

No further on after 30 years –
still can't speak fast enough



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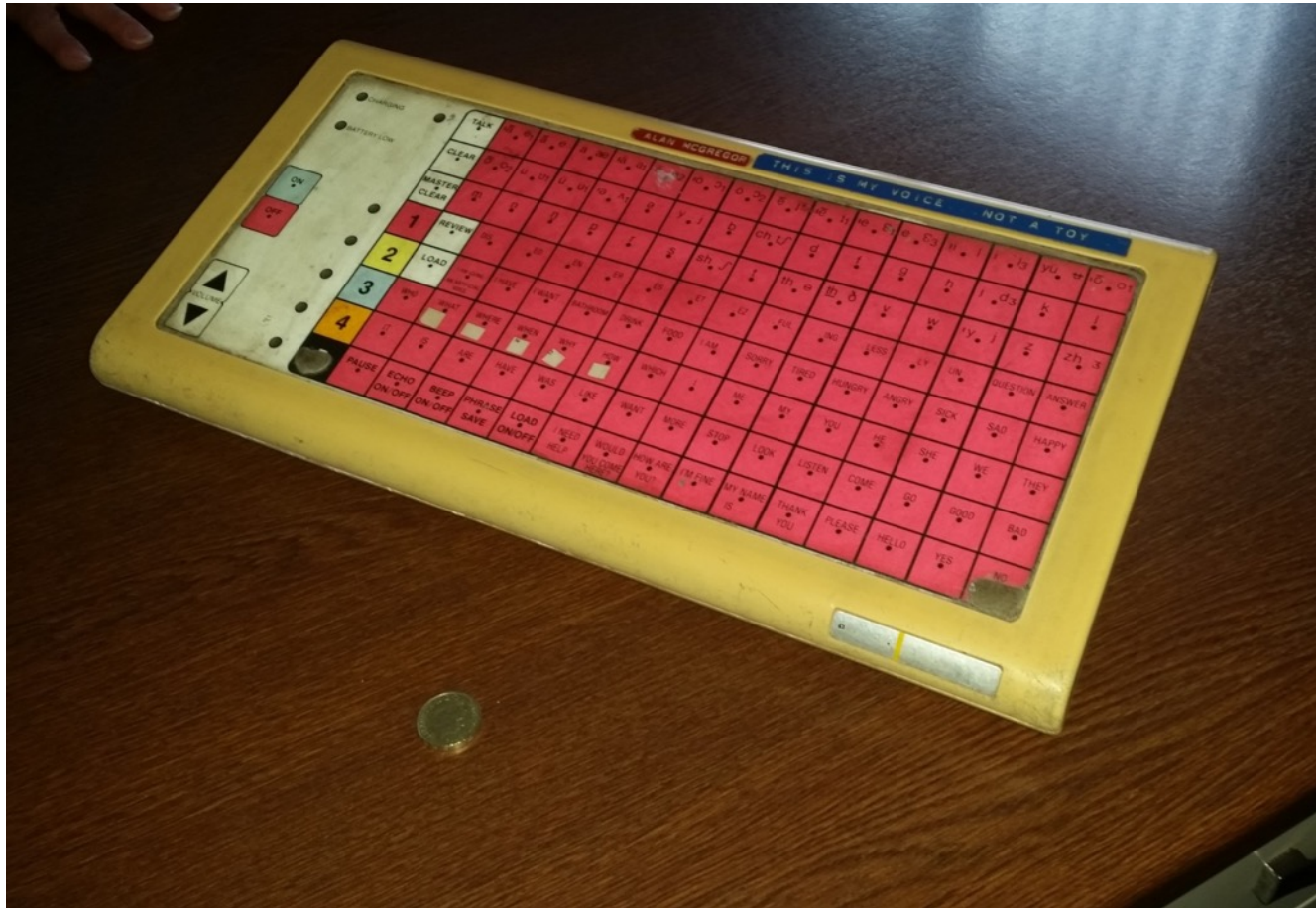
Technology



- New AAC Software
- Improved but still too slow
- Mobile Phones for communication
- Communication Rate still less than 10/min



