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- Greet
- Pretend
- Comment
- Tell a story
- Protest
- Remind
- Gossip
- Agree
- Request
- Compliment
- Negotiate
- Tell on someone
- Express opinions
- Share information
- Answer questions
- Get attention
- Express a feeling
- Share an idea
- Direct
- Argue
- Tell secrets
- Discuss an interest
- Share physical needs
- Get help
- Make choices
- Whine
- Joke
- Ask questions
- Clarify
- Flirt
- Complain
- Etc!

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Communication functions are the reasons we communicate. There are so many of them! A common mistake in AAC implementation is to underestimate the functions that a learner needs to be able to express. They do need to be able to request and share physical needs, but they need to be able to do so much more! We all use a range of functions to build relationship and share ourselves with the world. Robust AAC systems provide enough language to express lots of communicative functions.

What functions are you modeling?