Pittsburgh AAC Language Seminar

Now You’re Talking: Learning the Unity® Language System

CEU Learning Assessment

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Completion of this pretest is a requirement to receive CEUs for attending this seminar. Please complete and submit to the AAC Institute prior to August 13, 2019.

1. Which of the following statements about core vocabulary is NOT true?
   1. Core vocabulary is a statistical concept related to overall vocabulary frequency.
   2. Core vocabulary is made up of easily pictured concepts such as people, places or things.
   3. Core vocabulary is essential for language development.
   4. Core vocabulary is consistent across demographic groups, activities, conversational topics and clinical populations.
2. A direct representation of an object or concept is considered:
   1. Primary Iconicity
   2. Secondary Iconicity
   3. Translucent
   4. Opaque
3. Evidence of a core vocabulary set has been found:
   1. Only among adult speakers of the English language.
   2. Across populations including typical speakers of all ages and individuals with physical and/or cognitive impairments.
   3. Solely amidst children with a common classroom teacher and adults working in large groups.
   4. Across populations of young children but fading as they reach adolescence.
4. What percentage of language use is comprised of core words?
   1. Approximately 50%
   2. Less than 25%
   3. More than 75%
   4. 100%

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1. Which of the following is NOT a core word?
   1. spatula
   2. out
   3. mine
   4. go
2. Which of the following is a communication partner strategy designed to increase successful use of an AAC system by an augmented communicator?
   1. Provide hand-over-hand assistance to say the answers in class.
   2. Ask open-ended questions to enable the individual to express their ideas.
   3. Ask yes/no questions to maximize efficiency and reduce the linguistic strain.
   4. Take the majority of conversational turns to take the pressure off of the individual who is using AAC.
3. Aided language input is essential to language development in individuals who use AAC because:
   1. It gives them an opportunity to use their device.
   2. It gives their communication partners the opportunity to learn where vocabulary is in the device.
   3. It models operational skills that are important in device use.
   4. Provides the student with a visual and auditory representation of how language is encoded within their AAC system.
4. Motor automaticity can be defined as:
   1. The ability to do something without conscious thought.
   2. The ability to conceive, plan and carry out a skilled, non-habitual motor act.
   3. A mental process by which the individual simulates movement.
   4. The trial and error process of adjusting movement to new demands.
5. Which of the following is NOT a component of descriptive teaching?
   1. Students are taught to define key concepts using high frequency vocabulary.
   2. Curriculum words are programmed into the AAC device weekly.
   3. Language is modeled during instruction to support learning.
   4. Students can generate appropriate responses based on their level of language development.

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1. Vocabulary Builder is recommended for use in Unity® sequenced software versions, rather than the Hide/Show feature, because:
   1. There is a danger of hiding an icon that is necessary for an icon sequence.
   2. There is more vocabulary in the sequenced versions and Vocabulary Builder is easier to set-up.
   3. You cannot toggle the hide/show selections.
   4. There are pre-programmed vocabulary sets that be accessed.
2. The tool in the Unity® software that is used to look up icon sequences is called the:
   1. Vocabulary Trainer
   2. Word Finder
   3. Sequence Generator
   4. Icon Dictionary
3. Which of the following was NOT identified as a Unity® Pattern?
   1. Grammar Label + Icon
   2. Activity Row + Grammar Label
   3. Pronouns
   4. Pronoun + Verb Phrases
4. What is an icon family as used within the Unity® software?
   1. A group of verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs that are semantically related and anchored to the first icon in an icon sequence.
   2. The comprehensive vocabulary organization system within the sequenced Unity® software versions.
   3. A pattern for encoding the various parts of speech, such as verbs, nouns, adjectives and prepositions.
   4. A tool within Vocabulary Builder that generates a dictionary of programmed words by icon sequences.
5. The Data Logging is a tool that:
   1. Monitors the language output of the user and flags incorrect grammatical usage with a suggestion of a correct utterance.
   2. Records user data including the word selected, the method of selection and the date and time of the entry.
   3. Logs the context of device usage and the amount of vocabulary used within each setting.
   4. Documents a comparison between the communication partner’s model and the user’s output to identify how closely the user followed the model.

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1. Which of the following is a strategy that can enable students who use AAC to be successful with curriculum tasks developed around Bloom’s Taxonomy?
   1. Descriptive teaching of curriculum concepts
   2. Programming curriculum words into the device.
   3. Minimizing the amount of participation so that the student is not pressured to perform.
   4. Ask parent to complete homework with child to supplement vocabulary that is not in the device.