

# **Great Ideas and EASY SETUP Instructions for the**

## **BIG Step-by-Step communicator and LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator**



BIG Step-by-Step communicator



LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator



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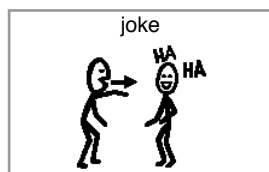
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## Ideas for the BIG Step-by-Step communicator and LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator

### The Power of Conversation

Interactions such as joke telling, sharing life stories and general conversations encourage the individuals who use AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) to move beyond simply communicating wants and needs to using real communication for conversational purposes. Designed by Caroline Musselwhite, CCC-SLP. Social Scripting, is a communication method that provides students with opportunity to experience “real” conversations. Use a BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step to set up a social script and provide the opportunity for individuals to experience “real” conversation while actively practicing their communication skills.



#### Joke Script

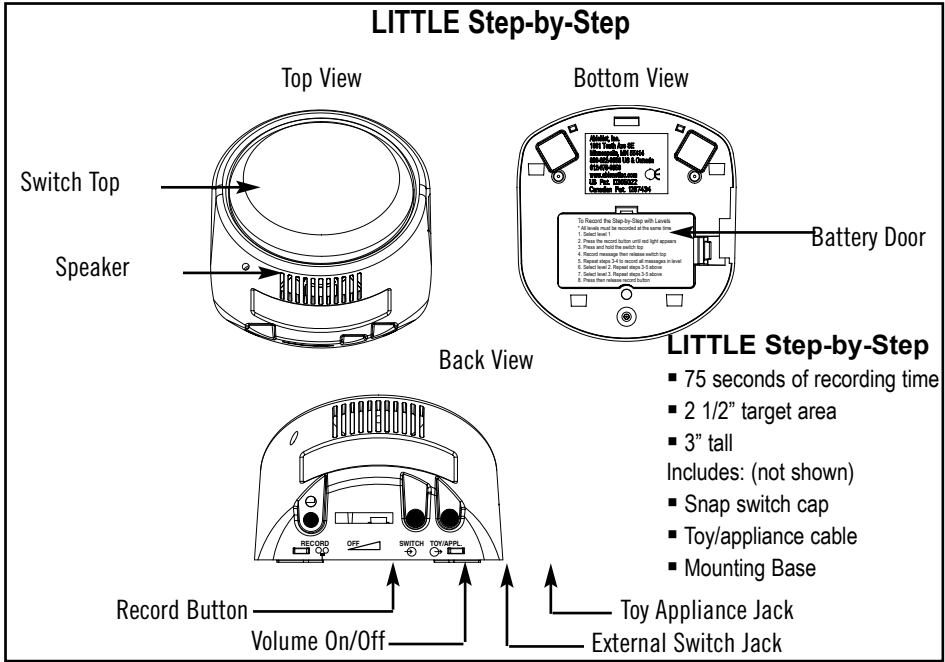
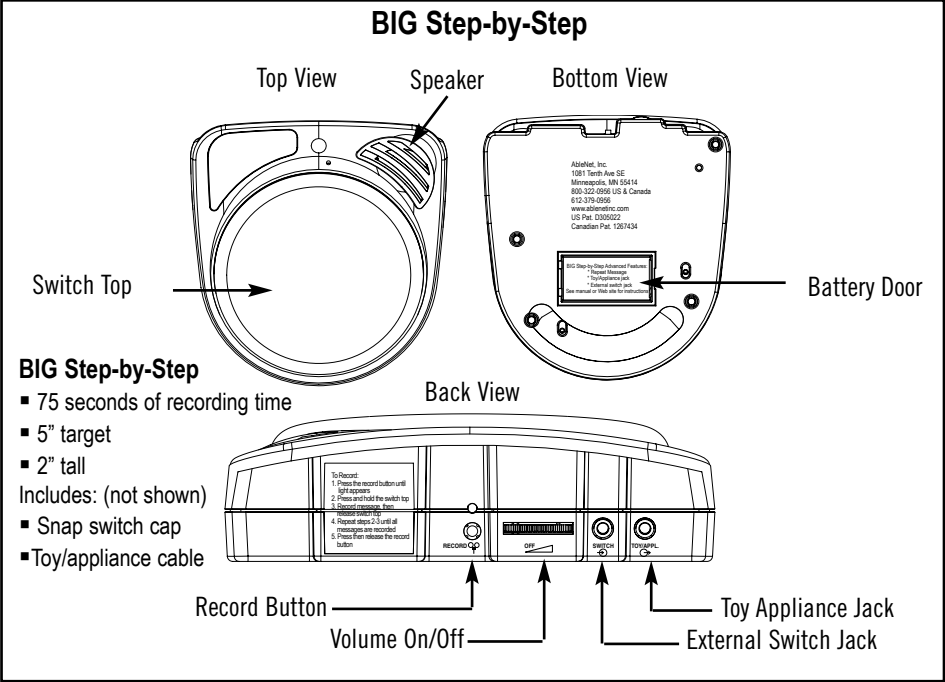
- “Hey, I’ve got something to tell you!”
- “I know a great joke.”
- “Do you want to hear it?”
- “Are you sure?”
- “It is pretty funny.”
- “Count to three and I will tell you.”
- “Here goes! Why is six afraid of seven?”
- “Guess again.”
- “Because seven, eight (ate), nine.”
- “Okay, it’s corny. Do you know a better one?”



