

# Minspeak4Kids

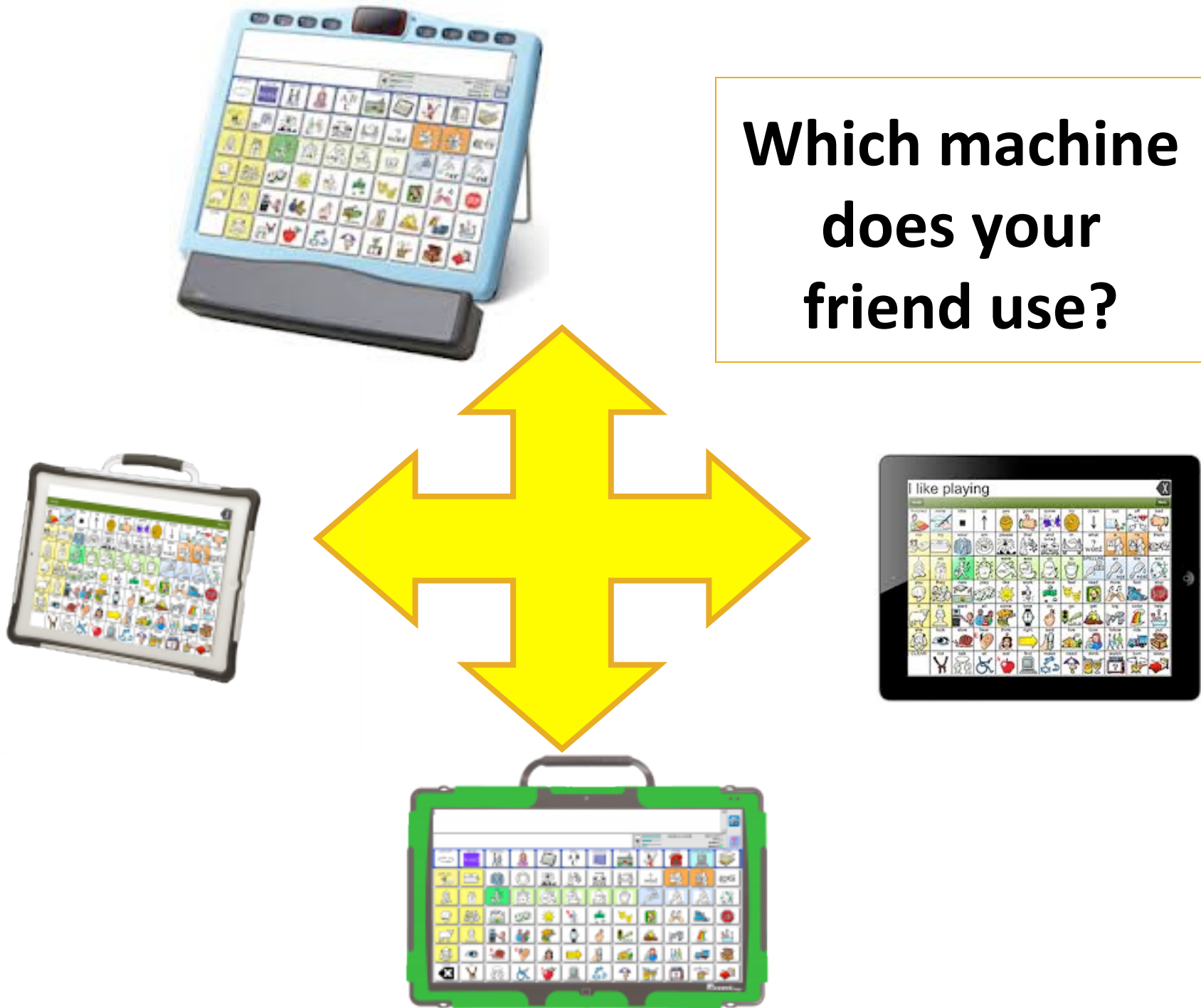
**An instructional booklet for use in  
inclusive classrooms**

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**Your friend uses a very cool machine to talk and write.**



