

>> Welcome to Closing the Gap solutions.

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introducing PRC's new software,

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>> Hello and welcome to the Ready to Empower webinar.

Certainly I'd like to thank Closing the Gap for providing this opportunity,

and I would like to thank you all on the line for joining us today.

At PRC, we are very excited to have launched a new software option called Empower.

Next picture, the slides are changing.

I think I need to share my screen.

There we go.

Excellent. Russell Cross and I are going to be co-presenting today.

We both work on the PRC product development team at PRC-Salttillo.

Please know we are full-time salaried employees of PRC.

In addition, PRC is 100 percent employee owned,

so we are partial owners of the company.

Both Russell and I are ASHA members as well as SIG 12th and ISAAC members.

Combined, we are approaching 50 years of experience in the field,

would say yikes to that.

Just a little bit about your go-to training webinar panel.

This is what a typical day looks like for Russell and I.

You see him here on the left and myself in the middle,

we have Jane Odem to the right.

Certainly we spend a lot of our time in

online meetings given that I am a remote employee,
sometimes we prefer to dress down.

Other times well, we prefer to dress in costume, so there we are.

If you're unfamiliar with the GoToWebinar control panel,
you will see on the screen where you can ask a question,
as well as download the handout.

We do have Kim King on the line from PRC with us as well.

She will be managing chat for the first 45 minutes,
and then she does have to run.

After that, Russell and I will fill the questions at the end.

Please know if that we don't get to your questions,
we will contact you offline.

Let's briefly cover some learning outcomes for today.

After today, participants will be able to describe Empower,
name three vocabularies available in Empower,
name four access methods that the software supports,
as well as find common settings in the Toolbox.

How will we accomplish all of this today.

First, we'll talk about the big picture and the details,
so we'll be covering what is Empower,
who might use it and

then some frequently asked questions that we've been getting from the field.

At that point, I am going to turn the audio over to Russell and
he is going to take us on an overview of the new Toolbox.

We will show you a quick ten-minute setup in Empower,
talk about how we can edit a vocabulary in Empower.

So you'll take a look at the new editor,

and then also you'll see how Vocabulary Builder,
this great tool that hopefully you know and love from PRC
has been re-imagined a bit in Empower.

Let's talk a little bit about the big picture and the details.

What is Empower.

Empower is PRC's new communication software for the accent line of products.

It is certainly quick,

simple and easy to use.

It has a new, clean, modern interface.

What we're finding is that things that you do the most are easy to learn,
as well as easy to teach.

What is also exciting and new for us here at PRC is
that empower was created via Agile Software Development.

That means that we can be more responsive to requests from the field,
as well as provide more regular fixes and features.

Empower is designed to do just that, to empower.

Empower therapists, family members and others to help their clients or loved ones,
and also to support that individual,
as well as to empower individuals who use AAC to achieve their potential.

Who might use Empower.

Empower is launched and it's intended for the first group of users,
our new clients in North America,
including Canada, so that's where it is available.

It is also clients who want to use the unity language system.

LAMP Words for Life or LAMP Word for Life-VI,
which is our version of LAMP Words for Life,
authored specifically for the visually impaired.

So those are the three language organizations that are available for Empower.

When we're talking about access methods or how we can

make a selection on that screen with the words and the communication that we want to,

Empower supports the following access methods.

Touch with or without a keyguard.

So certainly someone can touch the screen with a finger or toe,

a head stick, a stylus with or without a keyguard.

Head tracking, so here you'll see the Accent 1000.

Head tracking is supported on the 800,

the 1000 and the 1400.

This is where an individual may place a silver dot between

their eyes or on a set of glasses or on the brim of a hat.

Then their head, the movement of their head will control the cursor on the screen,

so Empower supports head tracking.

The other thing it supports is eye tracking.

This is our new eye tracking module called Look.

An eye tracking is where your eyes are controlling the cursor on the screen,

and that's how you're going to be making selections.

Then the final access methods supported with Empower is one and two Switch Scanning.

You can plug either a single switch or two switches into 2-switch step scanning,

which I find to be a popular method of scanning.

A scan box will advance across the screen,

and when you get to what you want,

you're going to make that selection.

When Empower was designed,

it was designed to support all of these access methods,

making it really robust,
customizable and powerful for our clients.

Before we take a look at Empower,

I would like to cover

some just brief FAQs that have been surfacing as we've launched the product.

One question is, when can I start trialing Empower on an Accent.

The answer is, now.

If you're looking for a demonstration of the software,
please contact your regional consultant.

Kim, if you could chat out the link to locating your regional consultant,
you go to this website, you type in your zip code and
you can find your regional person to support you.

The other thing that I would encourage you to do
is download the demo version of the software.

Actually, I think I have our website queued up.

Let me head over there for a brief minute and

I'll show you where this is and Kim can also chat out the link.