VOIS 135



- Started with AAC Hardware in 1986
- Phonic Ear Voice 135
- Enabled me to speak on the phone
- Sounds, words and phrases

Laptop



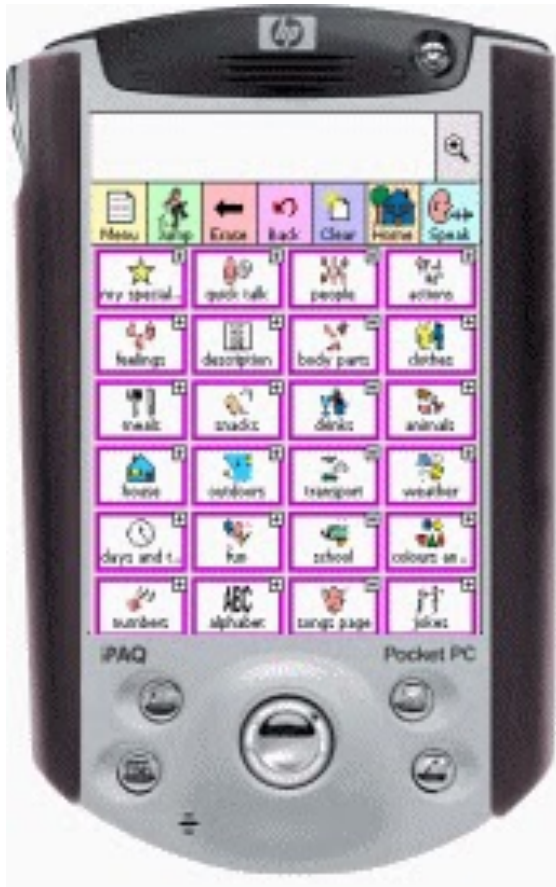
- First Laptop in 1990
- Software for words or sentences
- Had Speech Output
- Helped me with reading and writing

Predictive text



- PAL Software
- Predictive Text
- Faster Communication than before

Dream



- Hand held computers
- Enkidu & Say-it-Sam
- Not enough Dexterity

iPad and Wordboard



- iPad, Size and Functionality
- A3 Word Card, More Interactive
- iPad in the car and on the phone
- Wordcard better for face to face communication