**Which machine  
does your  
friend use?**

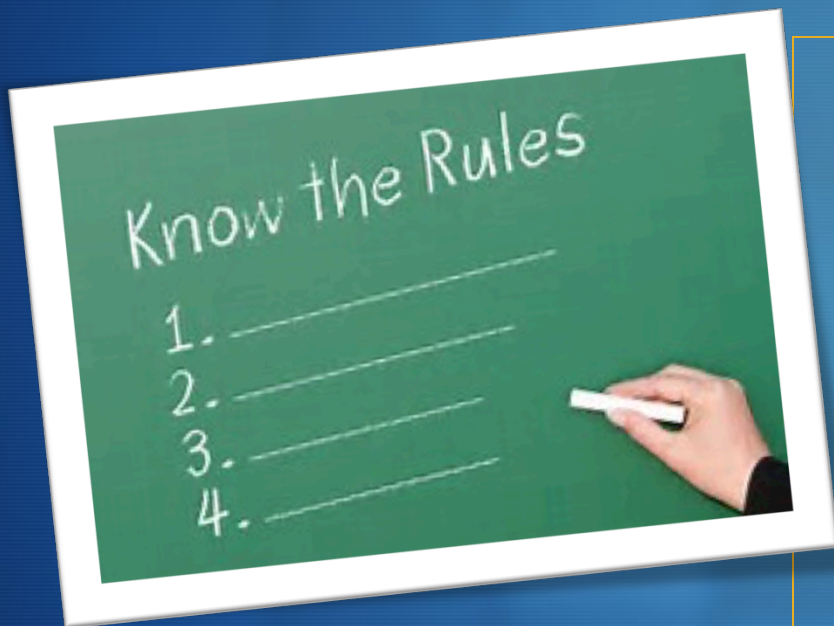


go big over good  
thing  
mine  
there sorry  
what and  
play

**Look at all these words!**  
**You say or write these words almost**  
**everyday! Your friend needs to say and**  
**write them too.**



**These words (and more) are in your friend's machine.**



**To help your friend,  
you need to know 4  
simple rules,  
and.....**

the name for these  
rules is .....

**MINSPEAK!**



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# Rule #1: Minspeak Uses Pictures

