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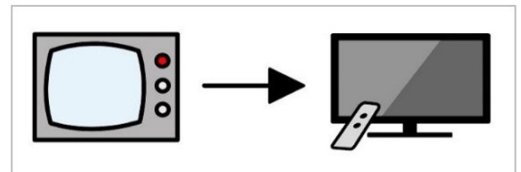
# Introduction – Overview & summary of changes

## Why are we making changes?

To support self-expression and vocabulary comprehension for our users, we've been working on a major update to the Widgit Symbols to better represent the culture and technology of the world we live in. We have also reviewed all symbols and started to improve where necessary; and, in cases where the old symbols were no longer fit for purpose, replace them entirely.

## A summary of the changes

Utilising the latest best practice and cutting-edge drawing techniques, we have made some form of improvement to at least half of our symbol set, with significant changes to one in three of our symbols. Of the symbols we have modified, there are a small number that have been fundamentally changed.

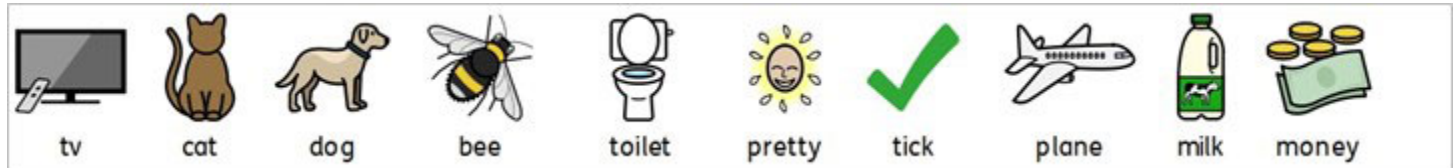


We have prepared this reference document for users who would like a more detailed understanding of the changes to our symbol set.

### Original



### New



In previous years, Widgit's policy was to never dramatically change the symbols as these symbols were someone's 'words'. Instead of editing symbols that needed to change, we added alternative symbols. This resulted in having more than one symbol per concept, some of which were inconsistent, and the original drawings became out-of-date. We have since actively removed unnecessary choices to avoid confusion, making it easier for the end user.





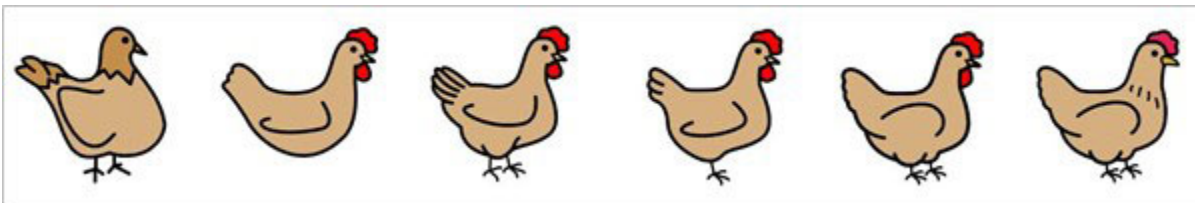
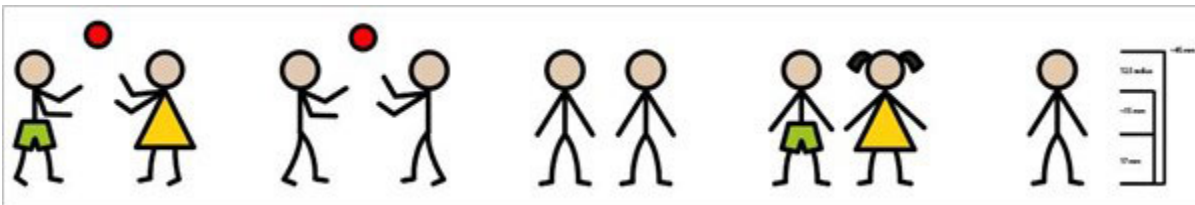
In the past, we have worked with a range of designers that introduced different styles. Graphic design software and technology has also improved and developed over time. New ways of working enable us to manipulate graphics more easily, such as changing skin tones, standardising colours etc,. We are also moving from EMF vector graphic files (no longer supported by Microsoft), to SVG format.

For these reasons, we have reviewed every single symbol in the set and redrawn them where necessary, ensuring that symbols are consistent, clear and concise, whilst maintaining a high and modern standard.

