

E – Tran Frame

The E-tran (eye-transfer) frame is a low-tech communication aid.



Features

- The frame is screen printed, which makes it extremely hardwearing.
- Grip handles are unique to this frame, and mean that the communication partner can hold the frame at any angle convenient to the user.
- The aid is water-resistant, lightweight & portable for when the user is too tired for more high-tech methods, or for where they would be inappropriate.

How It Works

The alphabet is grouped into each of the four corners. Each of the letters is a different colour and discs of these six colours are arranged around the 'window' in the centre of the board. The 'window' enables the user and the communication partner to see each other clearly. The frame is held by the communication partner about 18" in front of the user's face at eye-level.

The user looks at the place where the letter they wish to communicate is positioned and then to the corresponding colour disc of that letter. The communication partner confirms each letter and keeps a note of what is being communicated. If appropriate they can pre-empt the word the user is building up.

Who can use it

Anyone who is able to move their eyes intentionally and has basic spelling skills. A consistent yes/no response does need to be established between the user and the communication partner so choices can be confirmed.

Where can it be used

Anywhere! One advantage of the E-tran frame is that it is lightweight and portable and can be used in places where other communication aids may not be applicable - for example, in the bath. It can be used in addition to other methods of AAC the user may have and is particularly helpful at times when the user is too tired to use more high-tech methods. The communication partner holds the frame and they are therefore able to move into whatever position is required by the user to enable them to see each other through the 'window'.

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