

# Generic Message List for AAC users with ALS

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## Greetings

Hi  
Hello  
Good morning  
Good to see you.

## Opening Questions

What's new?  
How are you today?  
What's happening with you?

## Responses

I'm OK.  
Could be better.  
I am getting along.  
Not very good today.  
I like that.  
I don't understand.  
I don't know.  
I don't think so.  
It doesn't matter, I guess.  
It is important to me.  
It is not that important.  
I am sorry to hear that.  
Really?

## Conversational Continuers

Really  
Alright  
Isn't that wonderful (great)  
That's good

I see  
I know it  
Okay  
Yeah  
Good  
Uhhuh

## **Conversational Turnarounds & Extenders**

What about you?  
What do you think about that?  
What have you been doing?  
Tell me about your family.  
That's interesting, tell me more.  
Thank you.  
You're welcome

## **Resolving Communication Breakdowns**

I changed my mind  
Let's try that again  
Let's do it another time.  
Tell me you what think that I said.

## **Personal Care**

I need you to...  
I would like for you to...  
I need some help with...  
Can that wait until another time?  
Just a minute, I'm not finished.  
When will you be back.

## **Good-byes and Farewells**

Thanks for stopping by.  
Come back again.  
Great to see you again.  
See you soon.  
Good night  
Good-bye  
Use of Telephone  
I'd like to talk to·

This is (Name), I have a speech problem. I use a machine to talk. Please be patient.

The number I am dialing is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

How are you?

I'll talk to you soon..

Call me back when you can.

Do you understand me?

## **Meeting New People**

Hi, I'm (Name). I can hear and understand everything that you say. I have ALS/Lou

Gehrig's disease and I have trouble speaking. I use this machine to communication. Give me a minute.

Please tell me if you don't understand what I am saying.

## **Health and Safety**

This is an emergency.

Get help now!

I need suction!

## **Vocabulary for Support Groups or Conversing with Others about ALS**

Having this disease has made me...

I worry about...

I fear the loss of...

I can't think about...

It makes me really mad that ...

I am determined to...

One good thing about this is...

## **Clinic Appointments**

I need to see the doctor about...

I need to make an appointment for...

My seating, wheelchair/computer isn't working.

I have noticed that...

What's next.

I need information about...