

# Dementia Communication Card

  
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## Instructions for print and use:

- Print this document on both sides (flip sheet on the long edge), a standard letter sized sheet (8.5 x 11), and with “Actual size” page sizing for best results.
- Cut out each card along the dotted lines.
- Fold along the center line.
- Keep the card in your wallet, purse, or pocket.

  
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3. If the person cannot find the right word, encourage visual communication such as gestures or pictures. Try guessing the right word.
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