When you're on our PRC website, which is prentrom.com,

you can head to the PRC Advantage tab and then head to Try Empower.

On this site, you'll going to need to do two things.

To get the demo version of Empower.

First, you're going to download the software onto your computer.

Here is the link to download the software.

Once you have downloaded the demo version of Empower,

please note that you get a free access to a voice for 30 days.

After that, the voice will turn off,

but the software will continue to function.

So you're going to download the demo version.

The other thing you need to do is fill out the short form here on the right-hand side.

Enter your name, your last name and the e-mail address and hit "Submit" At that point,

you will receive an e-mail from us.

In that e-mail is an activation code.

Once you get the software downloaded and launched,

you'll see a box to enter the activation code.

Once you have the software activated,

it will be yours to use,

tryout and play around with.

That is exciting and available to you right now.

So you can experience the software right after we're done with the webinar today.

We head back to our FAQs.

Next FAQ, what about new voice.

NuVoice has been our communication device engine for a very long time.

It is the software that has run on the Accent line of products for many, many years now.

I want folks to know that it will continue to ship on

every new Accent and will be supported for many years to come.

Currently available in NuVoice is Unity, LAMP Words for Life,

LAMP Words for Life-VI, CoreScanner, UNIDAD,

LAMP Words for Life, Spanish, English,

Essence, WordPower and Picture WordPower.

So if you're someone on the line and you're thinking maybe about a client

who is going to be using this CoreScanner program for that client,

you would choose NuVoice,

or maybe you're working with a patient with

ALS and you want to try out the Essence program,
that would also be run in NuVoice.

Because currently, remember with Empower,
it's currently shipping with Unity,

LAMP Words for Life and LAMP Words for life-VI.

NuVoice, we are continuing to maintain it,
as well as support it certainly for many years to come.

Then finally, I think this is our last FAQ we have.

If my client already has an Accent,
can they get Empower.

Certainly, we are excited for our existing clients to gain access to Empower.

However, we are still working on the transition process from NuVoice to Empower.

Right now, we don't have the capability yet to transfer file from NuVoice into
Empower.

We intend to roll out this software to existing customers,
those who have Accent 1400s,

Accent 1000-20/30 model and the 800-20/30 model.

Once we can provide that good quality transition experience,
when that transition experience is ready,
certainly we will make an announcement.

At that time, we will provide access to our Empower software free of charge.

So we will let you know when we're ready to do that.

All right. With that,

I'm going to turn the microphone over to Russell and he is
going to be taking us on a tour of the new Toolbox.

[OVERLAPPING] Of course. Thanks, Russell.

>> I'm there. Thanks a lot.

Just in the interest of being sort of the person who likes things to be linguistically accurate, I should say that we call this the new Toolbox.

If you're familiar with PRC product, it is in fact the new Toolbox.

But for those of you who are not familiar, it's just the Toolbox.

>> Correct. [LAUGHTER]

>> We're going to be taking you through this.

For some of you, this will be a big change from what you're used to.

For others, I think you'll find that it's a relatively simple experience to go through.

If we are looking at our device, we can click on a button, which called the Menu button and we go over, just on the side of the exit,

You see we have exit over there on the right, and you click it, the button called Toolbox.

This is where you're going to be setting things up and changing the parameters.

As you look at it there,

the general look and feel is based around having over on the left-hand side, we have some little tabs that go down to side, we only have four tabs, and then over on the right we have some big tiles.

The whole notion here is to simplify the way in which people get into this.

Visually it looks much different from our older toolbox.

Again, we spent a lot of time working with folks in the world of user interfaces in order to try and get something that was much more modern and more easy to find your way through.

You'll see that when we look here, the user settings,
we've got these six different tiles in here.

Obviously, the first one there, access method,
you will see that this is where we would go in and we could
change to a different type of method as Carol mentioned earlier.

What you'll also notice on there,
just under the little icon in the middle,
it just tell you where you are so we know we don't touch here,
and if we change, that's going to change,
so if you just glance in here,
you'll always be able to see which is your current method.

The voice tile is clearly where you would go in and change the voices.

We have a number of different voices available within here,
both male, female and children.

Once again, this is where you will go in and choose both your main voice,
your speaking voice and prompt voice if you're using auditory prompting of some
sort.

Then we have what's called a message window and the multi-bar.

The message window, no surprise there is actually
the big window at the top of the screen where your messages appear.

You can make changes to that,

you can change the color of it,

you can change the font,

the size of the font, color of the font,

there's a number of different ways that you can make this look different.

The multi-bar is just a little bar underneath that text area where

you will see feedback about things such as what your current access method is,

volume, information about the status of your device.

The users button, and we'll show you this in a demo very shortly,
is where you actually setup an individual client.