#### Art Script

- “We are studying about celebrations in school.”
- “Do you want to know what I made today?”
- “It is really awesome.”
- “It is made with paper mache and a balloon.”
- “Can you guess what it might be?”
- “Do you want a hint?”
- “You use a stick to break it.”
- “Can you guess now?”
- “If you guessed a pinata, you’re right!”

Visit the AbleNet Web site [www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com) for more great ways to include students in daily communication opportunities.



## Easy Set up Instructions for BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator



BIG Step-by-Step communicator



LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator

### Step 1 - Installing the Battery

Note: For LITTLE Step-by-Step remove mounting base to access battery door.  
(see page 11)

- Remove the battery door
- Insert a 9 – volt battery
- Replace door

Note: Make sure battery is fresh and making contact.



### Step 2 – Recording the Messages

1. Turn on.
2. Press and hold the record button until the red light comes on. (light will remain on) Release the record button. You are now in record mode.
3. Press and hold the switch top, record first message. (red light will flash during recording)

*Sample message 1:*

*“Do you know where Mount Rainier is located?”*



4. Release switch top.

5. Press and hold switch top, record next message.

*Sample Message 2:*

*“Near Seattle, Washington.”*

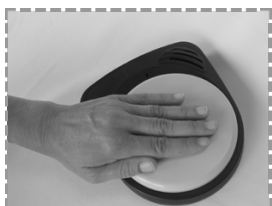
6. Release switch top.
7. Repeat steps 3-4 until all messages are recorded.

*Note: This device has 75 seconds of total recording time; therefore several messages can be recorded before time is depleted. The light will turn yellow and flash when only ten seconds of recording time remain.*

8. To end recording, press record button once. The light will turn off.

### **Step 3– Playing the Messages**

Press switch top. Messages will play sequentially each time the switch top is pressed.




### **Snap Switch Cap**

A snap switch cap has been included with the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator. Use this clear plastic cap to secure pictures/symbols to the switch top.

## **Advanced Features**

### **Playing a Message with an External Switch**

1. Plug any commercially available switch with a 1/8 inch (3.5 mm) plug into the switch jack  on the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.
2. Record message into the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.(see page 4 for recording messages)
3. Press the external switch to play the message.

**Repeat a Message**

This feature enables any message in the sequence to be repeated.

1. Play a message.
2. Press the record button once after the message has ended.
3. The same message will repeat each time the switch top is pressed.
4. To continue to the next message, press the record button once.

## Controlling Toys/Appliances

### Battery Operated Toys/Appliances

This feature allows you to activate a battery operated toy/appliance for the length of a message using the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator. A battery operated toy/appliance, Notching File, and Battery Device Adapter (sold separately) are required to use this feature. If device is already adapted go to Step 3.



Battery operated toy/appliance



Notching File



Battery Device Adapter

1. Open the battery door of the toy/appliance and using the notching file put a notch in the battery door. This allows the Battery Device Adapter to be positioned properly.



2. Place the copper disk of the Battery Device Adapter between either the positive or negative end of the battery and the connection. Replace battery door.





