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	Speak for Yourself				
Specifications					
Hardware/operating system requirements	iPad running iOS 9.3.5 and above				
Number of pre-programmed words out of the box	4,994				
Vocabulary capacity (maximum number of buttons)	14,000				
AAC language systems available	Speak for Yourself				
Number of button size/ overlay configurations	1				
Symbols used and size of symbol library	Smarty Symbols® 11,000				
Voice options available	12 Cereproc/Apple voices included Acapela voices available for $24.99 USD in app purchase				
Access methods	Direct selection				
Keyguard available	Yes				
Language(s) available	English				

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Environmental controls	No				
Ability to hide/mask buttons	Yes				
Price	$299.99 USD				
Vocabulary Organization					
Core vocabulary	Yes				
Motor learning/memory	Yes. Every button has a unique motor plan.				
Navigational demands: Maximum number of touches to access vocabulary	2				
Categories	Yes, organized under each core word				
QWERTY keyboard	Yes with ability to install third party keyboards				
Single Meaning Symbols	Yes				
Visual Scenes	No				
Activity (Situation) Based	No				
Features					
Ability to search for words within vocabulary	Multi sensory search feature				
Backup/sharing of student's vocabulary data file	iTunes, Dropbox, email, AirDrop				

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Ability to share contents of message window	text, email, copy/paste,Twitter,save message window as an image				
Data logging/tracking	History feature with summary within app				
Unique features	Babble Hold That Thought Whisper Mode				
Editing/ Programming					
Computer Programming Option	No				
Minimum number of steps (touches) to add a word to the system	6				
Ability to change: Button background color Text color Pronunciation Symbol	yes no yes yes				
Number of steps (touches) to mask/hide buttons	3 (with ability to hide many buttons at once)				
Support					
Website	www.speakforyourself.org				

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Free codes provided to SLPs/evaluators	Yes				

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