Paper

Intensity	Bliss symbol	metaphor	similar sound	No		belongs	and	also	with	opposite meaning	part of	where	combine	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M		
hello	if	I me my	you	girlfriend	story	news	to walk	go	to ask	a, an	opposite	different	number	
goodbye	or	he him	she her	past	present	future	to come	in out	to see	this	good	new	lonely	
please	at	we	us they them	did done	to do	will do	to work		to see		young	happy	sad	
thanks	but	person	if	was were	to be is are	will be	to read		to hear	that	quick	funny	upset	
you're welcome	because	,am	woman	had	to have	will have	to play	to say tell		all	difficult	attractive	angry	
sorry	maybe	husband	wife	be able can	to make	not	to fight	to touch	each	pretend	excited	mean cruel		
purpose	nonsense	father	mother	to like	to want	to sleep	to swim	about of	by of	special	lucky	afraid		
answer	cousin	brother	sister	to kiss	to let allow	to push	to hide	towards to	from	correct	proud	sick		
question	relative	boy	girl	to love	to feel	to wash bathe	to stand	before front	after behind	interesting	safe	alone		
who	baby	grandfather	grandmother	to laugh	to need	to dress	to sit	in inside	out outside	big	little	broken		
what	child	uncle	aunt	to lease	to buy	to change	to kneel	for	on	long	heavy	dead		
why	teenager	friend	family	to cry	to give	to grow	to put	up	down	thick fat	soft	wet		
where	adult	teacher	therapist	to think	to get receive	to marry	to carry	here	there	for	open	hot		
when	square	student	doctor	to know	to keep safe	to surprise	to end	stop	forward	again	Full	dirty	loud	
which	circle	nurse	dentist	to learn	to catch	to cut	to help	under	much many	Strong	expensive	early		
much many	triangle	police officer	worker	to guess	to find	to cook	to try	between	enough	More	wrong	late		
Descr. Eval	plural indicator	thing indicator	same equal	similar	to choose	to glue or stick	to wish	around	too much	most	left	right		
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	cheesed off		
colour	green	white	blue	orange	brown	yellow	purple	pink	black	red	Z	lousey		
arm	zero	one 1	two 2	three 3	four 4	five 5	six 6	seven 7	eight 8	nine 9	ten 10	crap		
ear	food	software	pen pencil	clothing	McKinnon Centre	table	house	disco	picture	full-stop	comma	fed up		
eye	drink	game	paper page	dress	wheelchair	chair	school	animal	God	day	morning	problem		
mouth	toiler	ball	book	trousers	car ToyotaRAV4	bed	hospital	pet	sun	night	afternoon	disabled		
nose	medicine	thing	workbook	shirt blouse	bus	light	shop	bird	moon	yesterday	time	pathetic		
teeth	milk	tool	letter	coat sweater	taxi	television	shopping centre	fish	star	today	hour	miserable		
hand	bread	utensil	parcel	underwear	train	telephone	money	insect	weather	tomorrow	minute	worry		
leg	soup	handle, switch	blissymbol	socks stockings	tricycle	electricity	show place/theatre	tree	rain	holiday	birthday	weird		
foot	meat	scissors	word	shoes	aeroplane	room	garage petrol	flower	cloud	week-end	Christmas			
head	cheese	needle	band	pocket	boat ship	door	street	grass	snow	week	Sunday	<u>DRINKS</u>	non-alcoholic	
hair	egg	container	Midi / CU base	accessory	lift	window	city	seed	ice	month	Monday	coke	beer	
body	greens	bush	keyboard	towel	outing	floor	country state	hill	thunder	year	Tuesday	orange	lager	
pain	fruit	machine	radio	metal	gathering	wall	garden	earth	sky	spring	Wednesday	tea	wine	
name	dessert	computer	music	plastic	hobby	cupboard	countryside	air	wind	summer	Thursday	milk	Miller	
protection	meal	noticeboard	Disk CD	glass	sport	stairs	park	lake	water liquid	autumn	Friday	Orange Breezer		
idea	treat	desk	tape recorder	cloth	gym	furniture	place	fire	rubbish	winter	Saturday			