You can view our previous redevelopment project by visiting [www.widgit.com/widgit-symbols-project](http://www.widgit.com/widgit-symbols-project)

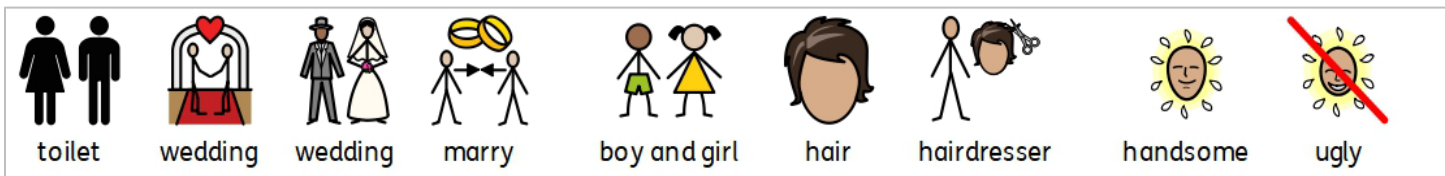
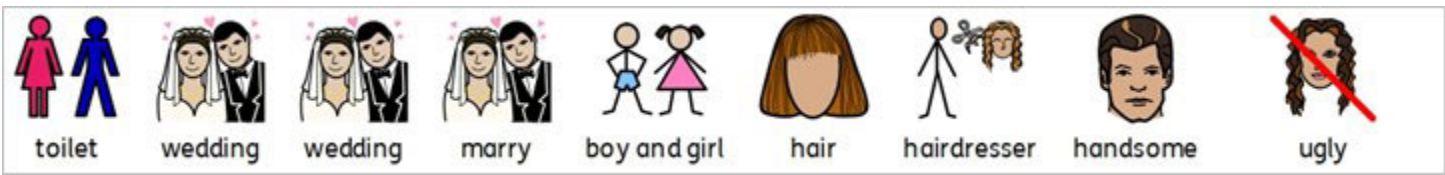
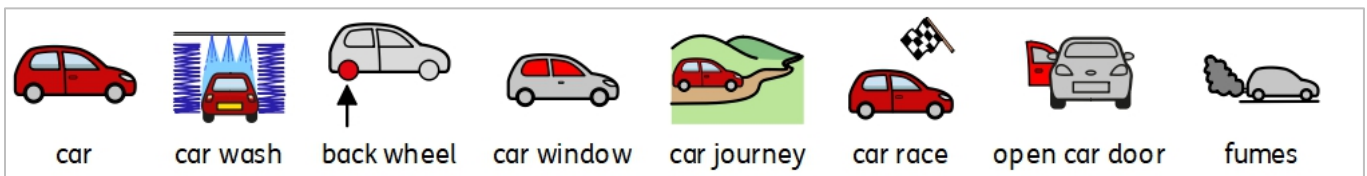
## Development

This project was led by Cate Rae, Managing Director and Widgit's Symbol Design Team. To ensure that the development was useful and fit for purpose, we consulted with our Widgit Centres, overseas partners and close colleagues and have incorporated their feedback into any changes we have made to our symbols.



We have looked at all the 'drawings' that needed improving, paying particular attention to the following:

- **Quality:** Is the drawing of high standard? Is it clear and concise?
- **Consistency:** Do we have the same element in every symbol? For example, is a car the same in every symbol such as “car window” or “garage”.
- **Modernisation:** Do computers, mobile phones and telephones still look the same as they did 20 years ago? Do younger users know what an 'old' telephone looks like? Today, most people use mobile phones rather than telephones.
- **Cultural changes:** Is the symbol gender-neutral? For example, hairstyles and the colours of clothing for boys/girls.



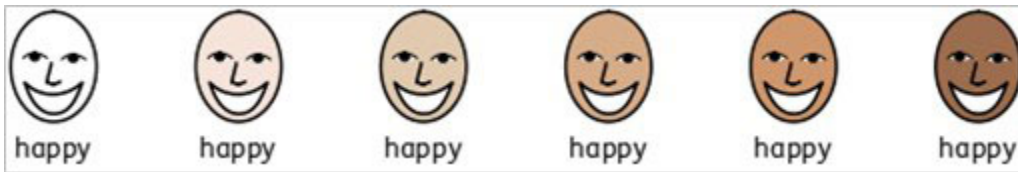
We have also had to make sure that symbols are consistent with the Wigit schema, dealing with conceptual inconsistencies that have appeared over the years. Gender, for example, has been a key issue.