You'll probably find the first time you get this software,
you're going to set yourself up with the person and that'll be all yours, user,
you'll set this up and then all the changes you make will apply to it.

But in some situations you may need to have more than one user.

Certainly if you're at the center for evaluations and assessment,
you might find that you're having to setup others,
but everything is handled through that one tile.

The cursor and button feedback is where you will change the way that things look
and

the way that things sound when you actually touch buttons
or press things on the device or activate things on the device.

There are different ways that you can have your cursor act on your device to sound.

The restrictions is exactly what it says,
it's to let you manage what is and isn't accessible.

You'll have noticed at the beginning when Carol demonstrated,
we hit that button called "Menu".

Clearly you may not want your plant to be able to do that,
and this is exactly the place where you would go in and lock out that menu.

You can stop that menu key from working.

If we go into the vocabulary,
we notice the first one there is the selective vocabulary.

As Carol said, we have a number already in there,
and you'll notice that it also tells us what the current vocabulary is, unity 28 1-Hit.

The next one is the vocabulary builder,

and that's a feature of PRC devices.

We'll come back to that,

again, a little later.

This will tell you whether it's on or off.

Settings and preferences is where you're going

to spend a fair amount of time just changing,

again, a lot of the look and feel and action of the vocabulary there.

If you want to change the colors that are on your display, you can,

if you want to change what happens when a key is blank, you can,

if you want to have labels on there,

even if you want to use alternative symbols,

everything goes through the settings and preferences there.

Then the big button right at the right is

the editor and that's where we're going to spend a little time later.

This is where you are going to do all the changes to your system.

The page manager, like any device,

allows you to go in and look at

individual pages and make changes to them or create new ones.

The keyboards and word prediction

is where you can go in and handle the different keyboards.

We actually have a set of different keyboards that you

might want to use depending on your plants accessibility.

Also, if you want to change or edit word prediction features, that will be in there.

Finally, the data analysis,

for those of you who are regular users of data logging within devices,

that feature is still within our devices,

you could also use that data there to load into the realized language system,

which is a different discussion.

>> But dear and dear to your heart, Russell.

>> Dear and dear to my heart. That's my favorite button in the whole device, I think.

>> Russell is the code developer of realized language.

He pays close attention to that tile.

>> That's my favorite tile.

The system settings are really where

you do some of the more global features of the device.

Clearly, the volume setting,

right there is self-explanatory.

Devices and connections is where you're going to go in and do

things like change switches and ultimately Wi-Fi,

bluetooth, any of these connective ways,

you can connect the device,

we can set them up there.

Export and import, is where you will be able

to take your current vocabulary and export it to a file,

or alternatively, take a file that's already outside the machine and import it in.

This ability to import and export is very useful,

and again, a common feature of any device out there.

The updates button, and you'll look on there that carries device says,

Current Version 1.1 2019-01-18 Beta.

All that that does there is just to tell you what your current version is,

and you can always click on that button

there to check to see if there are software updates.

Part of the process that we're now looking at with the new software enables us

actually to do software updates much more frequently if need be.

This is where you'll find that you can update your software.

Date and time, fairly obviously no need to spend a lot of time on that one.

Then power settings is where you would go in to

decide when will the device shut down or go to sleep.

If you need to actually do a restart of the device or even shut it down,

those features are in the power settings here.

>> A good one in here too,

is you can designate what the mechanical power button does on the device.

So if you have working with an individual who is maybe repeatedly turning it on and off,

you can set that mechanical button to do nothing actually,

and the device will just stay on.

That's a helpful one in there.

>> Absolutely yes. Then the support and system

options is where we couldn't fit anything else.

[LAUGHTER] That's not true at all

>> The catch-all.

>> The catch-all. But no.

This is just some of those very odd things that

you actually will probably not do very often.

If you have a device that is not integrated,

so you have a device that you can't use to access the internet,

but then you get the upgrade feature to get it integrated,

this is where you would turn it on or turn it off.

If you have to restore the whole system, you do it here.

If you're active after activate Windows,

which again hopefully you never have to do, you do that here.

This is really a location that we think people will use incredibly rarely, but they have to be in there typically for either support or fixing of the device.

If you call service,

they may want you to pop in here to look at stuff.

Then finally, the interesting one we have here is applications, plural, but we only have one at the moment.

But another new feature that we have with this software is the ability to access applications which are in a sense very separate from what it is.

What this will do here is open up the Timocco apps.

But what you will find over time is we'll start adding new features in here.

Currently we're working on a web browser.

You could go into here,

click on a button that says "Web browser" and suddenly you'll have all the features of web browser and everything is integrated in that spot.

Currently with PRC devices,

you find everything is bundled in with a particular vocabulary.

Actually, what we'll be able to do is offer people

side apps that would do something different and they'll sit in this location here.

