



These “Bite-sized” Training Program guides are designed to help Lifelites Volunteers and champions to train and support hospice staff on the use of the magical Lifelites equipment in small bite-sized chunks.



Introduction to Snap and Core First


1. Introduction – checking previous knowledge

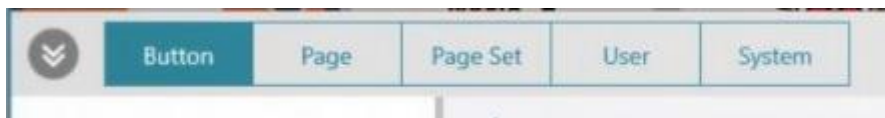
Begin the session by checking if your trainees have used Snap and Core First before.

2. Explain the benefits

- Snap and Core First meets each communicator wherever they are on their journey to learning language, achieving literacy, and becoming an independent communicator.
- It's designed to be the most intuitive and engaging symbol-based software solution on the market.
- The Snap + Core First pageset includes a wide variety of pre-designed button layouts, a full range of Acapela voices. It is a symbol-supported communication app to promote language development and grow communication skills, from beginning to advanced communicators.

2. Basic operation and selecting grid size

- When the application is opened you will automatically be sent to the home screen.
- If you click the  icon then this will bring up various options at the bottom of the grid.



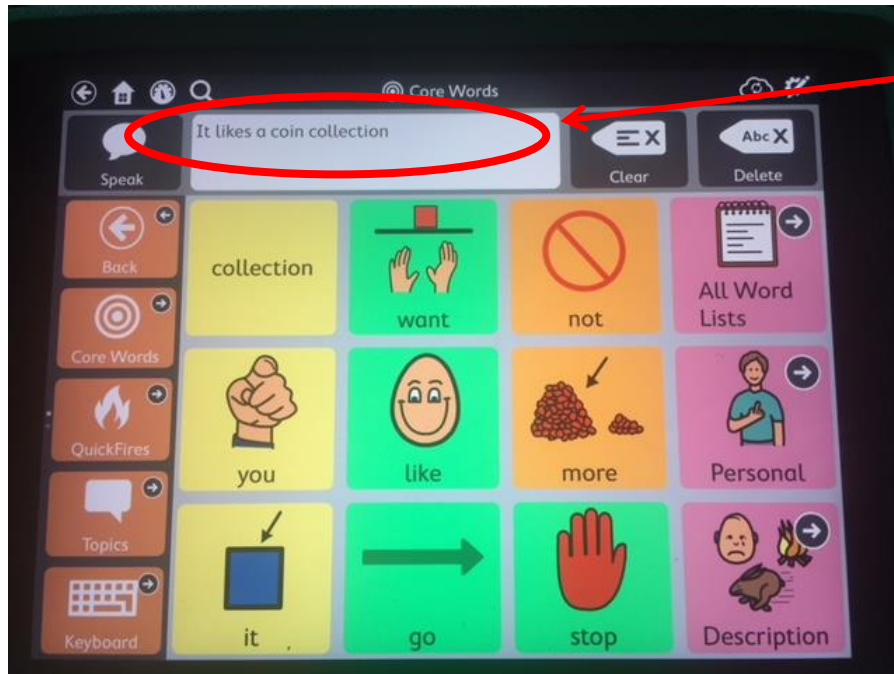
- From this screen you can select 'Page Set' and then 'Grid Size' and select an appropriate Grid Size for your user. (this option is also available under 'Page')
- Also under 'Page Set' and 'Style' are options to alter the style, text colour and font size

3. Using a grid

Choose various different grid size options to show the different layouts. Explain that some of the different grid sizes will have more or less options.



Choose and 5 x 5 grid set to show your trainee how to choose the phrase required using these different options. (Remember to click “Done” to come out of the edit mode before using the pageset). The phrase will be spoken by individual word as it is selected but then as a whole when the speak button is selected.



Phrase box

Illustrate that further words can be found through the pink buttons with word lists on particular topics or through the topics orange button.

