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Communication system trial evaluation

Name: Mark Kennedy

Role: teacher

Communication system trialled: Techbox 3000

Details of trial (length of time, types of opportunities to use system)

Rahim had the Techbox for two weeks in school only (it did not go home). Rahim used it every morning during circle time, he had a daily 1:2:1 session with Sarah (TA) to practice also.

How did Rahim use the system? (examples of what they said are really helpful to know)

Sarah programmed in Rahim's news every day from his homework notebook. He seemed to really like sharing this with the group. In 1:2:1, he was more reluctant to use it and needed prompting to participate in story reading (eg turn the page).

Do you feel the trial period was sufficient to make a decision on whether it is the right system for Rahim? No - needed more time

Overall impressions:

The techbox is potentially a good option but more time is needed. Rahim was sick for three days so there wasn't really enough time to tell if it was right for him.

Would you consider this system as a good option for Rahim? Possibly – need more time to tell

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Feature	Prompts	Rating		Comments
Aesthetics	What did you think of the look of the system (colour, style, design, size)? Where relevant, what did you think of the sound and voice quality?	Very good ✓ Good ○ Average ○ Poor ○ Did not have this feature ○ Did not use this feature ○		Rahim seemed to really like it and the voice was clear
Reliability	Did the system work reliably during the trial? Did anything not work as it should? (e.g. software crashing and needing resetting, symbol books falling apart)?	Very good ✓ Good ○ Average ○ Poor ○ Did not have this feature ○ Did not use this feature ○		no issues
Data storage and processing (where relevant)	When you turned on the system, did it start up efficiently and launch programmes without delay? Did it complete functions quickly and without delays? Was it able to manage photos, videos or other data files?	Very good ✓ Good ○ Average ○ Poor ○ Did not have this feature ○ Did not use this feature ○		no issues
Consistency and intuitiveness of design	Were the vocabulary and function squares (e.g. go back or clear) laid out in a similar way on each page? Or, did you find it hard to locate what you were looking for? Did the system design make it Reasier to find what you wanted?	Very good ○ Good ✓ Average ○ Poor ○ Did not have this feature ○ Did not use this feature ○		Rahim struggled to find the symbols after being off sick but I think this might have been lack of practice.

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Ease of editing	Did you find it easy to edit squares or to add new vocabulary?	Very good ◯ Good ◯ Average ◯ Poor ◯ Did not have this feature ◯ Did not use this feature ✓	Sarah (TA) did the editing so I don't know
Graphic representation	Did you like the symbols or words used in the system? Are they the same as what you have previously learned or used on other systems?	Very good ◯ Good ◯ Average ✓ Poor ◯ Did not have this feature ◯ Did not use this feature ◯	In the school we use Symbix and the Techbox doesn't have these — I think Kahin managed okay though
Vocabulary	What did you think of the vocabulary available? Was it adequate for your needs, too big or not enough? What did you think of the type of vocabulary? Did you like how it was organised?	Very good ◯ Good ◯ Average ✓ Poor ◯ Did not have this feature ◯ Did not use this feature ◯	I think it would be good to have more animal words on it, it was hard to include Kahin in group activities
Access method	How was accessing the system? Did it work for you? Were there things you would like to change about the access?	Very good ✓ Good ◯ Average ◯ Poor ◯ Did not have this feature ◯ Did not use this feature ◯	good — Kahin had no problems

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Mounting and positioning	How was the system positioned and made available for use? Did the position of the system support use across the day and across positions?	Very good ◯ Good ✓ Average ◯ Poor ◯ Did not have this feature ◯ Did not use this feature ◯	good in class but it was too heavy for Tahira to carry in the yard so it stayed in class for lunch + break.
Other feature: Please specify: _Battery_	Was there any other features of the system that influenced your opinion of it? Please rate and provide details in the comments	Very good ◯ Good ◯ Average ◯ Poor ✓	Battery — it didn't last the full school day
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