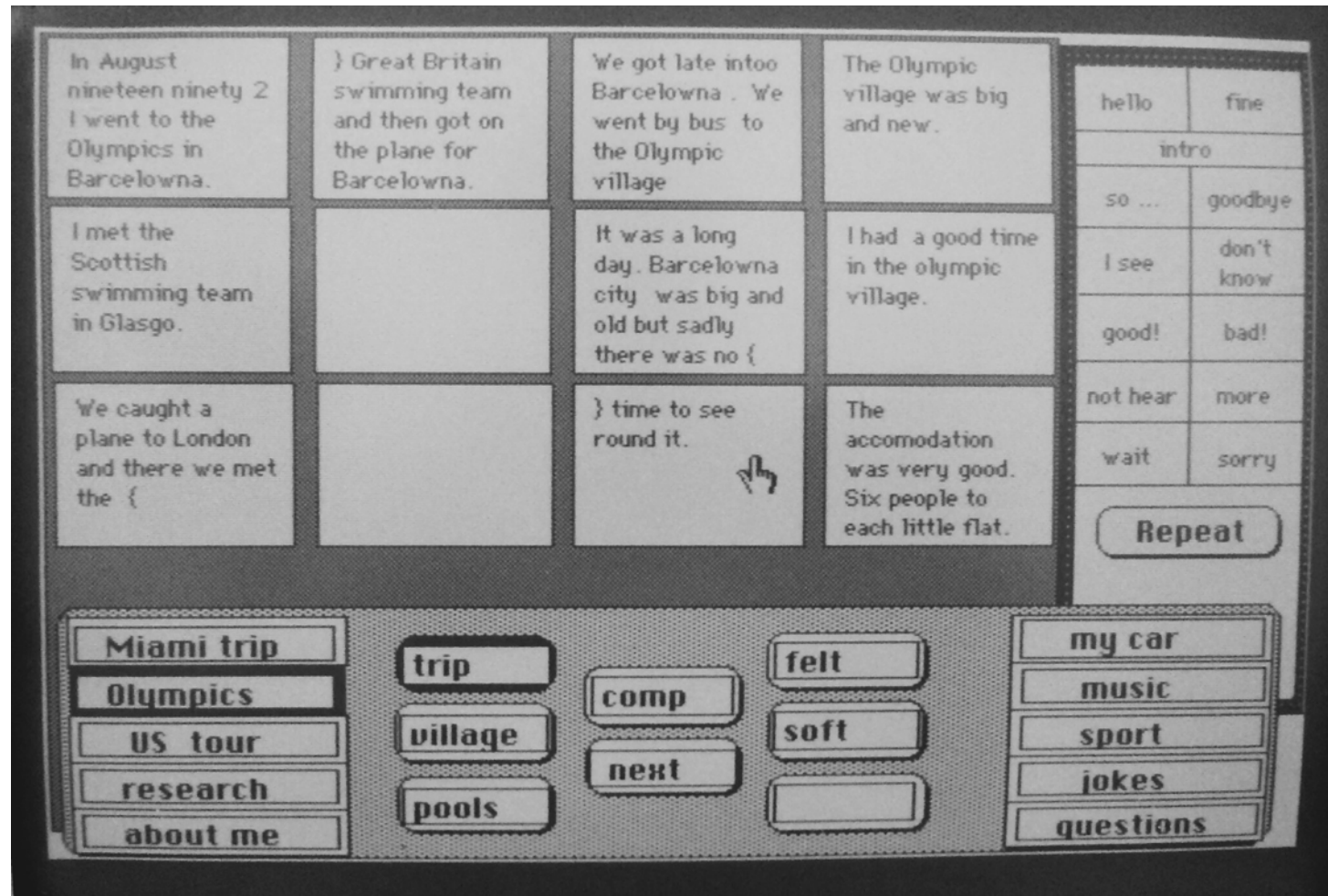
- 30 years on - still better with a sheet of paper

This is not what I wanted to say



- Individual Words
- No “train of thought”