Previously, symbols featuring multiple people all used the same skin tone, and if the default was changed, all the skin tones would change in the same way.

We now have more advanced software to offer more control over changing skin tones. We have edited each symbol so that by default there will be a range of skin tones. This feature can be turned off or on within the software. After many consultations and discussions about 'family' skin tones, we decided to keep the default skin tones.

### Skin tone



### Group skin tones



## Accessing the new symbols

### Online Software

When the redeveloped symbols are released in Widgeit Online, every users' documents will automatically update and change to the new graphics. We realise that this could be disconcerting for some users, but we are doing this because we believe that the changes will benefit everyone.

### Desktop Software

With InPrint 3 (version 3.5) and SymWriter 2 (version 2.5), an update will be required to access the new symbols. Once the update is installed all documents will automatically change to the new graphics.

### Accessing the old Symbols

To make life easier for users, we have added an option to revert back to the old symbols in both our online and desktop software. This option will be available for a limited time and users can only use the new or old symbols at any one time and not together.

**Widgeit Online**

**SymWriter<sup>2</sup>**

**InPrint<sup>3</sup>**

### Feedback

We hope that you will like the improvements we have made. We are planning more changes and would value your feedback.

Please send your comments to [symbols@widgeit.com](mailto:symbols@widgeit.com)

# Symbol Categories

This reference guide has been compiled to show the visual changes made to the Widgit Symbols as part of the 2020-21 symbol review and development project. The modifications have been categorised and grouped into individual sections for easier reference.

Each section within a category will show the original symbols, the new symbols and a written description explaining what the changes are and the reasoning. The examples shown may not cover all the individual changes but a large enough selection to give a clear understanding of the differences.

## People

### Skin tone

The skin tones in the symbol set have been updated to be able to better represent a variety of skin tones. The skin tones can now be changed individually (instead of all skin tones at once) within the software.

#### Original



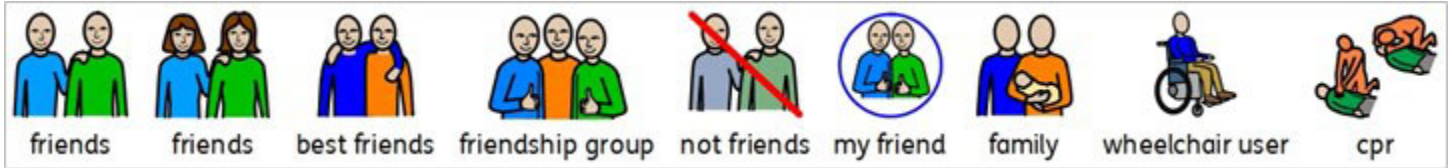
#### New



## Clothing Colours

Symbols which contain clothing have been updated to be visually consistent and follow a consistent pattern; the first person in a symbol will have an orange top, the second will have a yellow top and the third a green one, this will create consistency amongst symbols with more than one person.

Original



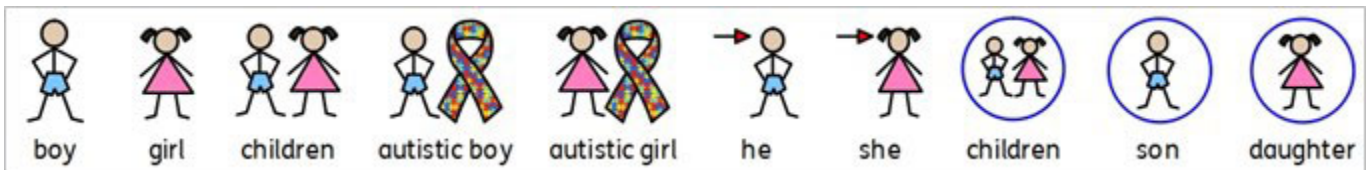
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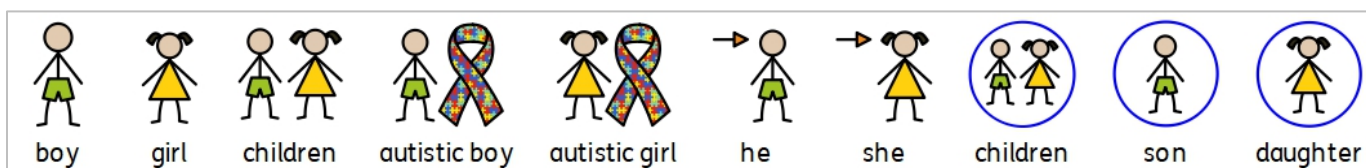
## Child Colours

The colours of the child's clothing have been updated to move away from stereotypical colours of boys and girls.

