

# How to Use Capture Mode in Chat Editor to Help Build Operational Competency for Your Students

## Introduction

AAC users develop Operational Competency when we give them the opportunity to practice navigating buttons to find their intended words on their device. The best way to help them practice is by creating sentence strips that show/model for them the pathway to follow, so that they will know where to find each word. We can incorporate these sentence strips in daily reading of story books or play a scavenger hunt game to motivate them, while allowing them to practice and build their operational competency.

## Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with:

- Using Capture Mode to create sentence strips.
- Copying sentence strips to MS Word to print and then paste in story books.
- Making low-tech sentence strips to increase our AAC users' access to classroom curriculum.

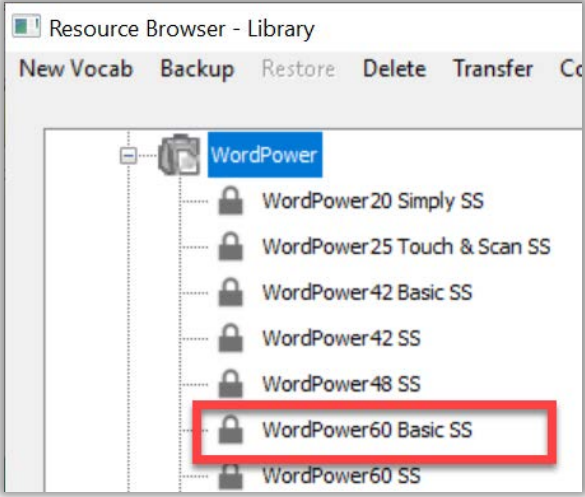
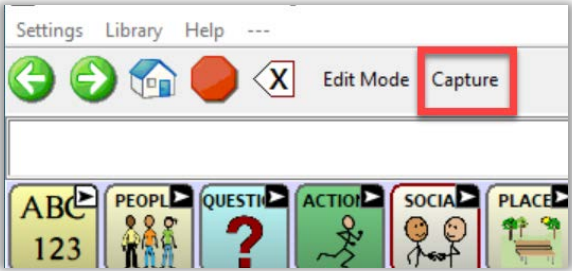

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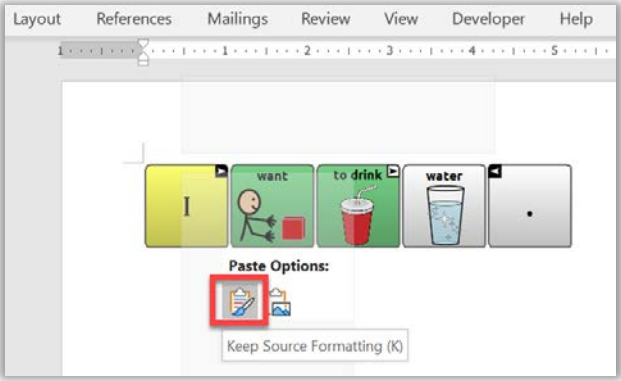
- An iPad with TouchChat installed, a Nova Chat or Lamp Words for Life.
- The most recent version of Chat Editor installed on your PC.

## Case Study

Jordan is in grade 7. He has a grade 3 reading level. He is highly motivated by picture communication. However, in grade 7, there is much more content in the textbooks and chapter books his teacher uses, which may be a little too confusing for Jordan. One of the strategies to help Jordan improve his comprehension of content and his ability to respond to questions about what he is reading, is to use picture communication. His team has discovered that making sentence strips for his classroom textbooks and story books can enable him to follow along and respond to comprehension questions.

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<p>1</p>	<p>Launch Chat Editor and select a vocabulary file.</p> <p>For practice, open WordPower60 Basic SS. It is under Library, English, and then WordPower.</p> <p><i>You may refer to Module 3 on how to locate files in Chat Editor.</i></p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Once the page is loaded, click on the <b>Capture</b> button on the toolbar.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>The <b>Button Capture</b> window will appear.</p> <p>This is the tray where you can place the buttons you would like to copy to create a sentence strip.</p>	

<p>4</p>	<p>Click on the buttons you would like to add.</p> <p>To practice, click on the “I” button on the page.</p> <p>The “I” button will then be added to the Button Capture window.</p> <p>Continue to add buttons to the strip.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a software interface with a grid of buttons. The buttons include 'ABC 123', 'PEOPLE' (with three figures), 'QUESTION' (with a question mark), 'ACTION' (with a running figure), 'clear', 'I', 'me moi', and 'to'. A red box highlights the 'I' button. Below the grid is a 'Button Capture' window containing a single yellow button with the letter 'I' on it. An 'Exit' button is at the bottom right of the capture window.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>When finished your sentence strip, click on <b>Copy to Clipboard</b>.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Button Capture' window with a strip of buttons: 'I', a stick figure, 'want', 'to drink' (with a red cup), 'water' (with a glass), and a period. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Exit', 'Copy To Clipboard' (highlighted with a red box), 'Clear', and a checked 'Ca' checkbox.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Open a new MS word document.</b></p> <p>Paste the sentence strip on the document by clicking on <b>Ctrl and v</b> at the same time, or right click to select the paste option as shown in the diagram.</p> <p>The sentence strip is now ready for print out, which can then be glued onto story books for students to read along and develop operational fluency.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document window with the ribbon tabs 'Layout', 'References', 'Mailings', 'Review', 'View', 'Developer', and 'Help'. The sentence strip from the previous step is pasted into the document. A 'Paste Options' menu is open over the strip, with the 'Keep Source Formatting (K)' option highlighted by a red box.</p>