>> Yes. Excellent. I think with that,

that was a great tour of the toolbox,

we are going to switch gears and Russell is going take us through a 10 minute setup.

I am going to now toggle over to our Empower software.

When I did my audio test,

I am going to share with you one minute,

I'm going to start at the top from user because that's where I want everybody to experience because when you first download this trial version of the software,

you enter your activation key,
you're going to end up on the screen,
so this is where I want to start.

>> What we're going to do here is,

we're going to take you through a demo of maybe a client with a particular need.

We're thinking here of a pediatric client who's going to be using head tracking.

You would go into here and you set up your new user,

so Carol is just going to set up now a new user.

Click, type in a username, there we go.

We'll call this user Liz.

Finished here, and we've got that.

I'm going to click "Next," and now we need to select a vocabulary.

For this example, we're going to say this is, like Russell said,

a pediatric client using head tracking.

We're thinking unity, this particular client,

maybe it's an emerging communicator and just needs some larger keys

and some real early access to vocabulary and communication.

I'm going to head into the unity tile and then use

just our arrows here to load in our unity 28 1-Hit.

Select "Choose". I can see that that's good,

and now, I will select "Finished".

Whoops, my Liz username already exists.

Okay. We'll try.

>> Clearly we've practiced this before.

[LAUGHTER]

>> Yeah, [LAUGHTER] exactly.

Let's try LizA..

Okay. We'll try another area here.

Here we go. Excellent, here we go.

As you can see on the screen,

we have my original area called test,

which you can certainly delete if you need to and then your new user has been developed.

Like Russell was saying earlier,

I could see if you are one individual using the software,

you're probably only going to have one user.

So LizA this is her device and she's just going to have one user.

However, maybe you're an evaluation center and you're on the line,

I could foresee maybe folks setting up a user may be for

pediatric autism or pediatric eye gaze or pediatric head tracking.

You'll have some of your favorite language organizations pre-loaded,

your favorite settings pre-loaded,

maybe even some of your favorite customizations already done.

You have a client coming in, you can get ready and that's

how I'm thinking folks might use this user area,

but certainly time will show that as well.

I'm going to head into our user now.

There we go. Once that loads,

you'll see that we have our unity 21 here,

I've got 20 keys on the screen,

one hit and I know that my core vocabulary is going to speak immediately.

Typically when I think about setting up a device in general,

I need to pick my vocabulary, which we just did.

The next thing that folks typically do is set the voice.

Once again, when I select the menu key,
you'll see a bar here,
this quick menu pops out,
this is what we're calling our quick menu.

The quick menu has quick access to some things,
one being the editor and two being vocabulary builder.

I feel like these are really popular features that
folks use and we wanted to give you shortcuts to them.

There's a go to home key if the system is unlocked or integrated,
you have access to the desktop of the accent,
you can select the desktop key and then here once again,
as Russell showed you earlier,
we can gain access to the toolbox.

In this instance, we will head to voice,
it's going to be a user setting.

So we'll head to the voice tile and you'll see
that like our current new voice software we have a main voice and a prompt voice.

Typically I see folks using that prompt voice with
switch getting for the most part or maybe with some visual impairments.

But today we'll just simply be talking about the main voice.

You'll see it is reflected here in blue,
with any voice you choose,
you can change the rate, the treble,
and the bass, and you just come in here and change it.

Please know this is a note in the demo version of the software,
you only have access to the voices that occur on
your desktop and also know that I've noticed that they're not divided by gender.

It seems like you get everything in one,

so but you do gain access.

My desktop voices are designated for the sake of today,

I'm just going to choose the Microsoft zero voice and certainly in here,

if you have a word

that is routinely pronounced differently than you'd like it to be pronounced,

you can change it there.

The example I gave today,

earlier when I was teaching a similar class was typically my name Kara,

is often pronounced as Kora,

so I usually need to go in there and teach that voice how to say the word Kara.

I wouldn't use the word mispronounced right Russell?

Because I think on the other side of the pond,

Kora would be the pronunciation.

>> It would be correct. Yeah.

>> Yes. That's what you can do all on this menu here and then at that point,

I will select finished.

What's next in line that we wanted to show you.

We created a user,

we selected the vocab,

we changed the voice,

the other settings that I often see

folks want to do is having to do with text size.

One might be the size of the text in the message window here and then the

other is the size of the text on the label which sits above the icon or the symbol.

We can change both of those in Empower.

So we'll take a look and poke around in here. Let me mention.

This is what we are calling the message window and then Russell did talk about the multi-bar, this is the area that he was speaking about.

This will tell you your current access method, we are currently in the touch access method.

This is the volume of the headphones, the volume of the speaker of the device you have the time, and then your battery, which is nice it does tell you the percentage which I always appreciate [LAUGHTER] when it comes to battery life.

We'll head back to our toolbox and we'll talk about text size.

