**Low tech AAC – Phrases for repairing communication**

This resource can be used to repair communication breakdowns. You can also use this layout for different topics.

This resource can be used in different ways depending on the AAC user’s ability:

* + The AAC user points to select a phrase.
  + The AAC user mouths /reads the number next to the phrase they wish to select, if able to do so.
  + The therapist and/or carer uses Partner Assisted Scanning (PAS) - see ‘An Introduction to Partner Assisted Scanning’ in the Guides section at the bottom of the Resources page. First establish which colour group the intended message is in (i.e. ‘Is it one of the green ones?’), then establish the number.

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| **Communication repairs** | |
| **1** | I need my communication device |
| **2** | I need my alphabet chart |
| **3** | I need a break (let’s come back to this later) |
| **4** | This is urgent (it needs to be resolved now) |
| **5** | Can you repeat what I have said so far? |
| **6** | Can you repeat what you just said? |
| **7** | Have I upset you? |
| **8** | This is not what I meant |
| **9** | I didn’t understand that |
| **10** | I am going to spell the key word |
| **11** | I am going to spell a bit slower this time |
| **12** | I am going to start over with my message |
| **13** | I am going to correct what I just said |
| **14** | I was not referring to this |
| **15** | We are talking about a different thing |
| **16** | I am still talking about the previous topic |
| **17** | I am going to change topic now |
| **18** | I don’t want to talk about this |