Original



New

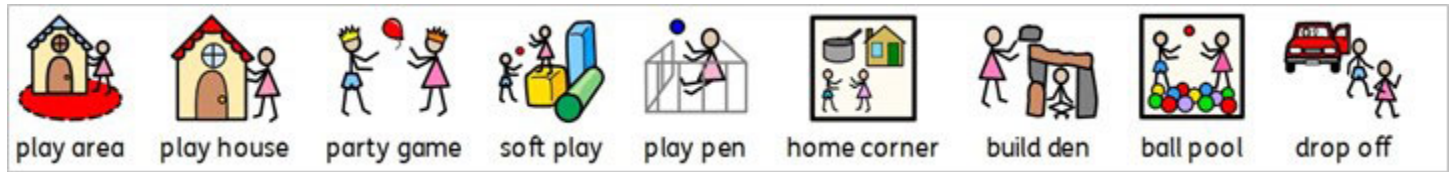




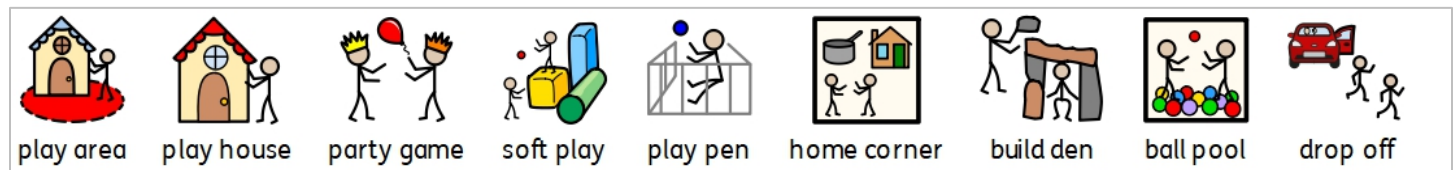
## Child Gender

Many symbols have been made gender-neutral where gender is not relevant to the meaning of the symbol.

Original



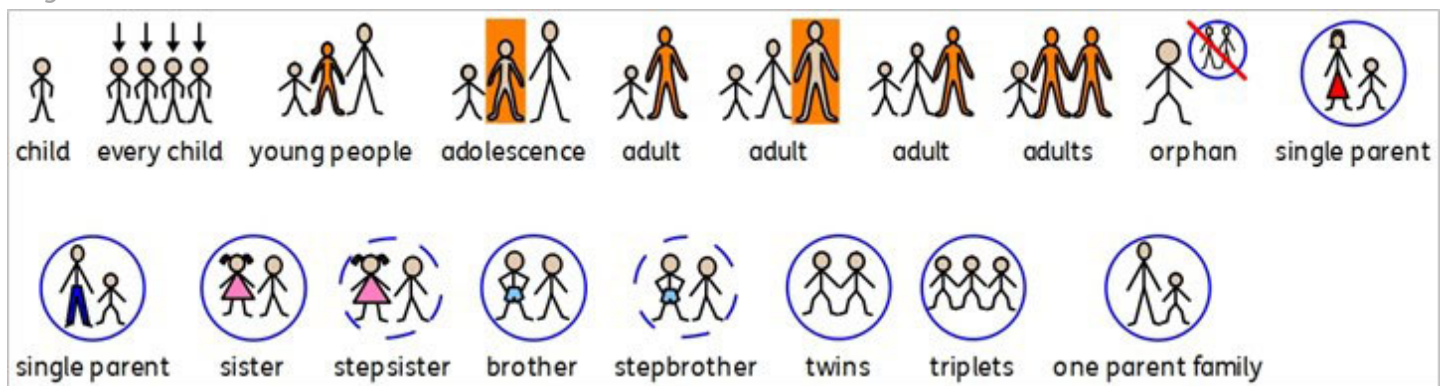
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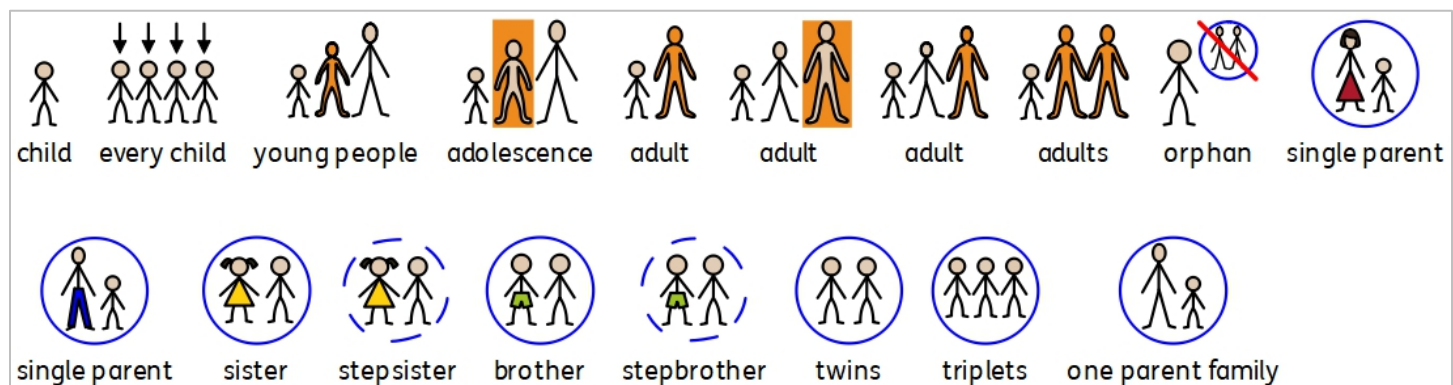
## Child Shape/Order

