

Generic Message List for AAC users
with ALS, Prepared by David
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Greetings

Hi
Hello
Good morning
Good to see you.

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Opening Questions

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

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Responses

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

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Conversational Continuers

- Really
- Alright
- Isn't that wonderful (great)
- That's good
- I see
- I know it
- Okay
- Yeah
- Good
- Uhhuh

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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

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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.

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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.

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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?

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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.

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Health and Safety

- This is an emergency.
- Get help now!
- I need suction!

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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...

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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...

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Personal Information

Names
 Phrases/Expressions
 Favorite Food, Song, Bible Verse, Movie
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