

Talk is Cheap

or at least, less expensive . . .

Explore low cost options for initial trials with augmentative communication before investing large funds. All prices are subject to change.

Step-by-Step



Cost: \$129-\$149

Uses: Record phrases from a song, poem or book. Play greetings, good-byes and jokes. Make announcements.

Benefits: Easy to use. Fits easily into backpacks and mounts to wheelchairs.

Drawbacks: Messages play in sequence limiting student choices. Poor sound in crowded settings.

How to get one . . .

Call Ablenet, Inc.
(800) 322-0956.

Yak Bak



Cost: \$3- \$7

Uses: Record greetings.

Benefits: Good price. Easy to use. Fits easily into backpacks or pockets. Discrete. Looks cool.

Drawbacks: Holds only one message. Poor voice quality and sound output. Small buttons require fine motor skills.

How to get one . . .

Shop at discount department stores and toy stores.

Talking Picture Frames



Cost: \$7-\$15

Uses: Introduce choice making. Practice timing responses. Create a grid for multiple choice tests to enable students to answer questions.

Benefits: Easy to use. Pre-schoolers can operate it.

Drawbacks: Lacks durability and volume control.

How to get one . . .

Go to photo suppliers or gift sections of department stores.

Big Mack



Cost: \$86

Uses: Record greetings, phrases of a song, poem, picture book or opening narration of play.

Benefits: Easy to use. Durable. Uses one standard 9 volt battery.

Drawbacks: Holds only one message. Requires much creativity.

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Cheap Talk



Cost: \$150-\$300

Uses: Record food, book, or television selections.

Benefits: Fast and easy to program. Lightweight and portable. Uses standard AA batteries.

Drawbacks: Need to make own overlays. Less durable than more expensive devices.

How to get one . . .

Call Enabling Devices
(914) 478-0960.

Tech Series



Cost: \$145 - \$1125

Uses: Make choices, answer questions, greet others.

Benefits: Series comes in 4 key, 8 key and 32 key models. Lightweight. Durable. Easy to program. Great for new users. Easy to program. Uses standard AA batteries.

Drawbacks: Need to make own overlays.

How to get one . . .

Call MayerJohnson
(800) 588-4548.