

Here is a versatile **36-location (6x6 grid) Core Vocabulary Board** designed for early or emerging AAC communicators. It uses a logical left-to-right syntax layout (People/Pronouns → Verbs → Descriptors → Little Words/Nouns) and standard Fitzgerald Key color coding to help students navigate and build simple sentences (e.g., *"I want play"*, *"You go up"*, *"Not like that"*).

36-Location Core Vocabulary Grid Layout

Category	Yellow (Pronouns)	Green (Verbs)	Green (Verbs)	Blue (Descriptors)	Orange (Nouns/Little Words)	Pink/Red (Social/Negation)
Row 1	I	want	go	more	it	STOP
Row 2	you	like	get	different	that	NOT / NO
Row 3	he / she	put	make	big	here	HELP
Row 4	we	look	open	little	there	YES / OK
Row 5	they	turn	stop	good	in / out	hello / bye
Row 6	it	eat / drink	play	bad	on / off	ALL DONE



Recommended Color-Coding Key (Fitzgerald Key)

When printing or creating your board on paper or on a digital slide, coloring the cell backgrounds helps with visual search:

-  **Yellow (Pronouns / People):** I, you, he/she, we, they
-  **Green (Action Verbs):** want, go, like, get, put, make, look, open, turn, stop, eat/drink, play
-  **Blue (Adjectives / Descriptors):** more, different, big, little, good, bad

-  **Orange (Prepositions / Nouns / Little Words):** it, that, here, there, in/out, on/off
-  **Pink/Red (Social / High-Impact / Negation):** STOP, NOT/NO, HELP, YES/OK, hello/bye, ALL DONE



Quick Tips for Implementation & Modeling

1. **Model Without Expectation (Aided Language Input):**
 - Point to key core words on the board while speaking to the student naturally.
 - *Example:* Say "Let's **go out**" while pointing to **go** and **out**.
2. **Start with High-Motivation Phrases:**
 - **Requesting / Initiating:** WANT + MORE, WANT + PLAY
 - **Refusing / Directing:** STOP, NOT + LIKE, GO + AWAY
 - **Gaining Attention / Assistance:** HELP, LOOK + HERE
3. **Flexibility:**
 - You can print this layout on standard 8.5x11 paper and laminate it, or replicate this exact matrix in software like Google Slides, Boardmaker, or TouchChat/LAMP if you want to add symbols/icons above each word.