Getting started with Aidova

A one-page guide for families, carers, teachers and speech therapists

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1 Open it

Go to **aidova.app** or get it from the App Store or Google Play. No account and no download needed on the web. Once opened it **works offline**.

Turn the **volume up** and check the iPhone silent switch is off.

2 Choose who it is for

- **A child learning to communicate**: everyday words, playful look
- **A teenager or adult learning to communicate**: everyday words, grown-up look
- **An adult who has lost speech or needs care**: the Care & health board

Aidova then shows you a first sentence. Change it any time: Settings → Display.

The golden rule: show, don't test

People learn to use a talker by **seeing others use it**, just as babies learn speech by hearing it. When you talk, tap the key words on their board at the same time ("Let's go... **outside**"). Use 🎓 **Model mode** FREE (Settings → Model Mode) so the buttons glow and replay. Don't ask "Show me *drink*". Do **pause and wait** 5 to 10 seconds, then **respond to any tap** as if it was meant.

The first week

- Start with a few words they need many times a day: **drink, toilet, help, more, stop, finished**.
- Keep the device **with them all the time**: every room, the car, school, bed.
- Use it in real moments (snack time, bath time), not as a lesson.
- Expect lots of tapping and playing at first. That is exploring, and it is good.

Build sentences

- Tap buttons in order, then ▶ **Speak**: "I want" + "snack".
- Turn on the 🔤 **Words tab** (Settings → Display) for small words that never move: I, go, like, not, it, in... 12 FREE 50 PREMIUM
- Tap ⭐ at the top to keep sentences you say often one tap away, like "Please give me time to answer" 3 FREE UNLIMITED PREMIUM
- Buttons stay in the same place, so the hand learns where words are. Try not to move them around.

Make it theirs

- Add **1 button of your own** FREE: Settings → Edit Layout → Add.
- 📋 **Boards** PREMIUM: 19 ready-made boards for mealtime, bath, bedtime, doctor, dentist, park, pain and more.
- Record a **familiar voice**, add pictures, folders and more buttons PREMIUM.

For adults who have lost speech

- The Care & health board uses short phrases: "Please sit me up", "My chest hurts".
- The **Talking** tab helps the other person: "I understand you", "Please say it again", "Ask me yes or no".
- Top row: **Wait · Don't know · Yes · No · Help me**.
- 💗 **How I feel** FREE: a daily picture check-in (feeling, pain, where it hurts). Settings → How I Feel Today.
- 💊 **Medicine reminders** 1 FREE with Taken / Snooze. **Only appear while Aidova is open on the screen.**

Schools and speech therapists

- Set up a profile in a session; Premium Plus gives unlimited profiles for a class.
- Use the **same board at home and school**: save a backup file and restore it on the other device.
- Model during real activities; Boards suit group sessions.

Keep it safe

- 💾 **Back it up** FREE: Settings → Backup & Restore → Save backup file. Do it after changes and once a month.
- 🆘 **Help me** opens the emergency screen. Add a carer's number in Settings.
- Lock settings with a carer PIN so changes are not made by accident FREE.

Aidova is a communication tool, not a medical device. Use alongside, not instead of, speech and language therapy.