The child element in all symbols has been standardised and updated to be more consistent. Here we can see the improved symbols where the children's body position and order have been updated to be consistent. All symbols now are also visually consistent in terms of size and ratio.

Original



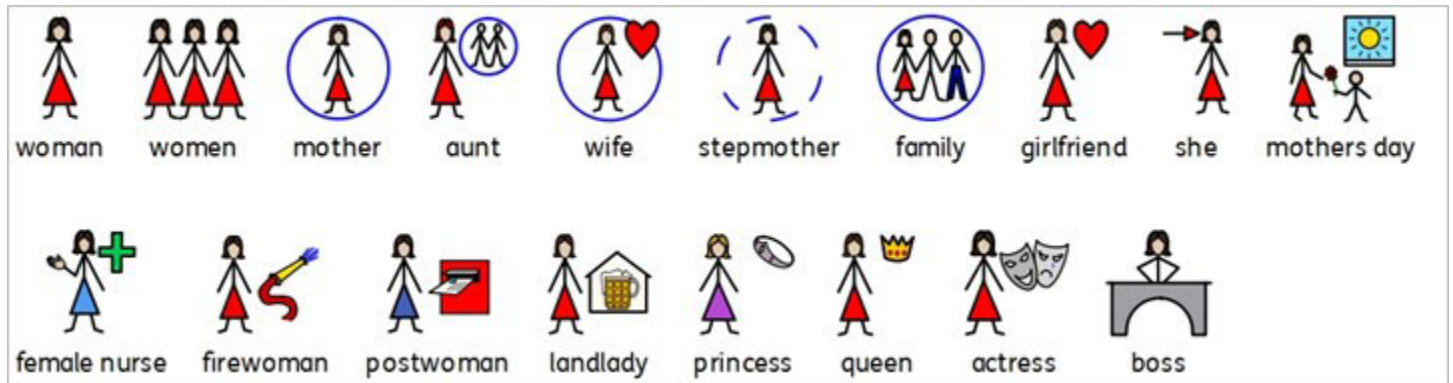
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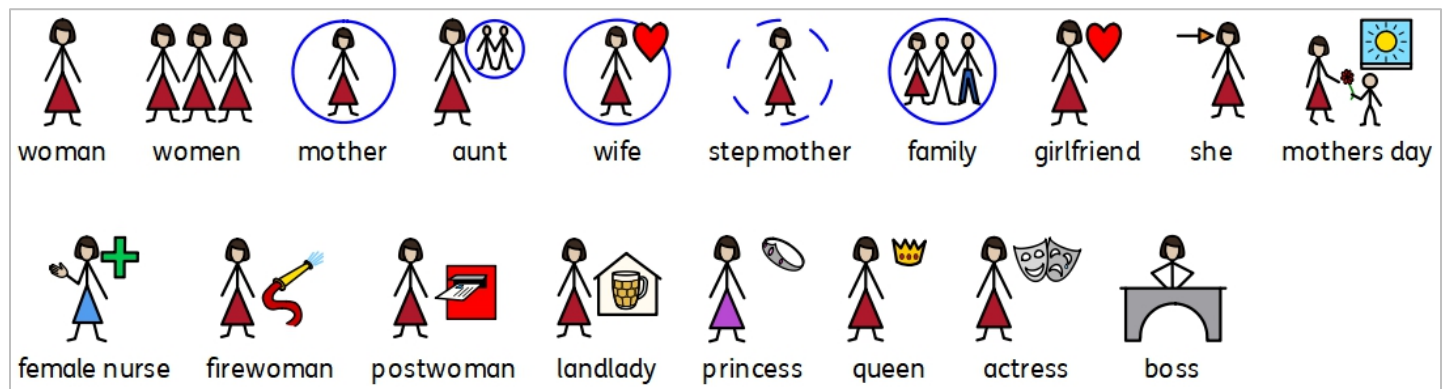
## Women

