

A Guide to Single and Multi-Message Devices

Single and multi-message talking buttons are fantastic tools to teach communication and social interaction skills across the curriculum.

Single button communication devices can be used as simple communication aids in a variety of learning and communication activities. Depending on the device, you can have up to two minutes of recording time. **Multi-message button devices** can be used to record a sequence of messages and depending on the device type, will play messages in order, randomly or by choice. This infographic lists a selection of devices which are sturdy enough to withstand daily classroom use!

* All the devices are available in the UK from a range of suppliers at a variety of costs.

Device Name	Approx Cost (exc. VAT)*	Type of Device	Recording Time	How Labels Attach	Power Source	Size and Shape	Features	Additional Features
 Big Button	£53	multi-message	10 level with 6-14 seconds	Clear cap, labels slide underneath		8.3cm square button	Label storage compartment at rear	Function to edit parts of a sequenced message
 BIGmack	£79	single-message	2 minutes total	Clear snap cap for labels		12.7cm round button	Port for an external switch	Includes cable for controlling toys and appliances
 Big Step-by-Step	£121	multi-message	4 minutes total over 3 levels	Clear snap cap for labels		12.7cm round button	Port for an external switch	Includes cable for controlling toys and appliances
 Big Talking Brix	£204	single-message	10 seconds	Clear cap, labels slide underneath		8.6cm round button	Magnetic	Pack of 3 which can be linked together
 GoTalk One	£12	single-message	10 seconds	Label sit behind secure clear frame		8.3cm square button	Light weight	Useable with the 'GoTalk Talkbook Four' Vinyl Folder
 LITTLEmack	£79	single-message	2 minutes total	Clear snap cap for labels		6.3cm round button	Port for an external switch	Includes cable for controlling toys and appliances
 Little Step-by-Step	£121	multi-message	4 minutes total over 3 levels	Clear snap cap for labels		6.3cm round button	Port for an external switch	Includes cable for controlling toys and appliances
 Little Step-by-Step Choice	£149	multi-message	4 minutes total over 3 levels	Clear snap cap for labels		6.3cm round button	Port for an external switch	Includes cable for controlling toys and appliances
 Smooth Talker	£109	multi-message	8 minutes total	Flip-up label holder		12.5cm round button	Port for an external switch	Many message playback modes: random, conversational, Q&A and more.
 Talking Brix 2	£160	multi-message	10 level with 6-14 seconds	Clear cap, labels slide underneath		8.3cm square button	Magnetic	Pack of 3 which can be linked together

Make sure your devices are labelled with a symbol icon, photograph or tactile cue. Consistent labelling can help your learner understand the meaning of recorded messages. Buying a new device? Spend a little more and purchase a multi-message device to give you the flexibility to use it with one or more messages. Looking for activities and ideas which use single and multi-message devices? Download our ["20 Ways to Be Excellent"](#) poster from the [CALL Scotland website](#).

