

# How to Hide Buttons in Chat Editor

## Introduction

In this tutorial, you will learn how to hide your choice of buttons on any given pageset on your AAC device, whether it be TouchChat on an iPad or a NovaChat. Hiding buttons reduces the distraction for our AAC users so they can focus on the core words they are working on. It also makes the page more streamlined if it is otherwise too busy for them.

## Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with how to:

- Get into Hide Mode.
- Hide buttons.
- Reveal hidden buttons.


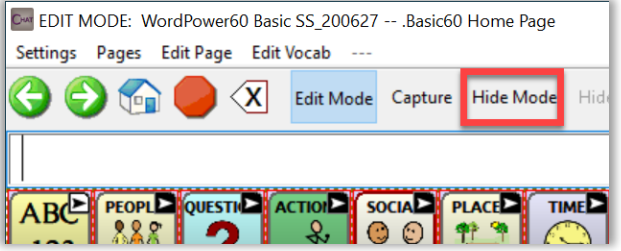

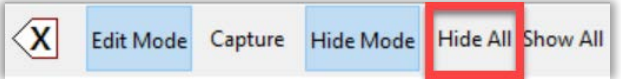
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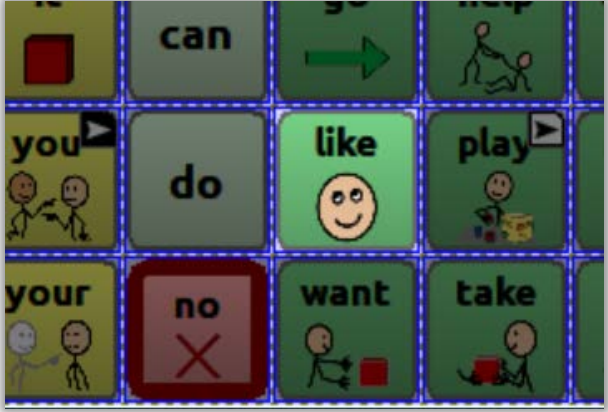

- An iPad with TouchChat installed, a NovaChat or Lamp Words for Life.
- The most recent version of Chat Editor installed on your PC.

## Case Study

Evan is in grade 11 and is new to using a speech generating device with an iPad. He has a good language base and can string together 2 and 3-word sentences. So, his team has him using WordPower 60 Basic. However, Evan is easily distracted and has minor vision issues. He needs larger buttons and less clutter on his page so that he can better target his selections. His team wants to hide the buttons he does not currently use so that his vocabulary file will be less cluttered.

## How to Hide Buttons on a Page in Chat Editor

<p>1</p>	<p>Launch Chat Editor and then click on <b>Edit Mode</b>.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Click on <b>Hide Mode</b>.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Click on the buttons you would like to hide on this page. The buttons will be greyed out. They will be hidden when you exit Edit Mode.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>To hide more buttons, it is more efficient to select <b>Hide All</b>. All buttons will be greyed out.</p>	

<p>5</p>	<p>Click on the buttons you would like to show on the vocabulary page.</p> <p>This deselects them. Those buttons will light back up.</p> <p>For example, the picture here has the button “like” deselected.</p>	 <p>A 3x4 grid of vocabulary buttons. The buttons are: Row 1: 'it' (red square), 'can', 'go' (green arrow), 'help' (stick figure). Row 2: 'you' (two stick figures), 'do', 'like' (smiley face), 'play' (stick figure with blocks). Row 3: 'your' (two stick figures), 'no' (red square with X), 'want' (stick figure with red square), 'take' (stick figure with red square). The 'like' button is dimmer than the others, indicating it is deselected.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Reversely, click on <b>Show All</b> to undo the hiding and all the buttons will light up again.</p>	 <p>The same 3x4 grid of vocabulary buttons as in step 5. In this screenshot, all buttons are lit up, indicating that the 'Show All' action has been performed.</p>