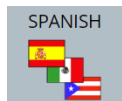


Unidad is a Minspeak® vocabulary system that organizes words in a unique way. It helps AAC users say common words quickly and easily. Unidad is available in 1-hit and sequenced versions. It is designed for people who communicate in both English and Spanish. In the sequenced versions, words are selected by combining symbols in short patterns. Learning these patterns makes it easier to find and say these words. Every word in Unidad is part of a pattern. This guide uses Unidad 84 Sequenced as an example.

### Going Between English and Spanish

You can switch between English and Spanish by selecting the language button in the top row. (Note: In Unidad 28, you can find this button on the Pages page.)



### Core vocabulary

...includes the words people use most in English and Spanish. These words can be used to talk about many topics, with many people, and in many places. Core words help people build language skills and say what they want to say.

### Fringe Vocabulary

...includes words we do not use as often. These words are usually about one topic or activity. Many fringe words are nouns, like names of people, places, foods, and favorite things.

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### Activity Row

The top row is also called the Activity Row. It gives quick access to tools, a keyboard, social words, phrases, and words for activities.

### Unidad Patterns

Words in Unidad are organized in patterns. The most common words in each language can be said with one key press. These keys have lowercase labels.

- English 1-hit words:
  - not, are, is, was, were, on, to, of, a, an, the
- Spanish 1-hit words:
  - no, lo, el, la, los, las, s, que, a, de

### Pattern 1: Verbs, Adjectives, Category Nouns

To say these words, select a core symbol. Then select a verb, adjective, or noun key. These keys use colors to help you find them:

- Green means verbs (action words)
- Blue means adjectives (describing words)
- Orange means category nouns (groups of things)

For example, if you select the BED symbol, you will see:

- Sleep words on the green verb keys
- Tired words on the blue adjective keys
- Furniture on the orange noun key

In English, verb sequences end on a green verb key. In Spanish, some verb sequences end on a yellow pronoun key.

### Pattern 2: Nouns

Nouns name people, places, and things. In Unidad, nouns are in the Activity Row after you select a core

symbol. Nouns are grouped to make them easier to find.

|                                                                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|    | Names                                 |
|    | Classes, Grades                       |
|    | Toys, Games                           |
|    | Weather                               |
|    | Jobs, Employment, Tools               |
|    | Money                                 |
|    | Feelings                              |
|    | Reading Materials, Book Parts, Genres |
|    | Sports and Equipment                  |
|    | Signs                                 |
|    | Countries/States, Directions          |
|    | Family                                |
|   | Animals                               |
|  | Time                                  |
|  | Community Places, Playground          |
|  | Accessories                           |
|  | Nature, Solar System                  |
|  | Colors, Supplies                      |

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|                                                                                     |                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|    | Body, Hygiene, Sensory, Medical         |
|    | Vision                                  |
|    | Hearing, Small Appliances, Asst. Tech.  |
|    | Rooms, Buildings, Building Parts        |
|    | People                                  |
|    | Vehicles, Vehicle Parts, Transportation |
|    | Containers                              |
|    | Clothing, Materials, Patterns           |
|    | Food, Meals                             |
|    | Shapes, Holidays, Holiday Items         |
|    | Beverages                               |
|    | Television, Events                      |
|   | Dishes, Appliances                      |
|  | Furniture, Linens                       |

### Pattern 3: Pronouns

Pronouns take the place of nouns. In Unidad, the yellow pronoun keys help you say different types of pronouns:

- Subject pronouns (I, you, he, she, it, we, they)
- Object pronouns (me, you, him, her, it, us, them)

- Possessive pronouns (my, mine, your, yours, his, her, hers, its, our, ours, their, theirs)
- Reflexive pronouns (myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourself)

|        |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I      |  |  |
| me     |  |  |
| my     |  |  |
| mine   |  |  |
| myself |  |  |

### Pattern 4: Pronoun Verb Phrases (English only)

Many common English phrases use a pronoun and a verb. In Unidad, you can make these phrases with simple symbol patterns. For example, you can say:

|         |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I can   |  |  |                                                                                       |
| I can't |  |  |  |
| Can I   |  |  |                                                                                       |
| Can't I |  |  |  |

### Pattern 5: Grammar Words

Grammar words help us put words together to make sentences. In Unidad, grammar words can be said with just two keys. These include:

|                |                           |                                                                                      |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Interjections  | please, oops, yum, yuk    |   |
| Determiners    | this, that, all, none     |   |
| Helping Verbs  | am, be, would, could      |   |
| Prepositions   | in, out, on, off, up      |   |
| Question Words | who, what, when, why      |   |
| Conjunctions   | and, or, but, if, because |   |
| Adverbs        | very, again, here, now    |  |

**TIP:** You can look up a word using the **Word Finder** tool. Go to the keyboard. Find the purple Word Finder button. Type in the word you want to find.