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Why search for words?

Many AAC systems already have a lot of vocabulary available – it's just sometimes hard to find!

Using the search function can help you find the word you're looking for, see where it lives and learn the pathway so it's easier to find next time.



Search first, then decide.

Always try searching for a word before adding anything new to someone's device. This helps avoid duplicate words and keeps the system organised.

Searching can also help you:

- ✓ Find core words (e.g. eat, play, go, more)
- ✓ Discover different forms of a word (e.g. donut, doughnuts)
- ✓ See related vocabulary (e.g. food, restaurant, ingredients)
- ✓ Learn where words are located for next time
- ✓ Model how to find vocabulary with the AAC user

There's often more vocabulary available than you might think!



Before you touch their device...

It's okay to show someone how to find the word, but always ask before using someone else's AAC device. It's their voice.



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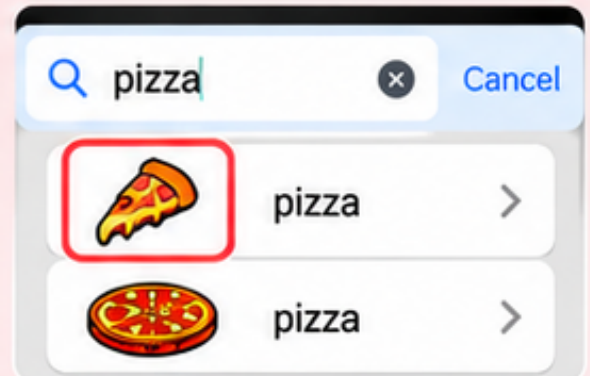
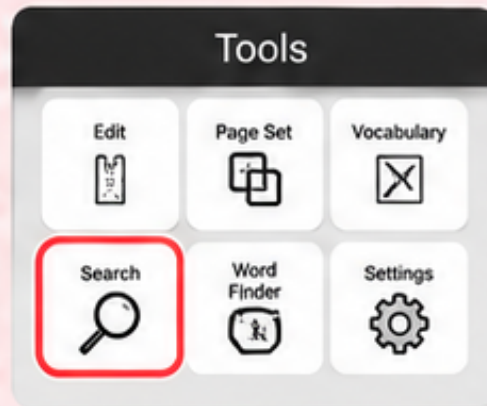
How to search for a word

Here are step-by-step guides for finding a word using the search function in two commonly used AAC apps.



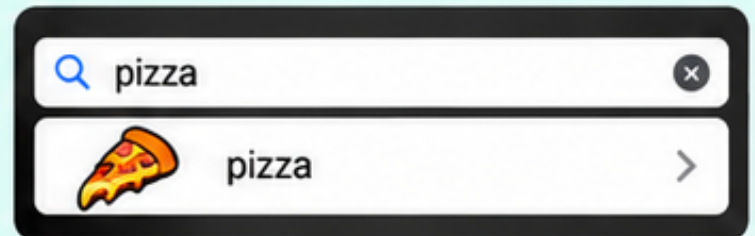
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- 1 Open the **Tools** menu by tapping the 4 squares icon at the bottom left corner.
- 2 Tap **Search**.
- 3 Type the word you're looking for e.g. pizza.
- 4 Select the word and follow the pathway to find it in the system.



TD Snap

- 1 Tap the magnifying glass at the top of the screen.
- 2 Type the word you're looking for e.g. pizza.
- 3 Select the word and follow the pathway to find it in the system.



Can't find the word? Try another spelling!

For example, you might search for doughnut but not find it. Try donut instead. Some AAC systems use American English spelling, so the vocabulary might already be there under a different spelling.



Helpful reminders:

- Always try searching for a word before adding anything new.
- Try different spellings or a related word.
- Once you find the word, follow the pathway so you can find it again next time.
- Model how to find the word, rather than just saying it for them.