

AAC VOCABULARY OVERVIEW: WORDPOWER, LAMP WFL, & UNITY

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Learning Objectives:

- Describe the core principles of WordPower, LAMP WFL, and Unity vocabularies
- Compare layouts and structures of vocabulary files to assist feature matching
- Describe strategies for supporting implementation across diverse settings.



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Selecting the right AAC vocabulary system is critical for supporting communication growth and user independence. This session provides an in-depth overview of three widely used systems: WordPower, LAMP Words for Life (WFL), and Unity. We'll explore the design principles behind each approach, including core vocabulary integration, motor planning, and language development strategies. Participants will learn how these systems differ in structure and functionality, and how those differences impact user experience and intervention planning. Practical examples and comparison charts will help attendees identify key considerations for matching vocabulary systems to individual needs.

Key Takeaways: Understand the foundational principles of WordPower, LAMP WFL, and Unity. Compare features and design philosophies to inform AAC decision-making. Gain strategies for supporting implementation across diverse settings. Ideal for speech-language pathologists, AAC consultants, educators, and anyone involved in augmentative and alternative communication support.

Speaker's Bio: Amanda ML Samperi, MS, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist with a passion for assistive technology (AT) and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). She earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Pennsylvania State University and has extensive experience supporting individuals across school, home, and medical settings. As an AAC Consultant with PRC-Salttillo, Amanda is dedicated to empowering others on their communication journey. She has presented on AAC-related topics at leading conferences, including ASHA, AAC in the Cloud, Closing the Gap, ATIA, and the IEEE Electrical Safety Workshop. Amanda holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), a Pennsylvania state license as a Speech-Language Pathologist, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Speech-Language Specialist Certification.

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