# Tell me about these picture!

## Now find them on the machine.

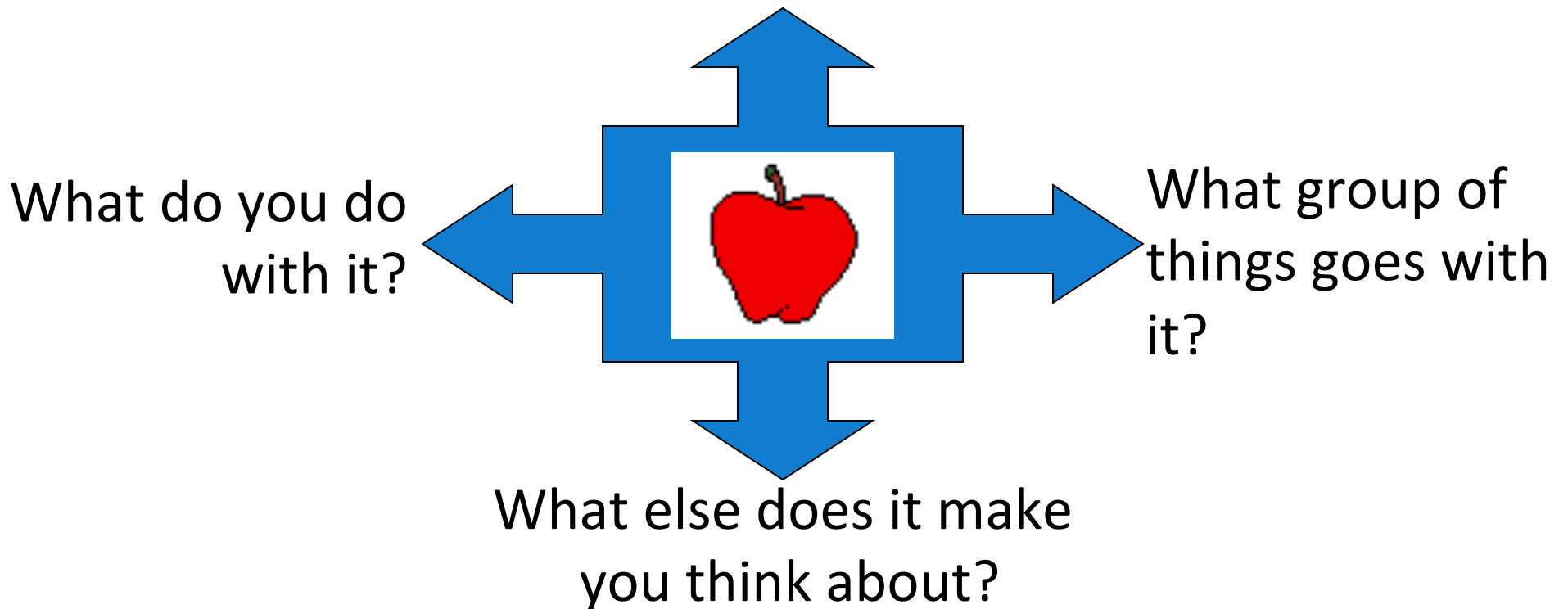




Rule #2: Minspeak Pictures  
Mean More Than  
One Thing!

**This is an APPLE. That is the name of the picture. But it can mean other things too.**

How would you describe it?

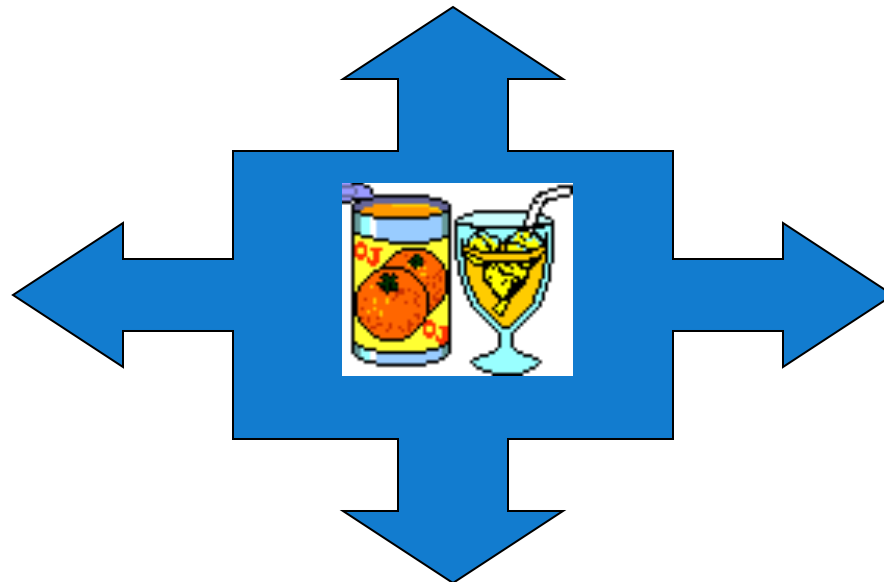




# Try this one.

How would you describe it?

What do you do  
with it?



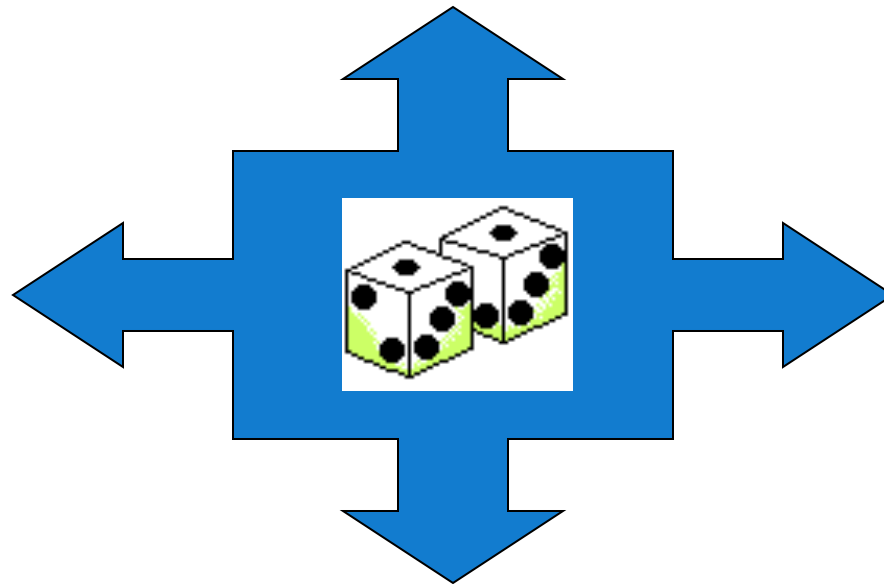
What group of  
things goes with  
it?