So certainly if you want to change something in the message window, we select that and select message window.

As Russell was saying,

we have lots of different options,

so our text can be blue,

the background can be yellow whatever you

prefer you can poke around in there and make proper changes.

I think I'll just go back to the typical black and then maybe we'll do a gray background.

You can certainly edit the text style.

I know often, sometimes people prefer the Comic Sans because the a looks like the printed a in this particular font and if we are exposing young learners to print, you might want to choose Comic Sans,

so you can do that and then always in

general in these models be on the lookout for tabs on

the left hand side and tabs across the top and that's how you'll be

finding different settings in these various windows.

Then I can change my text size and you'll see the example over here and then if we look under settings, just settings about the message window.

One I think to point out which I think is a good one is if you turn this on, clear message window, what I also love,

I have to tell you about Empower as I feel like the labels are pretty the names of the settings.

We tried to make them as understandable and clear as possible.

So Russell and I were actually both on a team where we worked on the copy in the software and our goal we hope to have achieved it was to really just have simple,

clear, easy to read,

easy to understand descriptions of our settings.

So clear message window what does it do when on,

the contents of the message window will be cleared after the message is spoken.

If you are ever wondering what something does,

just take a moment to read and it should really help you

make a decision about that particular setting.

Clear message window, when I turn it on,

the message window will be cleared.

This can be particularly helpful if you get someone who piles up a lot of words and they're doing some babbling and

some exploration and they may hit that message window multiple times,

then it just keeps playing and playing and playing.

What you can do is after they hit it once,

that message window is going to auto clear so that can be specifically helpful.

I think the other thing that we should mention,
which is new and different from
how new voice currently functions is that there is a key guard modes.

If you are using a key guard with this software,
you are going to turn that key guard mode on and then
the screen changes itself to fit the key guard.

At this point, what's the final thing we have to do, Russell?

Change the access method yeah?

>> Yep [OVERLAPPING]

>> We are in our current access method touch,
and I'm going to set it to head tracking mode.

You might say, hey,

I thought you said there's eye tracking available in Empower,
and there is but just know with the demo version of the software,
the eye tracking does not appear.

The eye tracking tile will appear when you are on
an accent device and eye tracking module is attached to the bottom of it.

For demo purposes, you have the touch access method, head tracking,
which also can be used with any USB mouse,

I think that's a good thing to point out and then scanning.

Once again, I'm going to head into head tracking.

I am going to set the selection time down to zero so when I get out of here,
it won't cause me a problem.

But we have our selection type.

Once again, simple, easy, clear, understandable descriptions.

Choose whether you want to select a button by dwelling on it,
or by clicking a switch.

If I click over to switch,
this would be a mechanical switch plugged into the device so I
can point with my head and when I'm ready I can click.
Certainly there's no time element when you have a switch plugged in,
that's why that time option went away.
So you'll see with dwell,
we have the dwell time when we are in switch,
we have settings that have to do with the switch.
How long do I have to hold the switch down before it selects a button and
then when can I select my switch again for the next button to select.
Once again, always look across the top as well we have other settings,
we have selection settings and then as well as tracking so you can adjust the
smoothing,
the vertical adjust and the horizontal adjust.
Once again, if you don't know what those things are,
you can read the description and that will help you make a decision.
Certainly with any access method,
it's important that the client is there and that you can
make small incremental adjustments and then observe performance and then
head back in and make other small incremental adjustments so the person
using the access method can be as efficient and as accurate as possible.
Always please, reach out to your PRC regional consultants,
they are a real wealth of information.
They've been doing this for a long time and if they don't have the answer,
they also have 50 people at their backs,
which are our other regional consultants across the country that can help as well.
We have a couple individuals and staff really

dedicated to helping our individuals with more high access needs,
the resources are there,
reach out and get the help you need so your client can be successful.

That is just a quick tour of our access methods.

I think for the remainder of the presentation,

I will put it back in touch because that's what we're going to be doing.

Essentially, in just a few short minutes,

you can create a user,

load a vocabulary, select the voice,

make some universal adjustments to

the vocabulary in the message window and then

finally set your access method and you should be up and running.

With that, I think time to jump back to our PowerPoint and we are going to be,

I'll hand it back over to Russell to talk about the editor.

>> Okay. As we said much earlier on,

you're going to spend a fair amount of time,

perhaps once you've set the device up,

changing some of the vocabularies in here.

If you hit that button that says Menu,

and you hit the button that says Editor,

you'll find that you actually step into the thing called

the editor and you just take a quick look here at the overlay.

Just a couple of things to point out to you is that as you edit,

you'll see at the top there,

there are a number of buttons that you are going to have to be aware of.

A key one over on the right is the big green button that says Save.

Because one of the things that you need to realize is that when you're in the editor,

you can make changes after change,

after change, after change.