The women symbols have been updated by changing the hairstyle to be appear more universal and at the same time more modern. The red colour used has been changed to avoid clashing with the red used to highlight objects/parts of symbols.

### Original



### New



## Teen Girl

The teenage symbols have been updated to remove gender colour references. The girl's hair style has been updated to be more modern.

### Original



### New



## People Colour

The people symbols have been updated for visual consistency. The colour orange was chosen to avoid unnecessary implication of context. This avoids possible confusion where certain colours are connected to certain concepts, e.g., red = bad.

Original



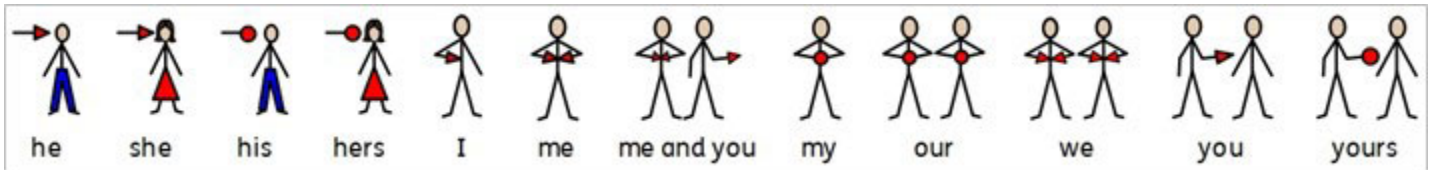
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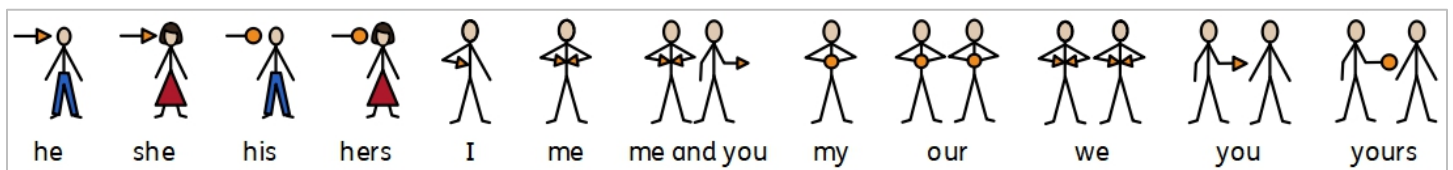
## Pronouns Colour

The pronoun symbols have had the red colour updated to the new “orange person colour” for consistency across the symbol set. The colour orange, as in this context, is neither negative nor positive to avoid connotations with the symbol meaning, i.e. red = bad.

Original



New



# Workers

These worker symbols have been updated for clarity and visual recognition. The additional qualifying elements have all been updated to be modernised and consistent with other elements used throughout the symbol set.