What else does it make  
you think about?

# Try one more.

How would you describe it?

What do you do  
with it?



What group of  
things goes with  
it?

What else does it make  
you think about?

Let's push the picture on  
the machine and try to  
make it say one of those  
words.

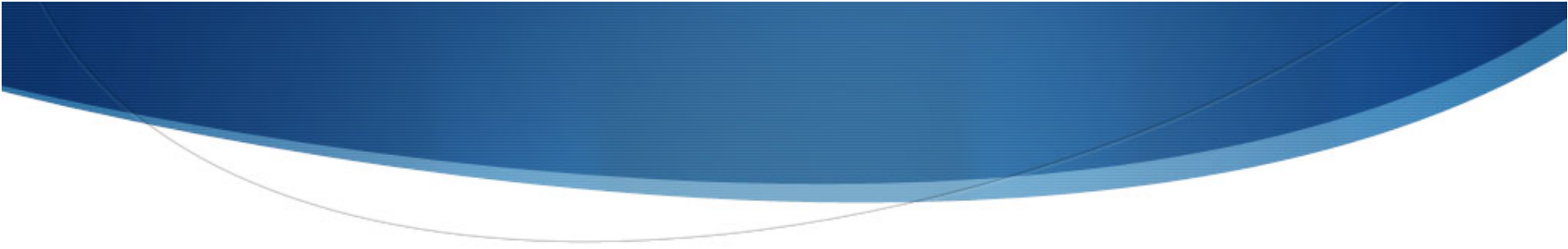


Listen carefully....  
Did you hear it  
speak?

# What happened?

It didn't speak..... that's because we have to use Minspeak Rule #3.





Rule #3: Minspeak Pictures  
Go Together, Like Friends,  
To Talk and Write!

# Here are some important friends that come along!



Herb the Verb  
(Mr. Action Man)



Mother Hubbard



Art Tist



Let's say....  
eat  
play  
drink

What picture  
do you need?



What friend  
comes along?



Let's say....  
hungry  
thirsty  
little

What picture  
do you need?



What friend  
comes along?



Let's say....  
food  
beverage  
game

What picture  
do you need?



What friend  
comes along?



The pictures that go together are “codes” for the words your friend says and writes. But they are NOT secret codes. They are codes that anyone can learn.

That’s because .....



Rule #4: Minspeak Codes  
Follow Patterns!



Patterns make learning the codes very easy. Once you learn the pictures and the patterns, learning Minspeak codes make sense.



# Pattern 1: Picture + Part of Speech

Verb

Noun

Adjective



go



stop



eat



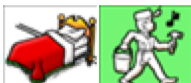
drink



look



sleep



sit



thing



stuff



fun



game



food



clothing



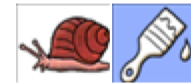
book



fast



slow



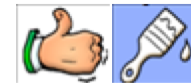
big



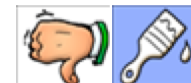
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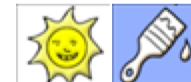
good



bad



funny



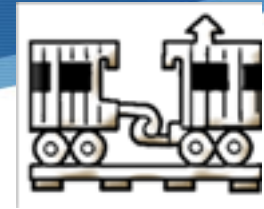
These words have “endings” that change.

# Pattern 2: Part of Speech + Picture

Interjection

Determiner

Conjunction



please



thank you



sorry



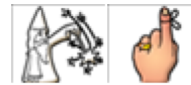
yum



yuk



this



that



these



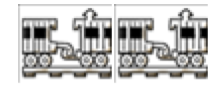
those



all



and



or



but



if



because



These words DO NOT have “endings” that change.

