

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...