Research: Floorgrabber



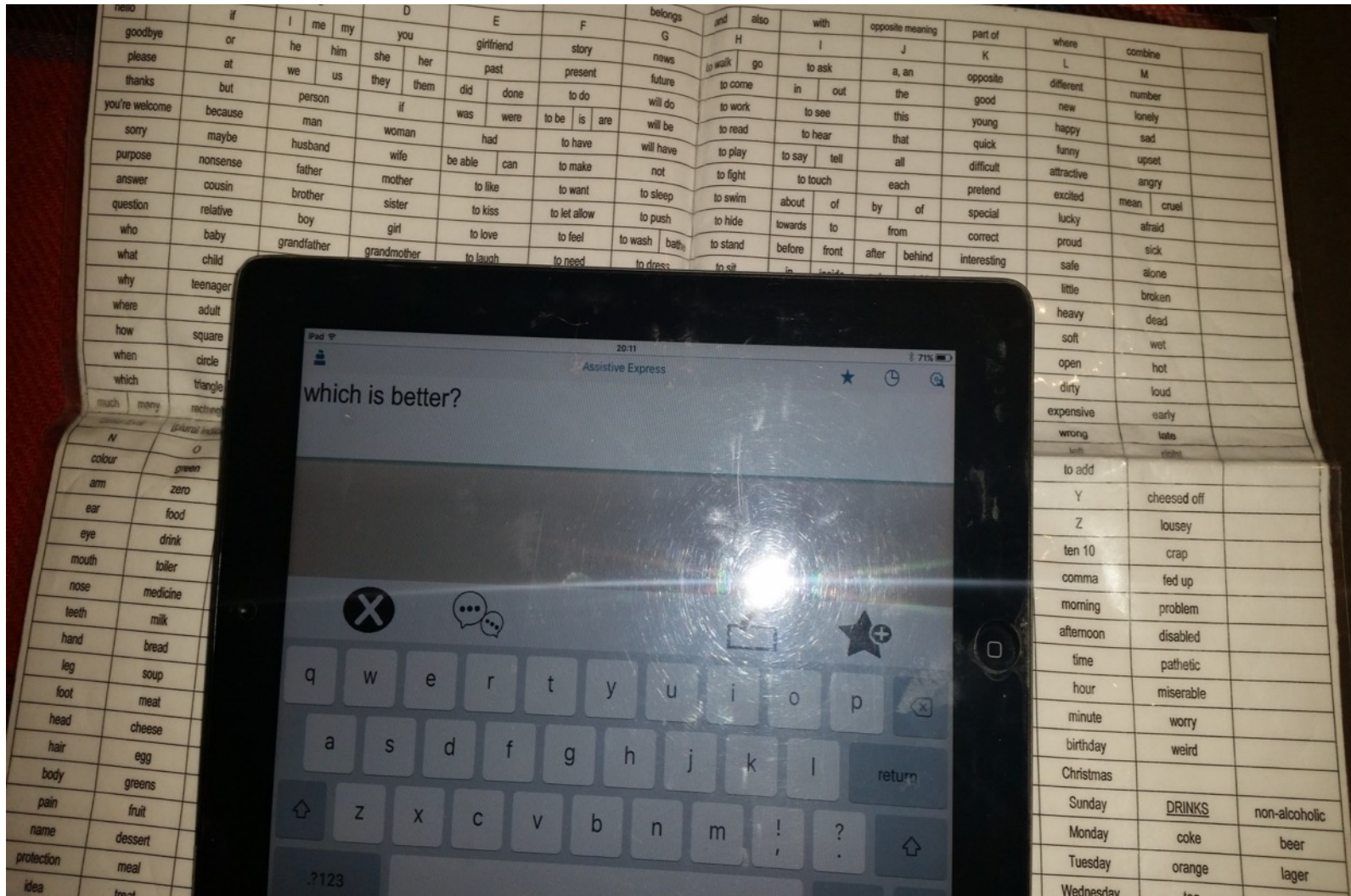
- Dr. Alm, Floorgrabber
- Follows the flow of a conversation.

Research: Chatting



- Whole phrases
- Required phrases to be pre-stored
- Searching for phrases

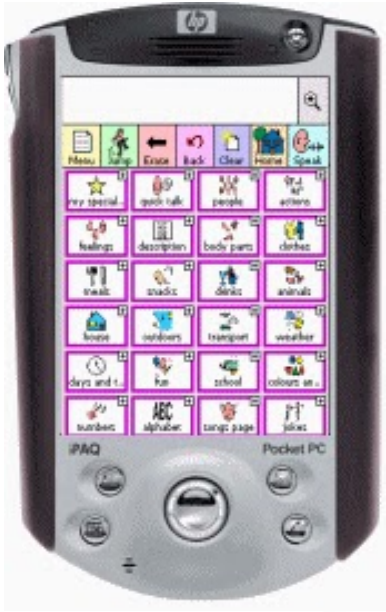
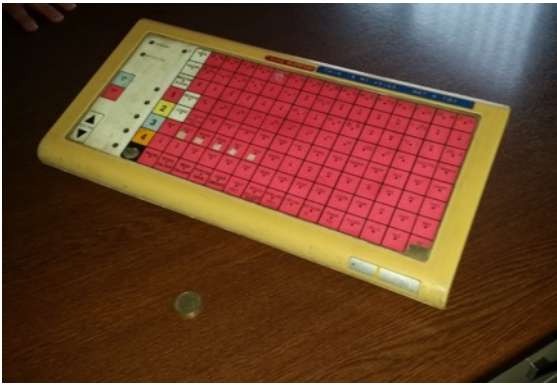
Experiment: Computer v Wordcard

