

AAC Language Lab Stages Chart

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MORPHOLOGY (GRAMMAR):

Morphology is the study of morphemes. A morpheme is the smallest unit of meaning. A morpheme can be a single word, such as "it," but a single word can have multiple morphemes. The word "running" is composed of two morphemes: run + ing.

	Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three	Stage Four	Stage Five	Stage Six
Description	Talking with one word at a time	Talking with two and three word phrases	Building phrases and early sentences	Learning grammar and sentence structure	Using sentences and phrases with more grammar endings	Using correct grammar and syntax
Approx. Vocab. Size	up to 75 words	75 to 200 + words	200 to 1000 words	1000 to 2000 words	2000 to 3000 words	3000+ words
MLU-M Range	1	1.5 - 2.5	2.5 - 3.0	3.0 - 3.75	3.75 - 4.5	
MLU-M Mean	1	2	2.75	3.5	4	4.5+
Verbs			Present progressive: -ing verb ending Infinitive complement	Irregular past tense Imperatives Uncontractible copula: The full form of the verb 'to be' when it is the only verb in the sentence Past tense modals: could, should, would, must, might	Regular past tense: -ed verb ending Third Person regular present tense: -s verb ending Future tense: 'going to' and "will"	Third person irregular present tense Contractible copula: The shortened form of the verb 'to be' when it is the only verb in the sentence Auxilliary verb (form of 'to be') that cannot be contracted Auxilliary verb (form of 'to be') that is contracted
Plurals			Regular plural: -s ending			
Possessives				Possessive: -s ending		
Articles					A, the	An
Prepositions			In, on, under			
Pronouns	I, it	My, me, mine, you	She, he, yours, we	They, us, hers, his, them, her	It, our, him, ours, their, theirs, myself, yourself	Herself, himself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves Indefinite pronouns: anybody, everything, etc.

Adjectives		Size, temperature				
			Color, distance, quality			
					Comparative (-er) Superlative (-est)	
	The "Parts of Speech" Chart that is included in the Resources may provide useful information on organizational categories of adjectives.					
Adverbs			Place, number			
				Manner, purpose		
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Questions	What					
			Yes/no questions What, where			
				Who, when why, which, how Interrogative reversals		
					Tag questions: I like it, do you?	
					Negative interrogatives	
Conjunctions			And			
				But, or		
						Subordinating conjunctions: if, because, since, while
Negatives	No					
		Not				
			Don't			