But nothing changes until you hit the Save button.

So bear that in mind.

It's a bit like using a word processor, save often.

But what that also means is if you've done a number of changes,

you think, gosh, really I didn't want to do that.

You can just cancel out and then nothing has been changed.

But a lot of the time,

you just got to remember hit the Save button to get things in there.

Then if we look over on the left we'll

see the buttons called Edit and then if you press that key,

that button, you're going to start editing your button.

We have Swap which is fairly obvious.

We have Resize which means you can change the size of

the button and then we have the Copy, Cut, Paste.

That's something we're all familiar with.

Again, over on the right,

just under the Save there's a little house button there.

What that means is that you're looking now,

you're in the editor and you're looking at your homepage.

As you go in and edit things,

you can actually move through the system and as you do that,

we'll see that in a second.

If at any point you press that button with a little house on it,

it will take you back to your homepage and you're still in the editor.

So you don't have to leave the editor at all and you can navigate through

the system just like you would do if you were not in the editor.

Best way for us to explain and show you that is

that Kara will now go back and we're now going to do

some editing and we think we're going to add some vocabulary to the system.

>> [OVERLAPPING] Yeah go for it, Russell.

>> I've said we're going to add the words.

There's four, we're going to add Target, Olive Garden,

the Dread Pirate Russell,

and Kara [LAUGHTER] the Space Sailor.

Here we are in

the editor and what we're now going to do is we're going to try and work out where we

want to put any of these so we want to add in Target and

Kara is going to work out where she wants to go.

So he's going to hit the button that says Go as if you use

the device and there's a button here that's empty so let's just click on it.

Now we're into the editing.

So editing a button now is

different from what people may be used to but remember what Kara says,

always look over on the left and look at the tabs that are

there and they will give you information about what you're going to do.

But the first thing you can see here fairly obvious is right at the top.

Very first box is type in your message,

so we're going to just type in the message.

>> Yeah. I'm always a stickler for capitalization just

because every thing that somebody says in AAC is also a literacy cue.

Target is a store that I like to go to,

so just type it in.

Unlike NuVoice, you don't have to mind the space or not.

If you put a space, that's okay.

If you forget, that's okay.

Do just type the word and select "Finished".

What you'll see is the label auto populates,

which is really nice.

The other thing that I think we appreciate as we get area with suggested symbols.

So one might suit your fancy,

and if it does, you just select it.

I like that target one that looks pretty good to me.

I've got message label symbol, icon.

I'm essentially done and I think when the editor was designed,

it really had that in mind that what do people do most?

They're adding personalized vocabulary to systems for people.

We wanted to make it dead simple and quick for people.

If I select "Finished",

we are good and I have my word, Target.

I think to me one big difference is in

this editor compared to our current software NuVoice,

you can navigate, like Russell said.

I can navigate throughout this system while being in edit mode.

What was our next word? We are going to do Olive Garden.

>> Olive garden

>> Excellent.

>> So once again, my plan is, it's a place I go,

so off the word Go I'm going to select "Olive Garden".

It asks you, do you want to edit the button or create a new link?

I want to edit that button.

Then once again, message label.

Let's see what we get.

I'll type my words here.

Then say Finished.

I've got two options here.

It looks like the rebranded version,

the old brand [LAUGHTER] I'll go with new brand, Olive Garden.

Select that one and once again we're finished.

At this point, woops, I didn't want to do that.

I'm in edit mode. One thing to note is when the edit key is blue,

that means you're ready to edit another key.

If you need to navigate,

you're just going to unselect that and then you're free to move about the cabin,

as I said earlier today.

So last two we're going to add

the Dread Pirate Russell and then Kara the Space Sailor. All right.

Typically in this Unity 28 1-hit vocabulary,

folks add people in their lives under the Names icon, so we're going to do that.

We have mom and dad certainly you could take a picture and put that on there.

But today we're adding Russell and Kara.

Once again if it's a blank key you can

just select it and you can edit the button that way,

or certainly if you want,

you can do the edit key as well. It's up to you.

The message here, I'm just going to type it on my keyboard for efficiency sake.

There we go. Now what you'll notice,
because this is essentially a phrase,
we don't have any suggested symbols.

So we're going to come over here on the left-hand side to the Symbol tab and then
I'll perform a search and in this search I'm going to be looking for a pirate.

Russell, are there any particular pirates that suit your fancy?

>> I would go for [OVERLAPPING] the Pittsburg Pirates on the bottom left there.

>> This one here?

>> Yeah, It's baseball season.

>> Excellent.

>> I'm tracking the Pirates.

>> Wonderful. Okay. We've got the Dread Pirate Russell in there,
and I'll do the same and add myself.

In preparation for this,

I looked up astronaut and found the etymology and it's a space sailor.

