

Using Visual Scenes for Communication and Social Engagement:

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My Definition of a Visual Scene:

“A visual scene is a page in a communication page set (no/low/high tech) that includes a photo that takes up at least 40% of the page or screen and has the ability to include buttons/cells (containing a visual and/or text) and/or hotspots. These pages can be created from scratch and/or from a template and can be edited/changed depending on the student’s needs.”

(A hotspot is an area on a page/photo that has no visible button but produces a message when activated)

Button with Visual & text: Speaks message

Photo: at least 40% of the page

Invisible hotspot Speaks message When selected

Button with Visual

Button with visual Links back to home

Hotspot w/ Outline/speaks message when selected

low skating

longest ice rink

2 dogs love the snow

so cold

back

SET BC AAC Software/Apps with Visual Scenes: Comparison Chart

Communication Software and Apps	Operating System/hardware options/	web link	Ability to add button to VS	Ability to add hot spots	Visual scene templates available	Synthesized/digitized (recorded) speech	User can take photos within the app/soft.	Access Options
Communicator 5 v. 5.4.11 Tobii Dynavox	Windows/ -tablet or laptop/ -Tobii Dynavox I series device	https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/communicator-5/	yes	yes	No but can create templates	Synthesized and recorded speech	yes	Touch, mouse, joystick 1 and 2 switch scanning, eye gaze
Grid 3 v. 3.0.38 Smartbox	Windows/ -tablet or laptop/ Tobii Dynavox I series	https://thinksmartbox.com/product/grid-3/ https://thinksmartbox.com/smart-support/learning-resources/	yes	----	No but can create templates	Synthesized and recorded speech	yes	Touch, mouse, joystick, 1 and 2 switch scanning, eyegaze, head pointing
NuVoice v. Prentke Romich	Windows/ -Accent device	https://www.prentrom.com/support/accent	yes	yes	yes	Synthesized and recorded speech	yes	Touch, mouse, joystick, eye gaze, 1 and 2 switch scanning, aud. Scanning, head pt.
Chat app v. 2.17.0 Saltillo	Android / Nova Chat device	https://saltillo.com/support	yes	yes	yes	Synthesized and recorded		Touch, 1 and 2 switch scanning, aud. scanning
Touchchat iApp v. 2.17.1 Silver Kite	iOS/ ipad	https://touchchatapp.com/apps/touchchat-hd-aac-with-wordpower	yes	yes	No but can create template	Synthesized and recorded	Yes	Touch, switch control through iOS
Go Talk Now v. 4.11.20 Attainment Co.	iOS/ ipad	https://www.attainmentcompany.com/gotalk-now	No	yes	No but VS option available	Synthesized and recorded	no	Touch, auditory cues, in-app 1 and 2 switch access
Scene and Heard v. 3.10 Therapy box	iOS/ ipad	https://therapy-box.co.uk/scene_and_heard	yes	yes	N/A VS is one of 2 options	recorded	no	Touch, in-app 1 and 2 switch access
SnapScene v. 1.2.4 Tobii Dynavox	iOS or Windows/ -ipad -tablet/laptop/	https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/software/ipad-apps/snap-scene/	no	yes	N/A VS is the only option	Recorded	no	Windows- touch, mouse, joystick, switch scan, eyegaze,
Chat Editor v. 2.17.0	Windows OS/ editing software for Touchchat and Novachat	https://touchchatapp.com/accessories/chat-editor	Yes	yes	yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