# Pattern 2: Part of Speech + Picture

Adverb

Preposition

Question Word



?  
word

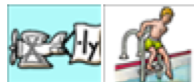
here



there



now



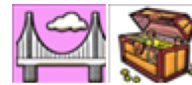
again



never



in



out



over



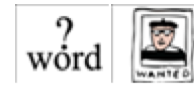
under



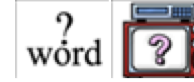
with



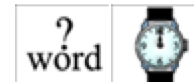
who



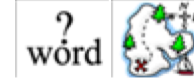
what



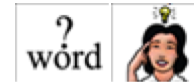
when



where



why



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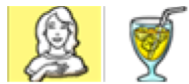
# Pattern 3: Pronoun Phrases

## Pronoun + Picture, Picture + Pronoun

### “KNOT” in the middle

#### Tell

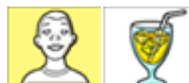
I can



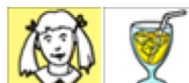
you can



he can



she can



we can



they can



it can



#### Ask

can I



can you



can he



can she



can we



can they



can it



#### Contract-Negate

I can



not



I can't



you can't



can't I

















can't you

















# Pattern 4: Pronouns

## Subject

I		
you		
he		
she		
we		
they		
it		





























## Object

me		
you		
him		
her		
us		
them		
it		

## Reflective

myself		
yourself		
himself		
herself		
ourselves		
themselves		
itself		

## Possessive

my		
your		
his		
her		
our		
their		
its		
mine		
yours		
his		
hers		
ours		
theirs		
its		



# Pattern 5: Indefinite Pronouns

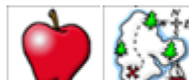
anyone



anybody



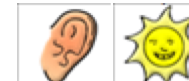
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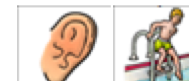
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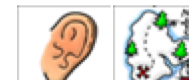
everyone



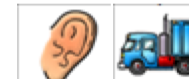
everybody



everywhere



everything



no one



nobody



nowhere



nothing



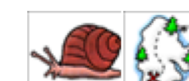
someone



somebody



somewhere



something





# Pattern 6: One Hits

are



on



a



not



is



to



an



were



the



was



# Pattern 7: Nouns Nouns Nouns

Picture + Activity Row

apple



orange



berry



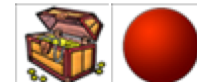
peach



toy



ball



beads



puzzle



eye



nose



mouth



ear



pencil



paper

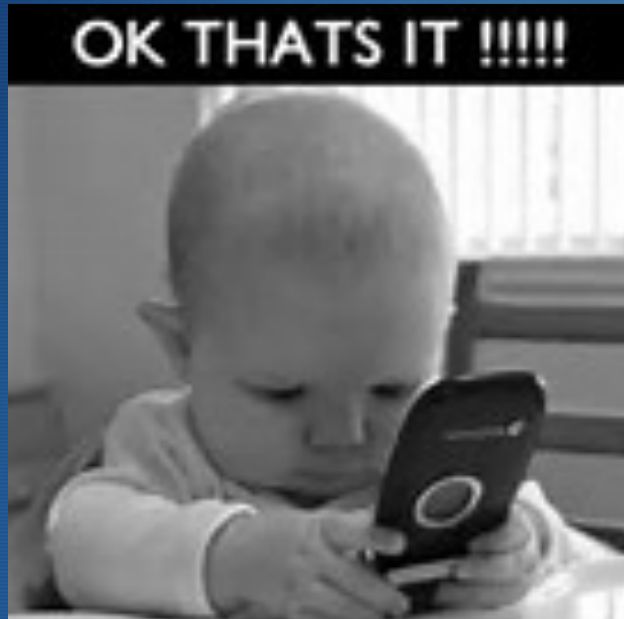


crayon



scissors





You've learned the basics of a Minspeak program.  
Let's review the 4 rules of Minspeak.

# The 4 Rules of Minspeak

- 1. Minspeak uses pictures**
- 2. Minspeak pictures mean more than one thing.**
- 3. Minspeak pictures go together, like friends, to talk and write.**
- 4. Minspeak codes follow patterns.**



**THE END**