I want to do Kara the Space Sailor,

that's where we have that in here which I thought was interesting.

O-R, all right, we are finished.

No suggested symbol once again.

So I will type in.

Sometimes they match, sometimes you need something
different and say, "Okay".

Let's see, I think I like this one right here,

so I will choose that and we are all set.

Once again, as Russell advised,

we have our Four Words programmed.

Don't forget to hit "Save".

We are all set.

So the ball is right in the world.

>> Target. Go. Olive Garden.

>> Yeah. Then we have our names.

>> The Dread Pirate Russell.

>> Excellent. Okay, so we have our vocabulary all programmed in.

At this point, I am going to click back to our PowerPoint,

but it looks like I've got out of presentation mode.

So let me quickly get to the slide we need to.

We're going to talk a little bit about vocabulary builder.

There we go. Russell you want to give a brief explanation of vocabulary builder?

>> Sure. For those who are not familiar with vocabulary builder,

it's simply a way of making it easier for people to learn a vocabulary.

Because if you think about it,

the vocabulary that you have in here,

is actually already filled with thousands of words.

But your particular client at any point may only want to be learning three,

four or five of those words.

So what vocabulary builder basically lets you do is to turn off

all the words in vocabulary

except for the three or four that you were actually targeting.

The nice thing is that if you learn those,

you get the multi-plan for those,

as soon as you turn the rest of the vocabulary back

on you don't have to relearn anything.

Your vocabulary is exactly where it was.

That was the intent behind vocabulary builder,

to make it easier to take a subset of
the entire vocabulary without you having to
do things like create a new page of the subset or anything like that.
You'll see that on the slide here,
we actually have two basic ways in which you can create this list of target words.
We can either type a list or touch the pathways to find a word.
What Kara is going to do is she's going to switch back over to
the software emulator here,
and we're going to try,
and we're going to add some words to this vocabulary lists.
So if we hit the Menu button and we're back into this quick hit thing and look,
there's the vocabulary button right over there.
So when we click on that,
you'll notice that that little button slips into the on position because it says,
hey, you're in the vocabulary builder,
you probably want to add something in here.
So we're going to look first,
just typing in a couple of words.
So we could go to the Edit List button.
Okay. You'll see here it says word list and If we want,
we can give our list a name here. There we go.
Then just under that we're going to type in a couple of words.
I think we're just going to type in, go and like.
>> Yeah, comma separated.
>> There you go.
>> This method I really like if you don't know where the vocabulary is,
the lists are just this comma separated,

typing a list is a really great option because you don't have to know.

It goes and finds them for you and reveals them. I hit "Finished".

Two words added go and like,

certainly if there were a word that was not in the system,

it would also let you know that as well.

We'll select "Okay" and "Finished".

[NOISE] You'll see that our words go and like are revealed.

I think the other words that we are going to reveal are the words that we programmed in.

We're going to have a vocabulary builder list of six words.

I like to think about this as you

just go into the grocery store and you have an empty grocery cart,

you're going to be putting in the words that you'd like to be showing in the vocabulary.

We're filling up our grocery cart of words.

So we'll go to the Go key.

We want to add our Target as well as our Olive Garden.

I've often found myself and when I'm using Vocab Builder,

I do use this home key that sits above the vocabulary in the editor quite a bit.

Just oftentimes I like to head back home and just start

from there and then go grab a few more words.

I hit the "Home" key and I'm going go to "My Name's" key,

we need the Dread Pirate Russell and Kara the space sailor,

we are good there.

We've got our six words in our grocery cart and we're ready to go.

We'll hit "Exit".

Now we had our 21 hit has been incredibly simplified to six words.

>> Like the Dread Pirate Russell.

>> I might say go.

>> Go.

>> Olive garden.

Go olive garden.

>> All right. If you're moving along and say,

jeez, we'd like to add a few more words.

Certainly the system is designed to do that.

I want to show you this Quick Add.

Quick Add is just that it's quicker than going to edit list.

What Quick Add does is it opens up the keyboard.

No. There it is,

missed it, had my word don't and maybe I'll do my words turn in here.

I forget, we'll do eat.

Don't eat and then we'll say "Finished".

Then it brings you right back to your vocabulary.

It does save you a few steps if you're in the moment,

in therapy session or at home and you just quickly want to add a few words,

I would highly recommend using that Quick Add feature and then finally,

when you're done, we can turn Vocabulary Builder off.

Vocabulary Builder is an excellent tool,

but use it wisely,

if we limit vocabulary too much, then it's too limiting.

If I can only have forwards to speak from all day,

that's probably not going be enough.

It can be a great place to start, but like I said,

just use it wisely and really follow your client's lead and their vocabulary needs.

I think that wraps up what we were going to do for a demo.

With that, I am going to head back,

I don't know why,

there it is, excellent.