## Original



## New



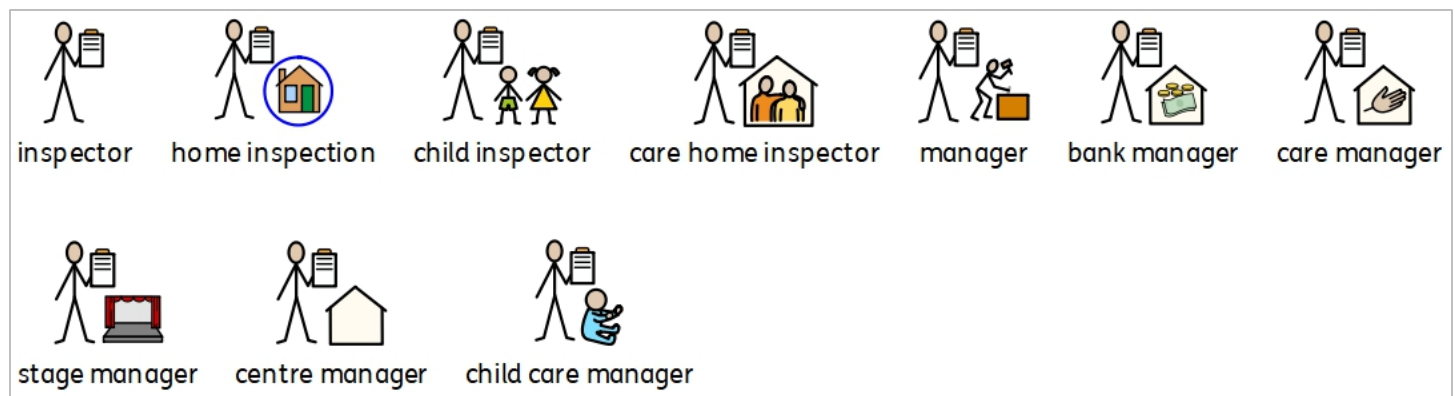
## Inspector / Manager

The inspector/manager symbols have been updated for visual clarity by making the clipboard consistent.

Original



New



## Inspect

The inspect symbols have been updated for visual consistency and to show more clearly the “inspection” aspect of the symbol by adding the arrow denoting the action.

Original



New



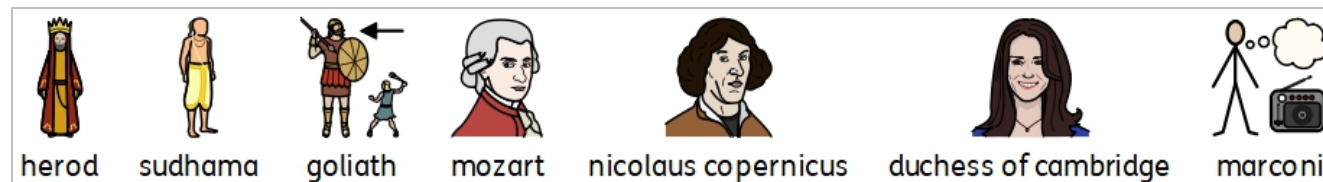
## People Specific

The people specific symbols have been updated for clarity and visual recognition.

Original



New



## Nationalities

The nationalities symbols have been updated for visual recognition and accuracy of concept.

