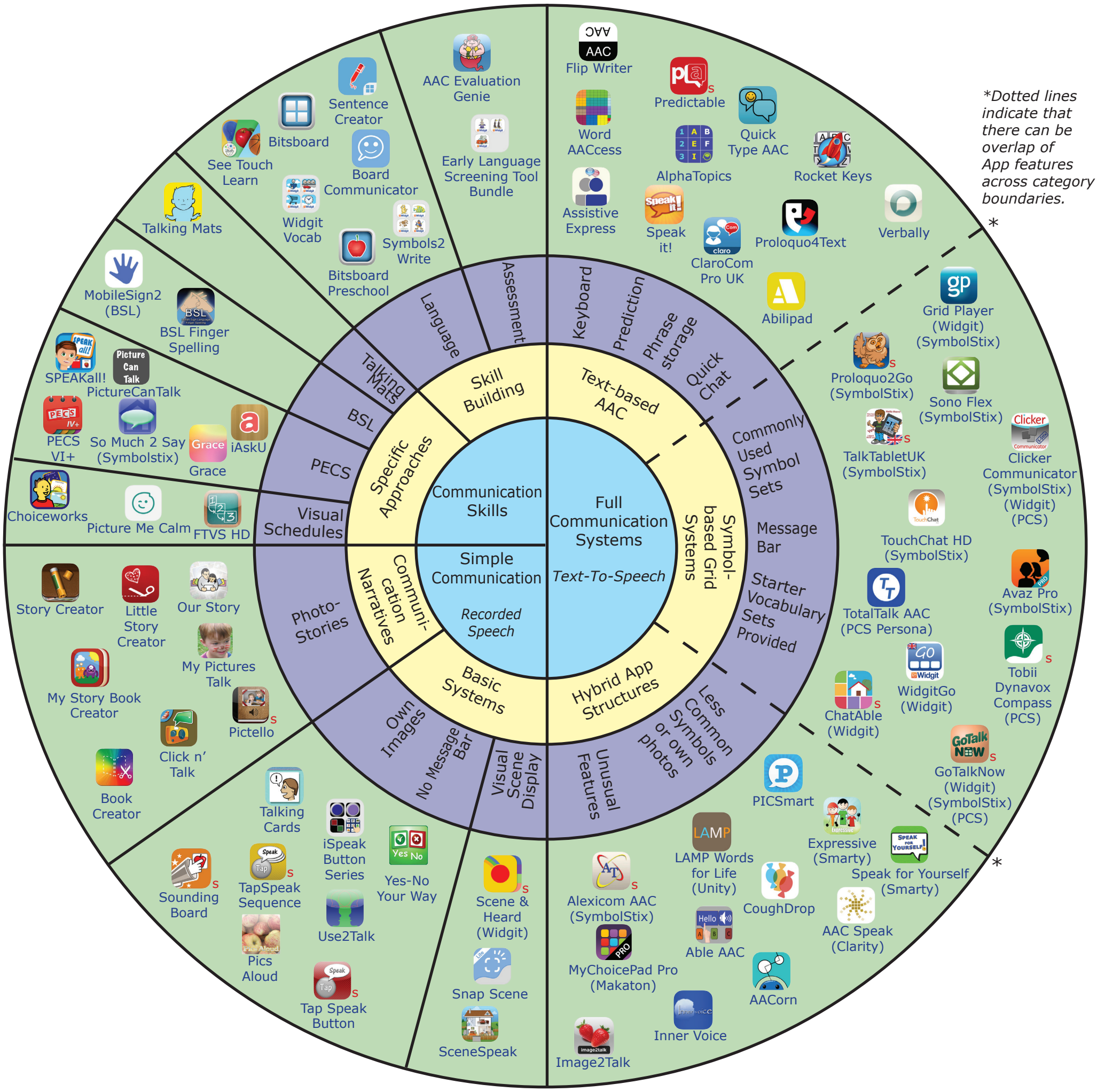
iPad Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



Identifying Suitable Apps

This wheel does not include every App available in each category. There are hundreds of AAC Apps and many hundreds of combinations of features. This wheel includes Apps that CALL Scotland broadly finds reliable and useful and/or that stand out in their category.

For a useful, comprehensive and regularly updated listing of AAC Apps, see www.janefarrall.com

Printing Visual Supports - Tools 2 Talk+

Printing of communication pages is possible from any AAC App through the screen capture option (Home + Sleep/Wake button) then print or email to PC. Tools 2 Talk+ however, is a simple to use App for producing picture/symbol communication resources for printing out (they can also be used on the iPad with voice output). Templates are provided and Boardmaker PCS, COMPIC symbols or photos/images can be used.

Tools 2 Talk+

Switch Access

Relatively few Apps are designed specifically for switch access. They tend to be the ones that offer the widest range of scan options and may be the 'safest' choice for switch users. These are marked in this wheel with a small red 's' (beside the App icon).

From iOS7 and above, Accessibility settings built-in to the iPad mean that almost any App (and the iPad itself, desktop, and functions) can be operated by external switches (or by using the screen as a switch). But be careful! A few do not work at all – or not well – with iOS switch control. Always check before buying - perhaps via a specialist centre such as CALL Scotland - whether it actually works or not!

Downloadable Version

An electronic version of this chart can be downloaded from http://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets

In the electronic version, App names are 'clickable' links, taking you to information about the individual App on the iTunes site for the UK.

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