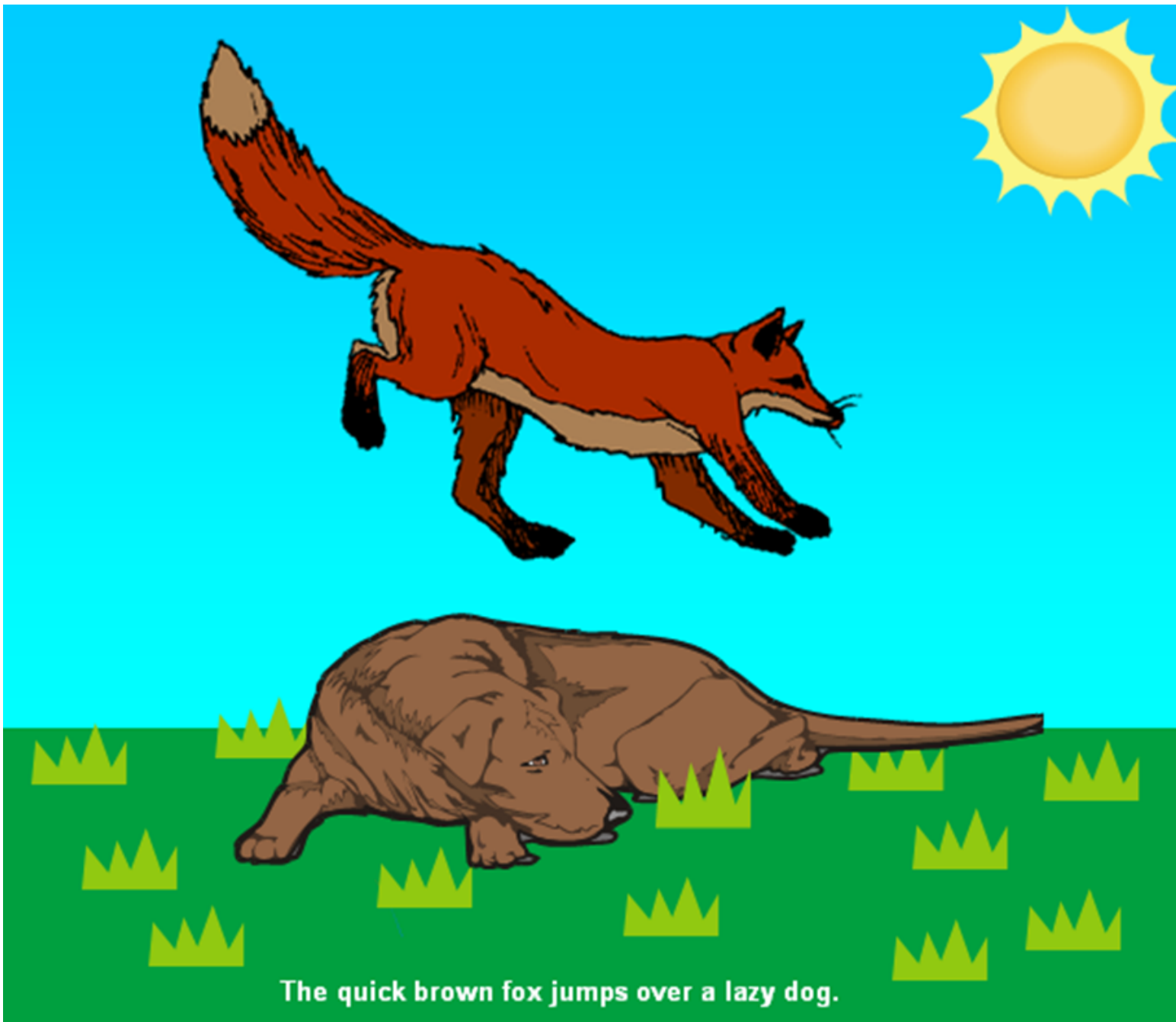


- Experiment using the wordcard and iPad



University of Dundee software testing





- The quick, brown fox jumped over the lazy, sleeping dog.
- 2 Minutes to create and “say” this sentence.
- Using predictive text.

ISAAC 16



- AAC is slow
- Software not intuitive
- Cannot be just used but needs to be learned



Straight Talking Group



- Discuss ideas and assess individual needs
- Meet in Computing at Dundee University



- Technology hasn't enabled us to communicate any faster.

