ZYGO-USA   Assistive Technologies for Communication and Independence

Product Spotlight: *PODD-15 for The Grid 2*

Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) is *'a method and tool for developing and utilising augmented language input'*, Porter, G. & Cafiero, J.M. 2009.

An exciting and complex collaboration across the miles between Gayle Porter, Sensory Software in the U.K., and Zyteq in Australia has finally resulted in the first commercial PODD grid sets for use on Windows based Speech Generating Devices and other computers. The PODD 15 grid set for The Grid 2 complements the PODD (Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display) communication books. It is similar in language level and organization to the one-page opening, expanded functions books. The PODD15 is designed to support children learning to express one to four key word sentences. The grid set has built-in scaffolds, including pragmatic branch starters and predictable links, to support communication.

This grid set will not be suitable for people already using the more complex PODDs. The development has been checked, modified and amended at every step by Gayle Porter. Only one style of PODD has been transferred into the format of The Grid 2, with the necessary changes to adapt it to electronic application. This PODD, PODD 15, is similar to the low tech single page PODDS with expanded functions. Due to the inherent differences between using a low tech system with a smart partner, and a PODD on a speech generating device, this PODD 15 parallels the low tech 12, 16 and 20 cell expanded functions low tech PODDs.

This licensed PODD-15 page set requires The Grid 2 and a licensed copy of the PCS library. Trial versions are available that provide 30 days to see if PODD is right for you.

ZyBox for iOS   *switch adapter for iOS devices*

The **ZyBox for iOS** is a simple way to use control switches to operate your iPad or other iOS device. Connect the **ZyBox for iOS** to your iPad using the 30-pin or Lightning dock connector, snap in one, two, or up to six control switches with 3.5 mm plugs, and you have access to the entire iPad and any or all apps that are compatible with the iOS Voice Over (VO) commands.

We are about to release an upgraded software version for the ZyBox for iOS. New features and capabilities include better control with fewer switches, automatically turn on and off the Voice Over, and access to Siri voice command activation. Production units of the **ZyBox for iOS** are shipping. We have special pricing for demo units for dealers, AT centers, and evaluation sites so ask us if you are eligible for discount pricing.

New iOS and Android products section

There is a new section on our web site under Assistive Technology for Apple iOS and Google Android operating systems. Look for our new AAC aids, alternate access products, and environmental control systems in this AT category.

Voice Amplifiers   *ZYGO and Zavox Reo*

The **ZYGO Voice Amplifier** uses a 12 watt speaker to provide the loud, clear output required for high quality voice amplification. It has a high capacity rechargeable battery that provides up to 20 hours of operation.

The new **Zavox Reo** is a personal voice amplifier designed to reduce vocal strain and amplify the softest voice. It has been developed especially for clients who have Parkinson's or a condition that makes speaking loudly difficult.

Children Voices in Acapela   *using The Grid 2*

Sensory is currently adding the latest version 9 of Acapela speech to The Grid 2. By running Sensory Update you will receive the latest updates.

You will keep the voices you have now, but you will notice enhanced quality and better pronunciation. There will also be new child voices, including Ella and Josh for U.S. English.

Demonstration (trial) copies of The Grid 2 can now be downloaded and installed from the internet. Go to http://installers.sensorysoftware.com/the-grid-2, choose the link for the language you need, and follow the prompts. Trial is good for 60 days from installation. Let us know if you need a CD instead.

Demo products and literature

All of our products are available to dealers, SLP's, and AT Centers for evaluation demonstrations. We have special pricing so you can add our products to your tool box or lending library. And let us know if you need any catalogs, or other product literature to hand out.

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