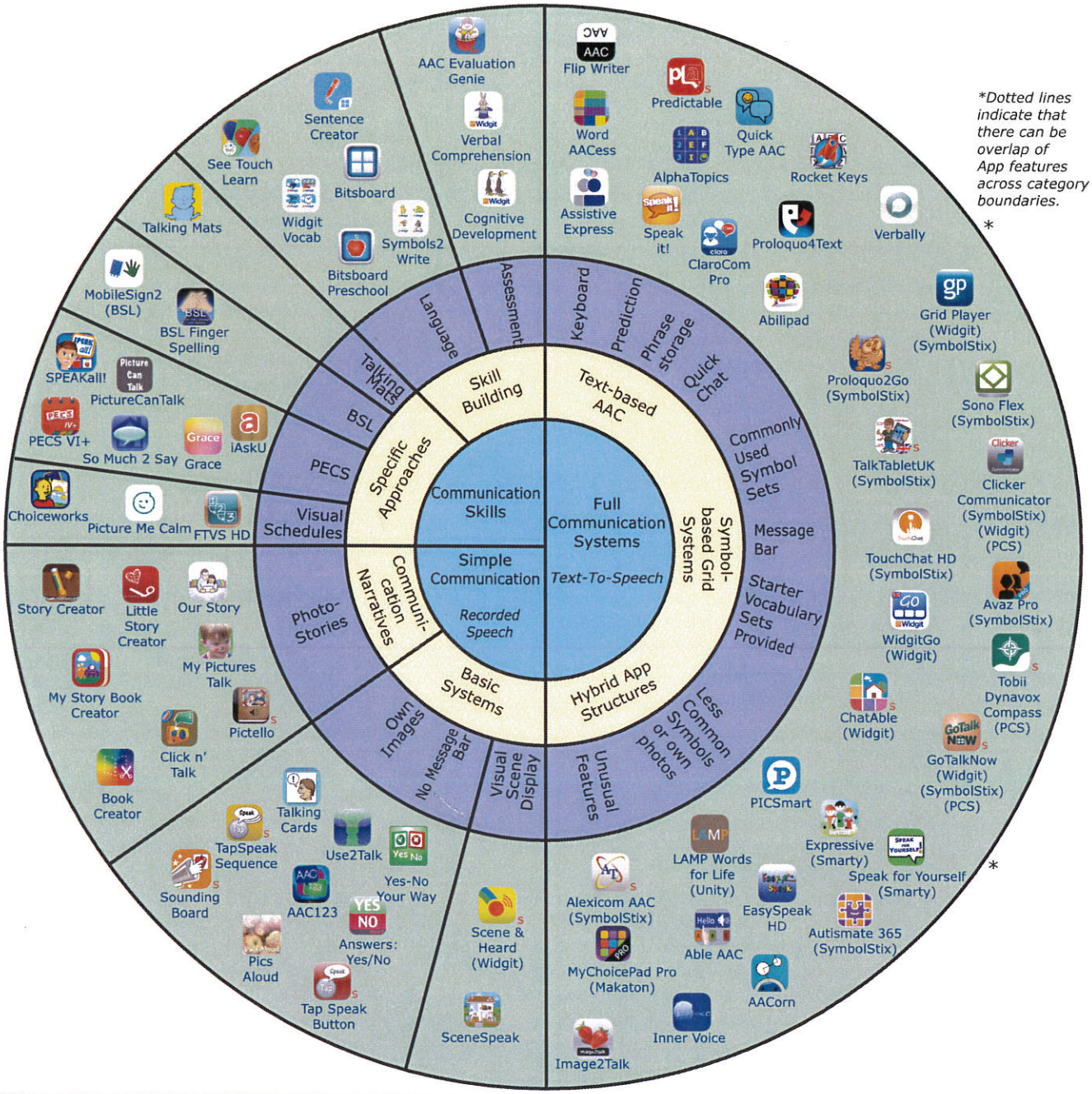
iPad Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



**Dotted lines indicate that there can be overlap of App features across category boundaries.*

Identifying Suitable Apps

This wheel does not include every App available in each category. There are hundreds of AAC Apps and many hundreds of combinations of features. This wheel includes Apps that CALL broadly finds reliable and useful and/or that stand out in their category.

For a useful, comprehensive and regularly updated listing of AAC Apps, see www.janefarrall.com

And also... AAC Ferret

This is a valuable App developed by Spectronics that allows you to search for AAC App by keyword and/or by specific feature(s) e.g. App types; type of voice output; visual representation; vocabulary features; vocabulary display; access; customisation; message sharing; support features. AAC Ferret

Switch Access

Relatively few Apps are designed specifically for switch access. They tend to be the ones that offer the widest range of scan options and may be the 'safest' choice for switch users. These are marked in this wheel with a small red 's' (beside the App icon).

From iOS7 and above, Accessibility settings built-in to the iPad mean that almost any App (and the iPad itself, desktop, and functions) can be operated by external switches (or by using the screen as a switch). But be careful! A few do not work at all – or not well – with iOS switch control. Always check before buying - perhaps via a specialist centre such as CALL Scotland - whether it actually works or not!

An electronic version of this chart can be downloaded from http://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets
In the electronic version, App names are 'clickable' links, taking you to information about the individual App on the iTunes site for the UK.

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