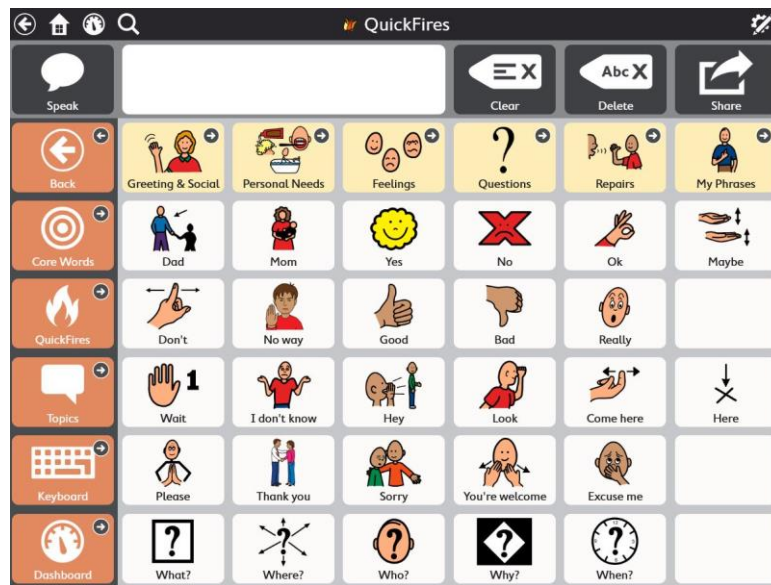
Discuss its potential applications: children themselves using the grids either on its own as a tool for communication either by giving the child a voice or care staff developing their own symbolised grids, perhaps as an aid to communication problems with relatives e.g. when English is not their first language.

4. Write own phrases

Ask your trainees to construct their own phrase. Ask your trainees to think about where and who would be able to use this application.

5. Quick Fires


Quick Fires enable you to actively participate in conversations, say something quickly, get someone’s attention or quickly reply to a comment. These brief words and phrases can be used alone or paired with other words for longer conversations. These words and phrases are not specific to a topic, so they can easily be used whenever, wherever, and on the go. Some example Quick Fires are replies (yes, no, maybe, good, bad), greetings (hey, hi, my name is, have a good day), questions (why, what, where, when), feelings (I’m happy, I’m mad, nervous, What’s wrong?), and personal needs (I’m uncomfortable, I need help, I’m hungry.)

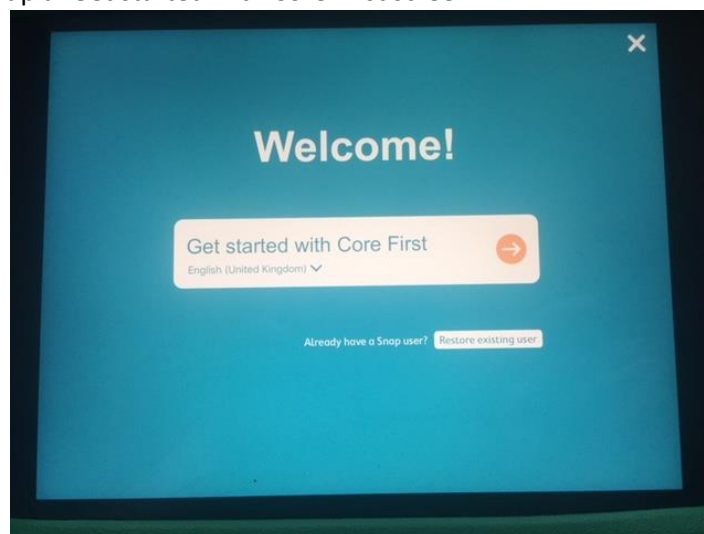


6. Quickfire conversation

Ask your trainees to go into groups and construct their own conversation using the quickfire grid. Ask your trainees to think about where and who would be able to use this application. What do they notice about the phrase box when they use quickfires?

7. Setting up a specific user.

- To set up a specific user, go to If you click the  icon and select user, then user again and toggle across to New User
- This will bring up a 'Get started with Core First screen.



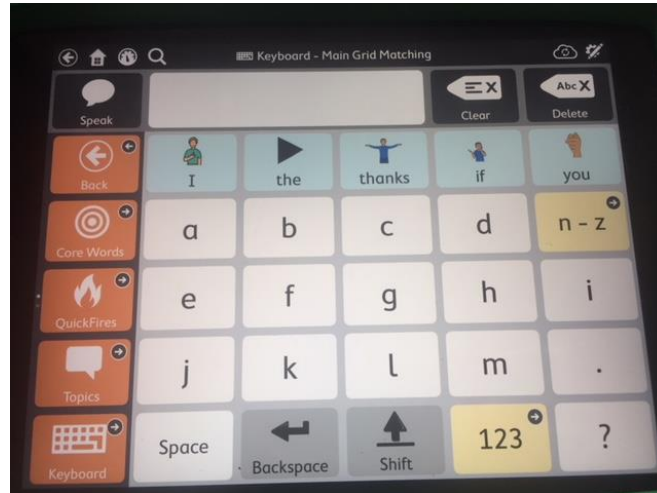
- You will need to follow the instructions which includes setting up a FREE myTobiiDynavox account

From the 'User' option you can also alter the Speaking voice and voice rate for current users.



8. Typing options

Select the keyboard orange button for the keyboard. Your grid size will determine how many letters are shown on the grid. All have predictive text that appears.



9. Create your phrase using the typing options

Ask your trainees to create their own phrases using the typing options.

For further information on how to customise and create your own symbols and pages, see our **Advanced Training Guide – editing snap and core.**