3. Recording a sequence of messages into the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.

a. Decide the sequence of messages to be recorded and which message(s) will activate the toy/appliance.


b. Record a sequence of messages.(see page 4)

**IMPORTANT: For the message(s) that will activate the toy, the record button must be pressed and released one time while recording the message.**

*Sample Messages:*

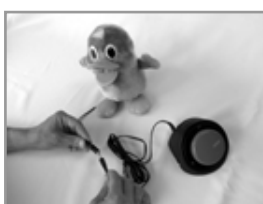
*Activity: Playing with a toy*

- "Hey!"
- "I have something to show you."
- "I can make it move."
- "Watch this!" - Press the record button once during the recording of the message to activate toy/appliance.
- "Isn't that great?"

4. Plug the toy/appliance cable into the toy/appliance jack  on the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.



5. Plug the other end of the toy/appliance cable into the Battery Device Adapter with the toy attached. Turn toy "on".



6. Press the switch top to play the messages and activate the toy/appliance for the length of the selected message.



*Note: If you want the toy appliance to run for a longer period of time a Switch Latch and Timer (SLAT) can be added.*



Switch Latch and Timer



Sample Setup

*Go to [www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com) for SLAT information.*

## Electrical Toys/Appliances


This feature allows you to activate an electrical toy/appliance using the BIG Step-by-Step /LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator. A PowerLink® 3 Control Unit and electrical toy/appliance (sold separately) are required to use this feature.

1. Recording a sequence of messages into the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.
  - a. Decide the message sequence to be recorded and which message(s) will activate the toys/appliances.
  - b. Record a sequence of messages. (see page 4)  
***IMPORTANT: For the message(s) that the toy will activate, the record button must be pressed one time while recording the message.***

*Sample Messages:*

*Activity: Reading a story*

- "It is time to read the story."
- "When the light turns on you can begin to read the story."
- "Watch this!"- Press record button during the recording of this message to activate the electrical toy/appliance.
- "Okay, let's get started reading."

2. Plug the toy/appliance cable into the toy/appliance jack  on the BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.



3. Plug the other end of the toy/appliance cable into the switch jack 1 or 2 on the PowerLink®3.



4. Plug the PowerLink® 3 into the wall outlet.
5. Plug the appliance into the corresponding outlet on the PowerLink® 3.  
Turn appliance "on."
6. Set desired amount of time on the PowerLink® 3.
7. Press BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator switch top to play message and activate the appliance for the amount of time set on the PowerLink® 3.



## LITTLE Step-by-Step Mounting Base

The LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator comes with a detachable Mounting Base.

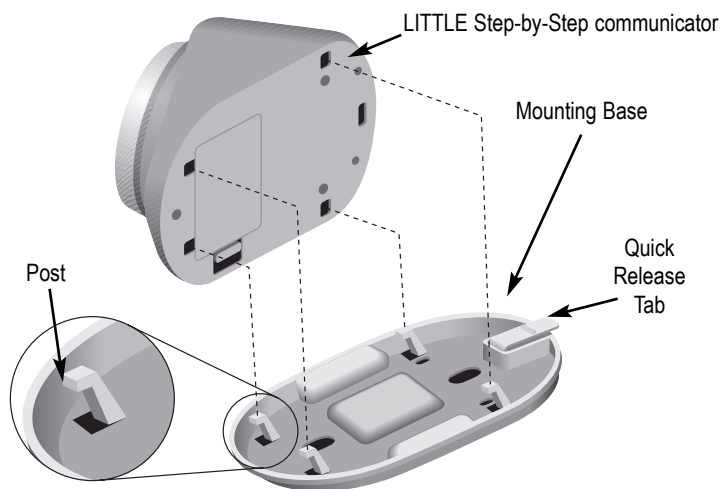


### Detaching the Mounting Base from the LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator

1. Press the quick release tab on the mounting base.
2. Slide the base towards the back of the device.

### Attaching the Mounting Base to the LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator

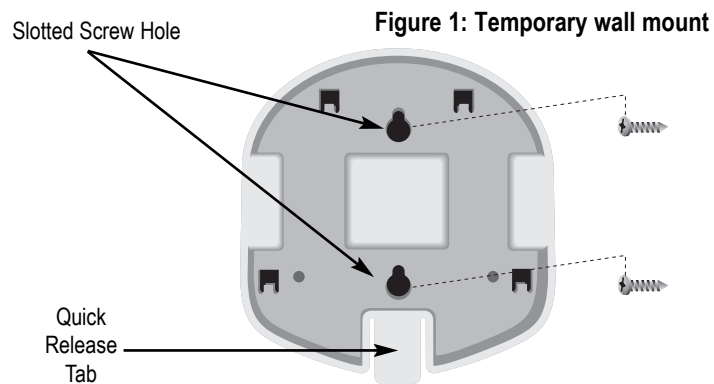
1. Position the four posts on the Mounting Base into the corresponding holes on the bottom of the LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator.
2. Slide the base forward until it clicks into place.