I'll do some wrap-up.

We went through that, we figured out what Vocab Builder was.

Here is just a word cloud of we were at I think this is from

ATIA and maybe another conference and we just had folks interacting with the software.

I'm asking them to give us some just single words that

pop into their heads about using the software.

Here's a word cloud of that.

We're having customers are saying it's easy,

it's user-friendly, it's clean,

it's intuitive, it's simple,

it's streamlined, sleek, exciting, quick.

That was exciting for us to see as well because these were

the things when we set out to redesign the toolboxes, what we were hoping for.

We, I think, are well on our way to achieving that goal, which is great.

With that, I'm going to just do a quick pop quiz.

Feel free to use the questions portion of your Go to Webinar window pane to respond.

The first question is Empower as a new software option from PRC?

Hopefully you all on the liner frantically typing yes.

Which would be great. Yeah, perfect, excellent.

Next question. Sorry, I have my chat box out.

Here we go, name three language systems currently available in Empower.

Name three language systems.

Yeah. Unity, LAMP, and LAMP BI.

Excellent, yeah, wonderful, [NOISE] great paying attention everybody.

A plus. Wonderful, unity.

LAMP Words for Life and LAMP Words for Life VI,

not LAMP Words for Life 6,

which is what some folks have said.

It's for the visually impaired.

Let's do another one here.

Empower supports touch, head tracking,

eye tracking, and scanning, true or false?

True, excellent. Yeah, wonderful.

Everybody gets an A plus for today.

Then finally, I am ready to Empower.

Yay, we've got some yeses coming through the line and some of course thanks, Carla.

With that, I want to thank folks for coming today and giving us an hour of your time.

We do truly appreciate it.

I also want to thank Becky,

at Closing the Gap for giving us this opportunity to reach out

to folks that are near and dear to Closing the Gap,

so thank you all for that.

Once again, if you are looking for a trial of Empower,

if you want to try it, please head to the PRC website.

Go to the PRC Advantage.

It's the first tab on the left-hand side and go down to

the Try Empower link and you can do that there.

Also please make sure to reach out to your regional consultant.

If you have a client in mind or you'd like a demonstration of

the software they can do a personal demonstration online if you want something more intimate or if they're in your areas, certainly can come out and have a visit too, and bring equipment and show you the software.

With that, we do have a few minutes left.

I'm wondering, Becky, were there any questions,

I'm going to now open up my chat window

and see if there's anything that have come through the line that we need to answer.

>> I saw three answered,

but I'm not sure maybe you'd addressed this,

but somebody asked how do you load your vocab list, Kara's list?

>> Sure, yeah, I can demonstrate that.

I did see folks put up their e-mail addresses and I'm happy.

Let me quickly chat those out to get that.

Let's see. I'll chat mine out,

Russell can do the same.

It's just typically our first and last name and then it prentrom.com.

There you go. How do you load the list?

Great. Let me head back to the software and I will show you that.

I've to redock my question's panel.

I head back to Vocabulary Builder.

If you'll notice here we have three options Edit List,

Change List, and Quick Add.

If you want to change a list, you're going to go here.

In this portal, you'll see a My List section as well as a Defaults List section.

You'll see my Kara's Word List is loaded.

I could create a new list if I want to from scratch,

it will hide everything again and I can create a new list.

Or if I head over to "Default Lists",

we have some suggested activity lists that you can use and load as well.

What it's going to do is it will make a duplicate of

the list and then put it in My Lists.

Now with 28 one hit,

I'm not sure, not all of the words are going to be there.

But let's try, I put in the 25 first words copy and if I head back to "Manage Lists",

you'll see that your most recent active list is going

to be there as well as your additional lists on that's loading.

The other thing that you can do is merge multiple lists.

If you have maybe three lists that you'd like to merge into one.

This Merge feature here on the bottom left-hand corner,

you can do that as well.

This is where you'll switch between different lists that you've created.

I think I'll just keep the software up.

We'll see what other questions are coming through at this point.

It's just going to take me a second to catch up.

Russell's visibly typing, excellent.

I'm going to head back up.

I have the e-mail addresses we've talked about Vocab Builder.

We have our quiz going on,

everyone did a great job.

I did see one question.

Yeah, we got that one.

Someone asked, Russell got it too.

If it's empty button, you can either edit the button or you can make a link to go

somewhere and create more real estate if you need it.

Where do you change the symbol label?

Looks like Kim got it.

Good. Excellent, wonderful, looks like we are up to date on questions.

Typically, what I do is hang out on the line until the chat goes quiet and then at that point we can close out the webinar.

Once again, thank you all so much for coming.

All right, it looks we're good.

We've got some thank you's coming through and thank you as well for joining us and learning about this new software option.

We are excited to offer it to folks.

Thanks everybody. Have a great night.

>> All right.