Ask a favor		
23. Make a transaction at a bank		
24. Ask about your bank account/money situation		
25. Ask if the mail has arrived		
26. Say what you would like to watch on TV		
27. Tell someone how to make you comfortable in bed		
28. Ask for some new clothes		
29. Tell Alexa to play your favorite song		
30. Tell Alexa to share the weather forecast		
31. Ask Alexa about a sports score		
32. Communicate over Zoom		

Health & Medical Care

33. Get involved with your medical care		
34. Make an appointment		
35. State critical personal information in a crisis		
36. Describe specific aches/pains to a caregiver or healthcare professional		
37. Make choices about your healthcare		
38. Refill your prescriptions		
39. Explain your health concerns to someone		
40. Ask about your progress in therapy		
41. Ask what your blood pressure/blood sugar is		
42. Tell someone you feel like your sugar is low		
43. Ask about your medicines		
44. State the location of pain		
45. Describe pain (dull, sharp, aching)		
46. Communicate how long pain has existed		
47. Tell whether pain is continuous or inconsistent		

Hobbies & Entertainment

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48. Request an activity such as reading the paper, watching TV, looking at photo albums		
49. Sing along to a favorite song		
50. Play bingo		
51. Be the bingo announcer		
52. Pray		
53. Play cards		
54. Give a speech		
55. Trash talk the other sports team		
56. Yell at the TV when your favorite sports team messes up		
57. Cheer when your team scores		
58. Participate in a class or event		
59. Read the news		
60. Do therapy exercises		
61. Practice your speech		

When You Are Out

62. Talk to a police officer		
63. Ask the price of something		
64. Ask for directions		
65. Give directions		
66. Order in a restaurant		
67. Complain about bad service		
68. Compliment good service		
69. Communicate with a hairstylist/barber		
70. Communicate about a manicure/pedicure		
71. Ask for information from store employees		

Talking to Friends & Family

Things you can do:	√ Important	Date added to device
72. Tell a joke		
73. Offer to help someone		
74. Ask for a hug		
75. Tell your kids to go to bed		
76. Tell someone about where you used to live		
77. Tell others about your previous work		
78. Tell others about your family		
79. Talk about your day to someone		
80. Talk about the news		
81. Complain about politics		
82. Disagree with what someone says		
83. Ask someone to leave		
84. Ask when someone will come see you		
85. Invite someone to have coffee or a meal with you		
86. Tell someone you are proud of them		
87. Ask someone how they are doing in school		
88. Tell someone a secret		
89. Tell someone about past travels		

Social Events

90. Make small talk		
91. Invite people to your house for coffee/dessert		
92. Introduce your significant other to someone		
93. Offer people a snack or a drink		

Expressing Feelings

Things you can do:	√ Important	Date added to device
94. Give a compliment		
95. State what you like about something		
96. Give an opinion		
97. Use adjectives (cold, hot, itchy)		
98. Tell someone that you love them or appreciate them		
99. Refuse to do something you don't want to do		
100. Tell someone you need to use the restroom		
101. Tell someone to shut up		
102. Tell someone why you're upset		
103. Tell someone to leave you alone		
104. Tell someone you're lonely		
105. Tell someone you are afraid or depressed		
106. Tell others about things or people that you miss		
107. Tell others what you are grateful for		
108. Tell someone that you did something wrong		
109. Tell someone to go away		