My idea



- Ultimate Software
- Ability to search online to create accurate response.
- More similar to how a conversation actually works

iPhone



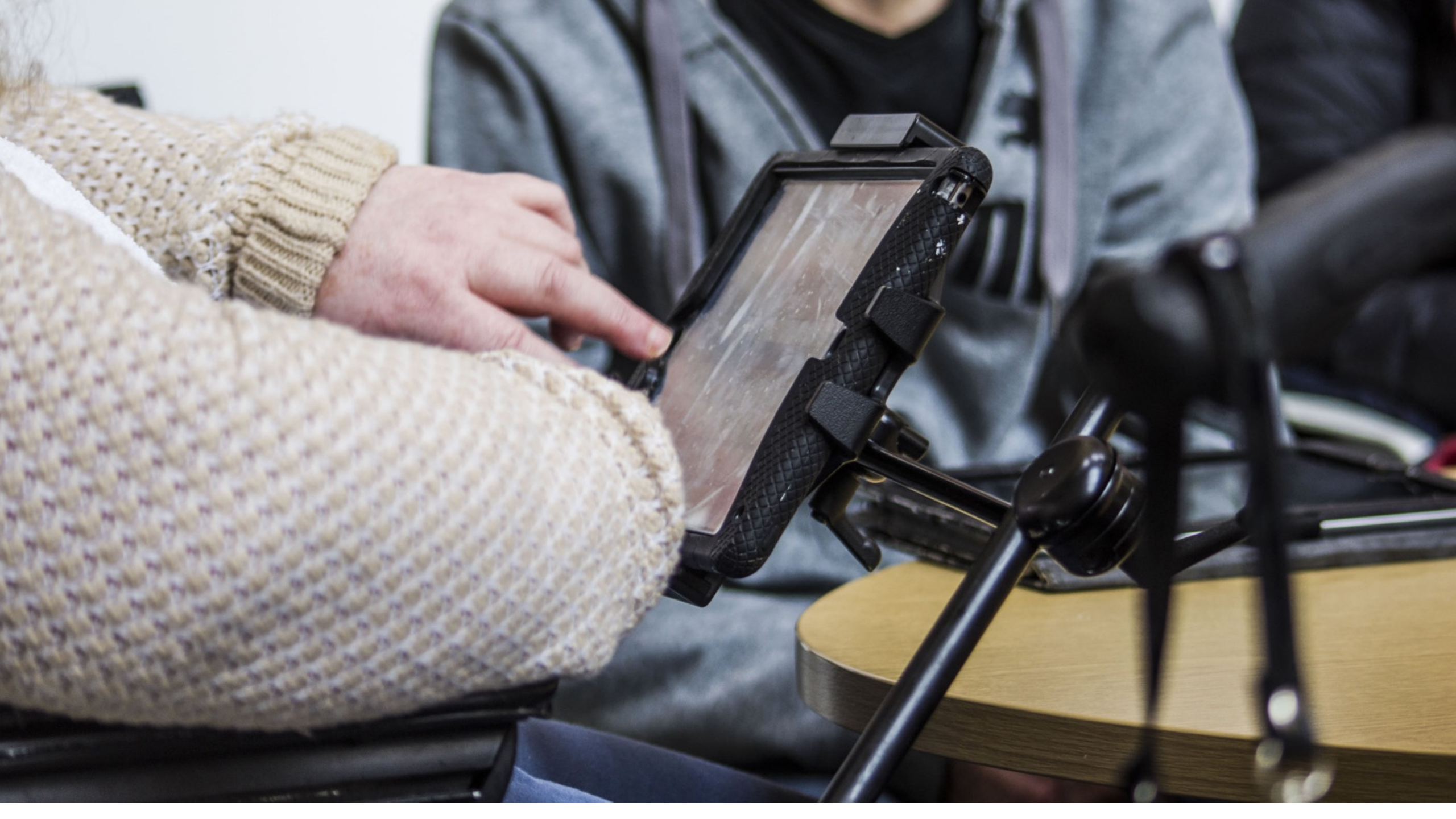
- Siri as an AAC application.
- Access other information on your smartphone to create a suggested response.



- Adapt this to work in a conversational setting?



<http://aac.dundee.ac.uk/ace-lp/>



Thank you.

Any questions?