

Apps vs. Communication Devices

Many people wonder if they need an AAC device or if they can just download an app. Although apps can help with communication, dedicated AAC devices provide many exclusive advantages.

Communication Devices

Lingraphica offers a **free new customer training program**, so users can get the most out of their devices through personalized, one-on-one sessions.

Have a question or technical issue? Lingraphica has a **real person ready to work with you** from Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.

Lingraphica devices are easy to use, even if you don't have experience with technology. It's simple to **make personalized icons** for your own family, community, and hobbies.

Dedicated devices are **often covered in full by insurance**, with no cost to the user. Lingraphica also offers financial assistance programs when insurance does not cover in full.



TRAINING?



SUPPORT?



EASY TO USE/
PERSONALIZE?



FINANCES?

Apps

Training is generally not available with apps. Without training, results can vary.

Most app developers have limited support, and hardware issues have to be directed to the device manufacturer.

Free apps generally cannot be personalized. Apps for purchase usually do have customizing abilities, but they are often complex.

Tablets and apps are not covered by most insurance plans, and there will be an associated cost. Although some free and inexpensive apps exist, they have very limited functions and will not likely be a long-term solution for communication.

Communication Devices

Lingraphica allows you to **try a device with or without an SLP**, so you can feel confident it is the right fit before moving forward.

Lingraphica AAC devices are supported by **30+ years of research**. This research shows that the devices improve communication and also have a therapeutic benefit, meaning they help people to recover language skills.

If your loved one needs to communicate an urgent message, you can be confident **the device is ready to go**. Having a device dedicated to communication means that it is free of distractions.



**TRIAL
PERIOD?**



**EVIDENCE-
BASED?**



**DEDICATED TO
COMMUNICATION?**

Apps

Most apps do not offer free trials of their full program; some have a “demo” version, but do not demonstrate all the features until you purchase the app.

Apps are not usually required to be evidenced-based. This results in loosely regulated and varied content. Apps often use misleading marketing language such as “professional-approved” without providing supporting evidence.

On a general tablet such as an iPad, it can be difficult to navigate back and forth between the communication app and other apps. This can be inconvenient or even dangerous if your loved one needs to communicate an urgent message.

Choosing an app or a dedicated communication device is a choice best made with the help of a speech therapist. But even if you don't have a speech therapist, Lingraphica is here and ready to help you!

To see if a communication device may help you or your loved one, start a free device trial, or learn more, call 888-428-3080 to speak with a communication specialist.