## Mounting Options

### Temporary Wall Mount of Mounting Base (figure 1)

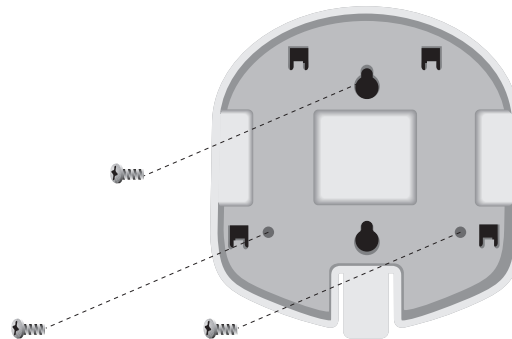
1. Place mounting plate on wall and mark location of the slotted screw holes.
2. Drill a hole where marked and insert screw. (#8 pan head screw)
3. Attach screw to wall and leave 1/4"-1/8" sticking out.



### Permanent Wall Mount of Mounting Base (figure 2)

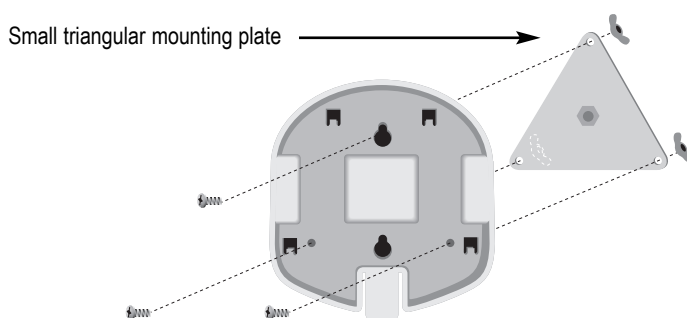
For a permanent mount, screw the plate directly into the wall.

Figure 2: Permanent wall mount



### Connecting the mounting base to the small triangular plate

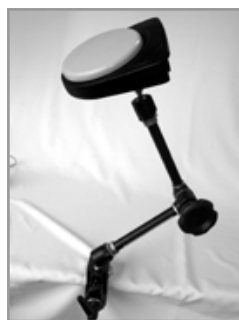
When using the LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator mounting base with an AbleNet mounting system attach the mounting base to the small triangular plate using the screws and wing nuts provided with the small triangular mounting plate. This enables you to quickly connect and disconnect your LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator from a mounting system.



### Other Mounting Options (sold separately)

- Ultrastick or Dual Lock to mount on flat, or vertical surfaces.
- Travel Strap for wearing the BIG Step-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator around a waist, or over a shoulder.
- Mounting Systems:
  - Universal Mounting System with a Knob
  - Universal Mounting System with a Lever
  - Slim Armstrong
  - Sensitrac Flat Pad
  - Sensitrac Pad with Adjustable Arm

*Note: Specify large or small triangular mounting plate size when ordering mounting system.*



Go to [www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com) for mounting information.

## Warranty

AbleNet offers a one-year warranty on all BIG Step-by-Step/LITTLE Step-by-Step communicator products. Warranty in full text is available upon request.

## Guarantee

AbleNet offers a 30-day money back guarantee if our products do not meet your needs or expectations. Products must be in new condition to honor this service. Please call (800) 322-0956 for details. Please follow our repair/return policy when sending products back under our guarantee.

## Repair/Return Information

All AbleNet manufactured communication aids are warranted for one year from the date of purchase. If documentation identifying the date of purchase is not supplied, the warranty period will be determined as one year from the manufacture date stamped inside the product. All products under warranty are repaired free of charge. Products no longer covered by warranty may be repaired for a nominal fee. All repairs are warranted for 90 days. Before returning a product for repair, please contact an AbleNet customer service representative for a Return Authorization Number (RA#) and repair charge, if applicable.

**To return a product for refund or repair, please indicate the following with your product(s):**

- Name and phone number
- Return Authorization Number (RA#)
- Return shipping address
- Brief description of problem (what the product is or isn't doing along with what has already been done to correct the problem) or reason for return
- Documentation showing purchase date (i.e., copy of packing slip, purchase order, or invoice)
- Check, money order, or purchase order for the amount of the repair
- Send the above to: AbleNet, Inc.  
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