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Communicator 5

Communicator 5 is a Windows based software for communication, environmental controls, leisure and learning. Communicator 5 has its own inbuilt accessibility settings for eye gaze. It is also touchscreen, mouse and keyboard, and switch accessible and therefore activities can also be accessed by students needing different access methods. There are a range of pre-made page sets within Communicator 5 and further pre-made activities can be downloaded online through Pageset Central by creating a free myTobiiDynavox account. Pages with Communicator 5 can also be developed from scratch. Both pre-made activities and newly developed activities can be highly customised to suit each student's learning and access needs.

Communicator 5 does not require the internet to work. You do however require an internet connection to search and download activities from myTobiiDynavox. Only single user licenses can be purchased for Communicator 5. A free 30 day trial is available.

This resource references the Unlocking Abilities key levels which provide a framework for evaluating a student's eye gaze skills. More information on Keys to Developing Eye Gaze skills can be found here: www.indigosolutions.org.au/.../engaging-in-eye-gaze

The following are examples of activities to suit the different Western Australian Curriculum areas:

English

Activity	Description	Suited to Eye Gaze Skills Monitoring Sheet	WA Curriculum Content Descriptions
My Bookshelf My Bookshelf Book 1 Book 2 Book 3 Book 6 Dook 4 Book 5 Book 6 Dook 6 Dook 6	A template that allows for the creation of 6 books. Students can turn pages, control the volume and comment on the book when reading.	Key 3B: Dwelling	ACELA1786a ACELT1785a ACELY1648a
Eye control 7x6 Thomas Transit Control 7x6 Thomas Transi	ABC keyboard for text communication. Additional punctuation and keyboard functions on a linked page to allow for larger cell size. Three word prediction cells.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACELY1651 ACELY 1651d ACELY1654



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q w e r t c a s d f g same	QWERTY keyboard that splits alphabet across two pages. Includes four word prediction cells. Additional punctuation and keyboard functions on a linked page to allow for larger cell size.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACELY1651 ACELY 1651d ACELY1654
Large Keys South Stategoor Pleases Abc de kimno uvwxy '&-;: del construction (gas talk 123 /@ Abc Large Keys Stategoor Stategoor South So	ABC 2-hit keyboard with larger cells and grouped letters. User selects a group of letters which are then enlarged, for them to select the letter they want. Features include: word prediction, pre-stored phrases, quick talk	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACELY1651 ACELY 1651d ACELY1654
Tar Heel Reader Onscreen Toolbar by Cha Cullen	Allows students to navigate books on the Tar Heel Reader website. Incudes controls for 'next/previous page', 'read the book again' 'choose another book' 'play/pause eye gaze' and 'return to home'.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACELA1433c

Mathematics

Activity	Description	Suited to Eye Gaze Skills Monitoring Sheet	WA Curriculum Content Descriptions
Dice: Dots/Numbers/Colours	Look at the dice to 'roll' a number. This page set can be found in the 'Emerging Communication' 'Simple Selection' page sets category.	Key 3B: Dwelling	ACMNA004b



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Dice with Math 2 + 2 = 4 Press the dice to see and hear the number Est	Students can roll the dice, hear the numbers and are exposed to simple addition.	Key 3B: Dwelling	ACMNA0040
Matching Games.	Students are presented with 6 items and are required to sort them into matching pairs and are then rewarded with an image and sound. There are a range of different images provided e.g. fruit, ocean animals, wild animals and these can be changed to meet mathematics targets e.g. shapes, numbers. These page sets can be found in the 'Emerging Communication', 'Games' category.	Key 4B: Finding the Right One.	ACMMG009c
Calculator	A calculator with a variety of button functions positioned in the middle of the screen. Also available is a 5x7 button full screen calculator with the same functions.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACMNA057
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Health and Physical Education

Activity	Description	Suited to Eye Gaze Skills Monitoring Sheet	WA Curriculum Content Descriptions
Simon Says Simple	Direct peers or adult using this simple 2 cell Simon Says activity.	Key 3B: Dwelling	VCHPEP002 VCHPEP007 VCHPEM010

