

Public Speaking for AAC Users

What it means to give a talk



How to use this reader.

This reader has been made to help people with developmental disability, AAC users and their supporters to talk together about the different ways we can greet people, either individually or when engaged in public speaking.

It aims to help start a conversation to think about:

- Expanding the ways a person can greet others to reflect the social context, their mood and how they want to represent themselves
- How to design vocabulary in the person's AAC system to give them a wider range of greetings when they want them
- How to start a talk which they may give to one or more people, or which might be recorded if they choose not to speak in public

AAC users can be asked if they want to add any of the greetings in this reader to their AAC system. Supporters can suggest others as well.

AAC users can use the communication board on page 19 of this reader to explore and practice different ways to say hello with people they know.

Where using AAC takes a lot of energy and focus, we are not suggesting that every single time a person says hello they should be supported to choose from a wider range of greetings. Mainly we have created this resource to support public speaking opportunities. A wider range of greetings might be useful if people are writing SMS messages, postcards, or wanting to plan an important social interaction.

You can print this reader so that you can share it as a hardcopy book or you can view it together as a slide show on a computer or tablet.

It can be saved as a PDF and opened in iBooks on an iPad or iPhone.

If the person you support has an AAC system, please model key language on their AAC system or reinforce understanding by modelling comments on their AAC system. Remember to provide pause time so they can also make comments, ask questions and process the information. If the person does not have an AAC system yet, you can download and print a free core vocabulary board from [Project Core here](#).



Giving a talk means sharing your thoughts and ideas with others.

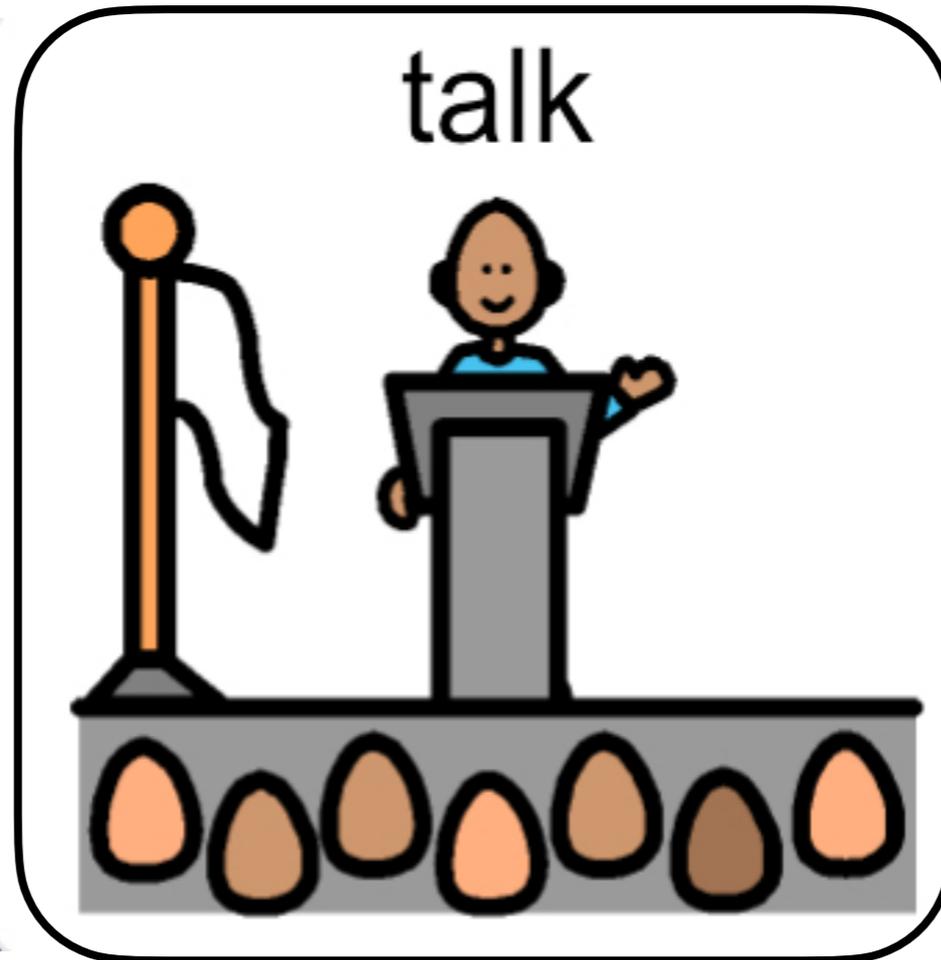


It might be a story about your thoughts and feelings.

