



## Assistive Technology: Where do the iPad and iPod Touch fit in?

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iPad vs iPad2:	iPod Touch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: SAME \$499-\$829</li> <li>• iPad 2 is lighter and thinner at 1.3 lbs</li> <li>• More than 65,000 apps</li> <li>• A few may only be available for iPad 2</li> <li>• Front and back camera on iPad 2</li> <li>• Faster Processor on iPad 2</li> <li>• iPad2 thinner design</li> <li>• Front and rear HD cameras on iPad 2</li> <li>• 10 hours of battery life on iPad 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller size: can fit in pocket</li> <li>• Cost: \$299 to \$399</li> <li>• Many of the apps will work on both iPod Touch and iPad</li> <li>• Front and rear camera on 4<sup>th</sup> Generation</li> </ul>

### iPads vs. Dedicated AAC Devices:

- **Durability:** iPads and iPod Touches are not as durable as dedicated communication devices. There are cases that can protect the device, but they are not meant to be treated as roughly as the dedicated devices are designed to be.
- **Product Support:** Dedicated speech devices are backed by customer support available to help with programming needs and product questions. Designers of apps do not often provide the same level of support.
- **Funding:** Because iPads and iPods are not considered durable medical equipment, insurance companies will not fund these devices, even if they are being used for speech support.
- **Access:** Touch screens on the iPads and iPod Touches are sensitive and cannot be altered for different touch patterns in the settings on the device. Some apps are offering options for acceptance rates and switch scanning, but none can yet offer a keyguard to help increase accuracy rates. Without a keyguard, many will people will make miss-hits where a knuckle or hand comes in contact with the touch



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screen before the intended finger. This causes miscommunications and frustrations.

## **Communication Apps:**

### **Proloquo2Go: \$189.99**

- Natural Sounding Text to Speech Voices
- A vocabulary of over 7000 words
- Can be used on iPod Touch, iPhone and iPad

### **Speak it!: \$1.99**

- Text to Speech
- Type message, then press “Speak it” to speak

### **Tap to Talk:**

- Create AAC Albums on their website
- Works on multiple platforms: iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone, computer, Droid, Nintendo DS
- App is free without customization, \$100/year subscription to be able to customize

### **TouchChat HD:**

- \$149.99 for full, \$9.99 for lite version-demo version
- Page sets and visual scenes. Can share on iShare
- 8 built in vocabularies, can create and customize more
- Picture Scenes are available in some of the vocabularies
- 15 Child location

### **Verbally: FREE**

- 2 voices
- Keyboard
- Core words and phrases, not customizable

### **TapSpeak Button:**

- \$14.99 for iPod version
- \$49.99 for iPad version-includes Mayer Johnson library of 4500 symbols
- Can save several messages, can play one at a time

### **TapSpeak Choice for iPad: \$99.99**

- Text to speech or recorded voice
- Completely customizable
- Mayer-Johnson symbols
- Switch scanning available!

### **TapSpeak Sequence:**

- Does not include Mayer-Johnson Library-additional cost of \$24.99
- Unlimited number of sequences
- Text to speech or recorded voice
- Use one “switch” to say a number of sequenced phrases

### **SoundingBoard by AbleNet: \$49.99**



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- Customizable templates
- Can import photos
- Record voice, not text to speech
- iPod Touch, iPhone, but can be used on iPad
- Will not rotate to landscape view
- Can import pictures
- Single switch accessible

## **Other communication related apps:**

### **iCommunicate: \$34.99**

- Storyboards and visual schedules
- Can print with new updates
- Can add pictures or use library
- Can use voices or record

### **Pictello: \$14.99**

- Talking photo albums and books
- Record voice or text to speech
- Can import photos
- Good for stories, schedules and tasks

## **iPad Accessories**

### **AMDi iAdapter Case: \$198**

- Built in Speaker
- Built in handle
- Rubberized Corners
- Screen Cover
- Home button hider!

### **Trident Kracken Case: \$31.95**

- Encased for protection
- Rubberized cover
- Screen protector
- Can withstand dropping and splashing
- Handles on the side and top

### **Otterbox Defender: \$80.95**

- Drop proof
- Built in Stand
- Screen shield

### **Pogo Stylus: \$8.99**

- Light but easy to lose
- Can help accuracy

### **Rocketfish iPad Stand: \$59.99**

- Lightweight
- Rotates
- Great for hands-free use

### **LCD Arms Cricket: \$39.00**

- Portable iPad Stand
- Durable and can fold up to travel

### **R.J. Cooper: at [www.rjcooper.com](http://www.rjcooper.com)**

- Carrying Case
- Bumper Case



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- iPad Stand
- Speaker
- iPad Head Pointer
- iPad Mounts
- Cordless Switch Interface

**FUN! Apps for... Writing...Reading... Puzzles... Geography... Math and numbers...Colors**

- Smarty Pants School-\$2.99
- iWriteWords-\$2.99
- Kids Math Lite-Free
- Stack the States/Countries-\$.99
- Dot to Dot-\$1.99
- Monkey Preschool Lunchbox-\$.99
- ASL Signs-\$4.99
- iSign Lite-Free
- First Words Deluxe-\$4.99
- Typing Jr-\$.99
- Virtuoso Piano-Free
- iReward Chart-\$3.99
- Disney Books-\$3.99-8.99
- Smart Hands Lite-Free
- US Puzzle Map-\$1.99
- Grover Monster At the End of This Book-\$3.99
- Color Slapps-Free
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