The Arts and Technologies

Activity	Description	Suited to Eye Gaze Skills Monitoring Sheet	WA Curriculum Content Descriptions
Jokes Question Answer	This simple page set allows students to tell jokes to the class.	Key 3B: Dwelling	ACAMAM054
Drumset	Play the drum kit to make music or contribute to a class band.	Key 3B: Dwelling	VCAMUE001 VCAMUP003 VCAMUP004 VCAMUR008



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Piano	Students looks at the piano keys to play the piano.	Key 3B: Dwelling	VCAMUE001 VCAMUP003 VCAMUP004 VCAMUR008
Xylophone	Student looks at the keys to play the xylophone.	Key 3B: Dwelling	VCAMUE001 VCAMUP003 VCAMUP004 VCAMUR008
Play a Song Play a Song	A simple page set that allows the student to play the merry-go- round theme song. Includes buttons to 'stop', 'play' and control the song volume. This page set could be edited to include a student's individual song preference or to accommodate access needs.	Key 4B: Finding the Right One	VCAMUE001 VCAMUP003 VCAMUP004 VCAMUR008
Play Songs Play Songs	A page set with 4 music song options (Merry-go- round, Cello, ABC and Pop) and room for 8 more. Each song page includes buttons to 'stop', 'play' and control the song volume. Customisable to student's song preferences and access needs.	Key 4A: Failure Free Choosing or 4B: Finding the Right One	VCAMUE001 VCAMUP003 VCAMUP004 VCAMUR008



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Video player - Elephants Video player - Elephants	Student can use the buttons to make the video play and control the volume. This page set can be found in the 'Emerging Communication' 'Videos' page sets category. There are also Video player page sets with Ballons, Day and Night, and Seasons videos.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	VCAMAP003
Camera	Take and view photos on the same page. Rear or front camera can be selected in 'settings'.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	VCAVAE005 VCAVAP007
Google Home by Karen Congram Google Home	A page set that allows students to use "Hey Google" Google Home commands to access music, TV shows, weather, and environmental controls. Customisable to a student's preferences and access needs.	Key 5: Independently Accessing a Range of Functional Activities	ACAMUM082 VCDTDS010



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	WA Curriculum Content Descriptions		
Curriculum Area	WA Curriculum	Content Descriptions	
English	ACELA1433c	Know that successive pages or images in a book or on a screen present a story in sequence	
	ACELY1654	Construct texts using software including word processing programs	
	ACELY1651	Create short texts to explore, record and report ideas and events using familiar words and beginning writing knowledge	
	ACELY1651d	Use symbols, letters and words to create a simple statement about an idea or event	
	ACELA1786a	Respond to images and words in text	
	ACELT1785a	Experience and respond to different types of literary texts in various modes	
	ACELY1648a	React to a variety of imaginative and informative texts.	
	ACELY1714	Plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts, choosing and experimenting with text structures, language features, images and digital resources appropriate to purpose and audience	
Mathematics	ACMMG009c	Match familiar two dimensional shapes and three dimensional objects.	
	ACMNA004b	Participates in everyday situations involving adding and taking away	
	ACMNA0040	Represent practical situations to model addition and sharing	
	ACMNA057	Represent and solve problems involving multiplication using efficient mental and written strategies and appropriate digital technologies	
Health and Physical	VCHPEP002	React as body parts are moved and named	
Education	VCHPEP007	Experience play activities	
	VCHPEM010	Experience regular physical activities and begin to develop an awareness of how different parts of the body move	







The Arts	VCAMUE001	Exposure to sound and silence and ways of using
and		voice, movement and/or instruments
Technologi	VCAMUP003	Be involved in music performances
es	VCAMUP004	Exposure to sound and silence and ways of using
		voice, movement and/or instruments
	VCAMUR008	Respond to own and others' music
	VCAMAP003	Experience the presentation of media artwork
	VCAVAE005	Explore materials to create visual artworks
	VCAVAP007	Create artworks in response to an idea or
		observation
	ACAMUM082	Use of symbols, pictures and movement and
		relevant technology to explore and share music
		ideas
	VCDTDS010	Carry out some key functions on digital
		systems (hardware and software
		components) to meet a purpose
	ACAMAM054	Exploration and experimentation of images, sounds
		and text to communicate ideas and tell stories.

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