

Intervention Idea: Use LAM Data

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Minspeak® devices have a feature called the Language Activity Monitor (LAM). When turned on, the LAM is recording what the person is saying with the Minspeak® device. It is making an electronic language sample. This sample is very useful for creating intervention plans that are based on the natural language that the child/adult is trying to produce.

- Turn on the LAM feature and keep it on. (Note: with permission of the parents or adults).
- Review the LAM data on a regular basis. Based on information gathered in the LAM sample, teach vocabulary codes, grammatical structures, and interaction patterns.
- Share the LAM data with family members to encourage them to use the Minspeak device throughout the day. Show them any possible differences in how their child/adult is communicating based on factors, such as communication partners, time of day, activity, or topic. Help them see their role in the communication exchange.