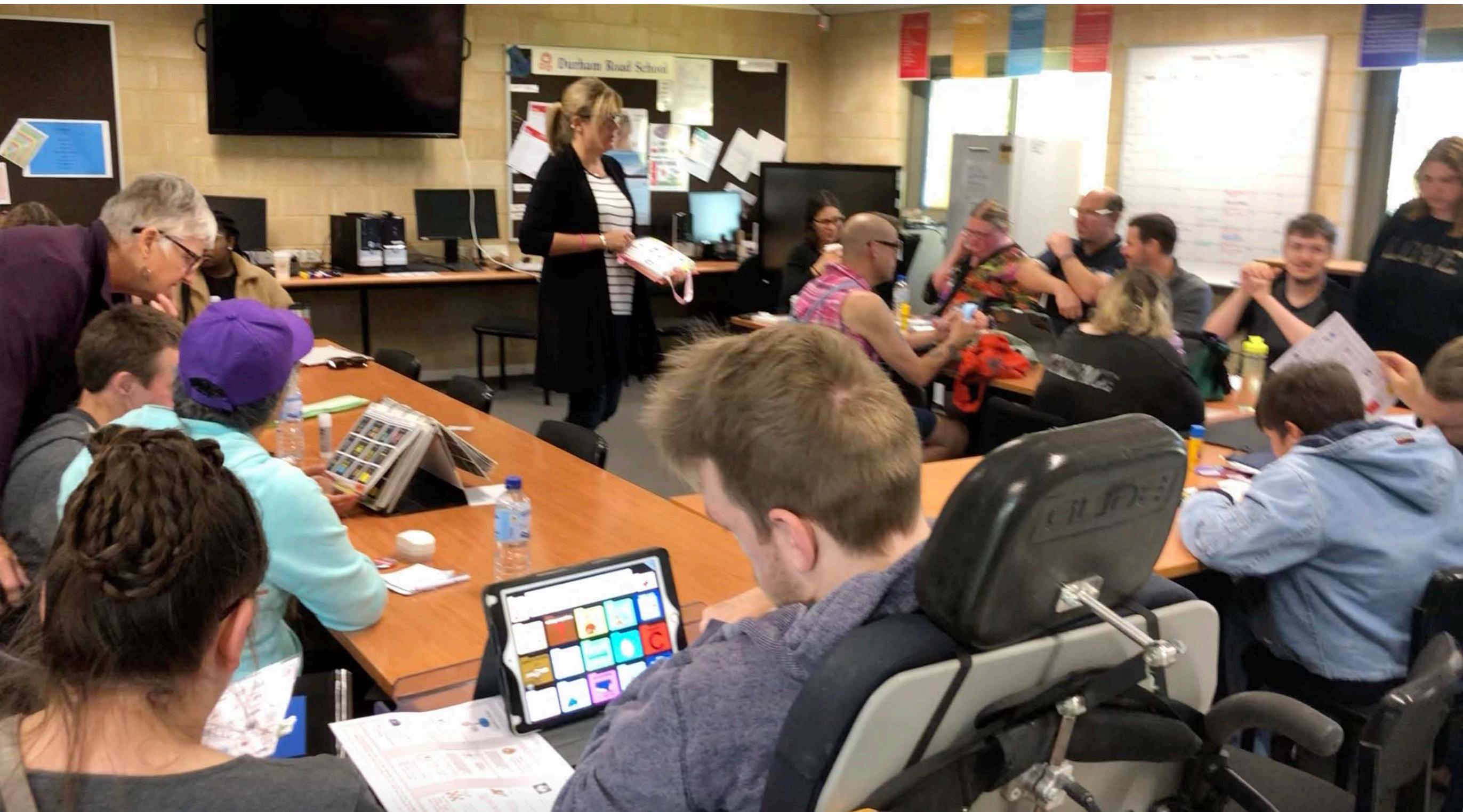
Remember
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Or it might be a story about something that has happened to you.



Usually a talk means speaking to a group of people.



The group of people is called your audience.

Story about

Date:

<p>Have a guess</p> 	<p>who</p> 	<p>why</p> 	<p>go back to page 55a</p> 
<p>what happened</p> 	<p>where</p> 	<p>I think</p> 	<p>oops</p> 
<p>more about what happened</p> 	<p>when</p> 	<p>other people thought</p> 	<p>Go to categories 7</p> 

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Take some time to prepare your talk.



You might like to have your talk pre prepared on your talker if you have one.



You might feel nervous. That is ok.



Most people feel nervous when they are giving a talk.



Know that you have something important to say.



If you make a mistake, it doesn't matter.



If you don't want to give your talk, you can ask somebody else to do it for you.



It will still be your voice.



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