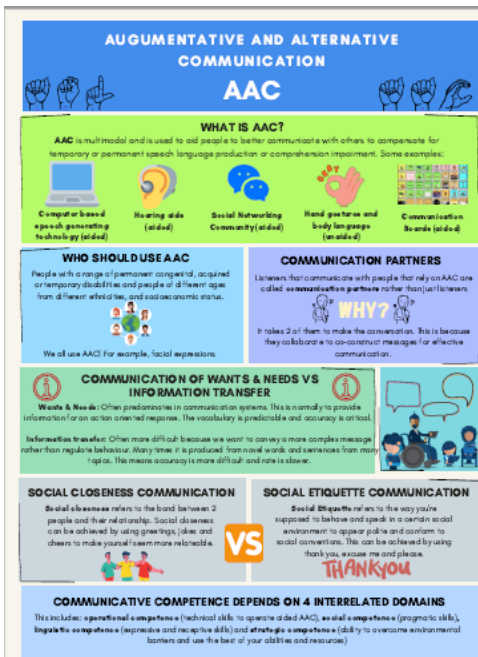
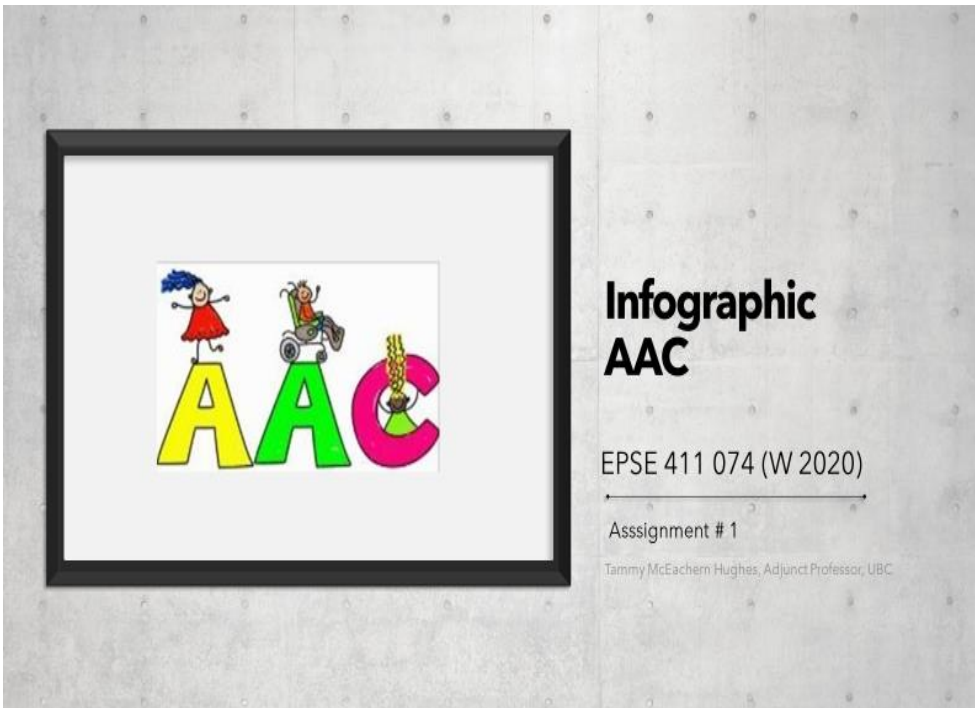


Infographic EXAMPLES



WHO RELIES ON AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION? (AAC)

THERE IS NO TYPICAL PERSON WHO RELIES ON AAC

- Individuals who rely on AAC come from all age groups, socioeconomic groups, and ethnic and racial backgrounds.
- The only unifying characteristic that sets these individuals apart is that they require adaptive assistance for speaking and/or writing.
- These individuals require assistance because their gestural, spoken, and/or written communication is temporarily or permanently inadequate to meet all their communication needs.

CONGENITAL OR ACQUIRED CONDITIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE AAC

- CONGENITAL**
- severe intellectual disability
 - cerebral palsy
 - autism
 - developmental apraxia of speech

ACQUIRED CONDITIONS

- amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- multiple sclerosis
- traumatic brain injury
- stroke

COMMUNICATION IMPAIRMENT PREVALENCE IN CANADA:

- 0.2%-0.6% of the total school-age population
- 0.8% of individuals ages 45-54
- 4.2% of individuals age 85 and older

Approx. 1.5% of the total Canadian population older than the age of 4 require AAC.

(Brockman & Minns, 2002)



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