

ALS Functional Communication Checklist

Adapted from the *ALS Functional Communication Scale*, Roman, 2014

Communication Competencies	Goals	Examples/Intervention	My Challenges
1. Alerting/ Emergency	I can alert people in other rooms (or outside the home) when I have a need or emergency.	Call chime for within home Emergency alerting system	
2. Communication Strategies	My communication partners and I know strategies that improve my communication success, efficiency, speed and reduce my fatigue.	Energy conversation speech strategies Partner communication strategies Voice amplifier Rate enhancement strategies for AAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing lists of my high frequency and important phrases for my common situations Learning rapid delivery message strategies like abbreviation expansion, storing message, etc. Use of core vocabulary Modifications in the way I use my SGD to reduced physical effort	
3. Non-Voiced Communication	I can produce written or other non-voiced messages for communication.	Writing (Boogie Board) Pointing on communication board Typing or typing with adaptive modifications Use of alternative computer access (eye, head or foot trackers,...)	
4. Speech Generation	I can communicate messages with a voice.	Via my own speech Via speech generating device (SGD) Via app on mobile device	
5. Communication with those at a Distance	I have methods to communicate with partners at a distance.	Skype or FaceTime Adapted phone State Telephone Access Program Text messaging or instant messaging Email Social Media	
6. Independence with Set-Up & Customization of AAC Systems	My caregiver and I can independently set up, operate and customize my low or high tech augmentative communication equipment.	Adjust mounting to appropriate heights and angles Attach access devices (e.g. eye track cameras, mouse, touchpad) Adjust access settings Adjust volume or change languages Store messages for quick retrieval	
7. Prepared for Future Changes	I can describe a pro-active strategy designed to prepare for typical changes in speech and computer access.	Voice banking Message banking Storing message & customizing communication pages, Beginning process for acquiring speech generating device Learning about alternative computer access method Preparing to communicate in an emergency or without familiar partner assistance	