Original



New

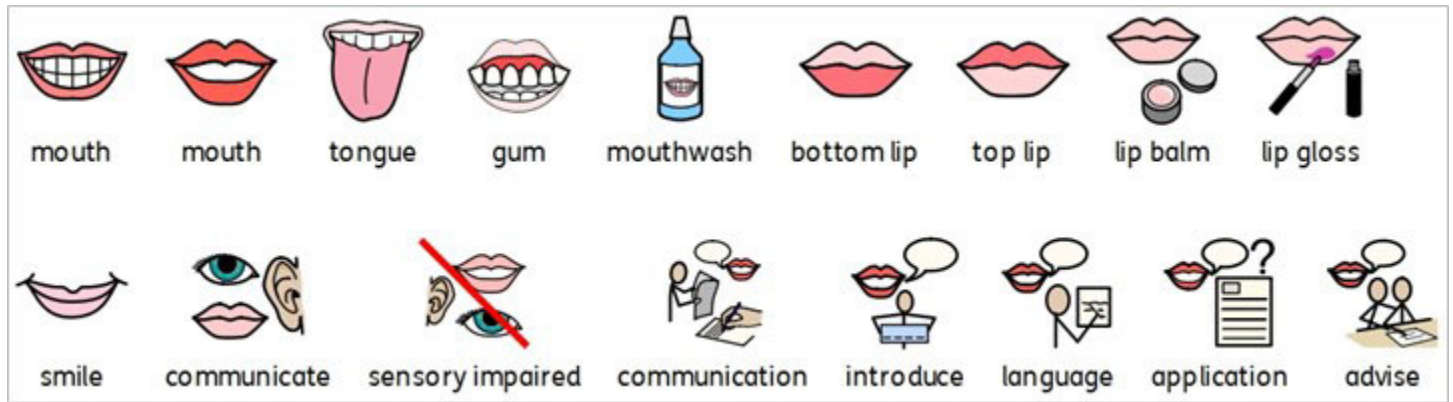


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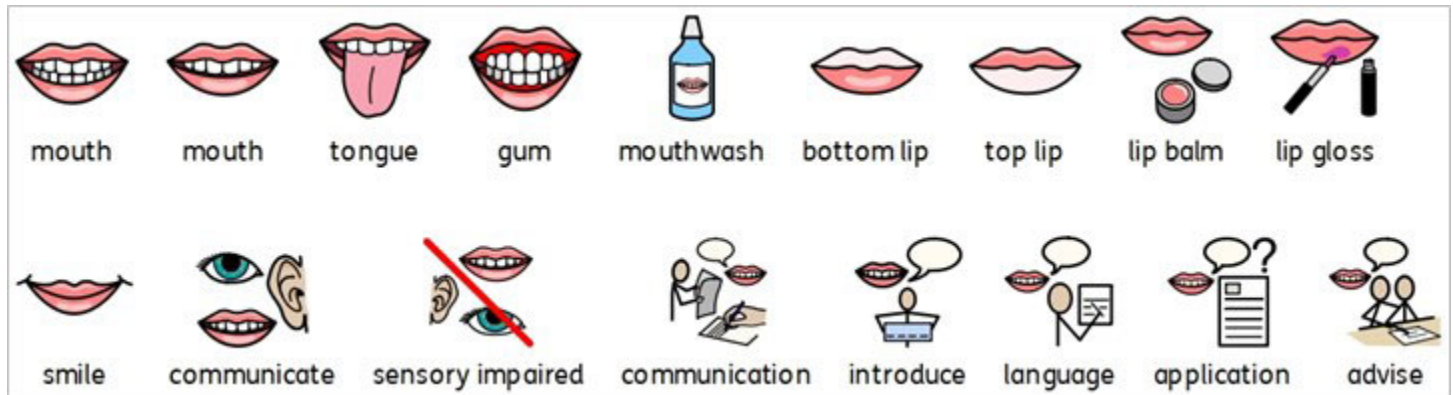
## Mouth

The mouth symbols have been updated for consistency and to look more realistic.

Original



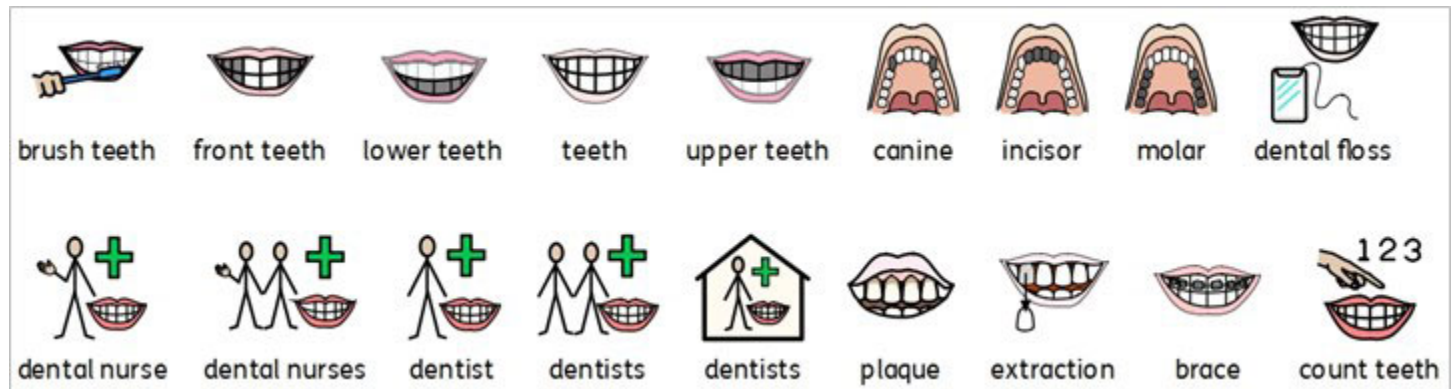
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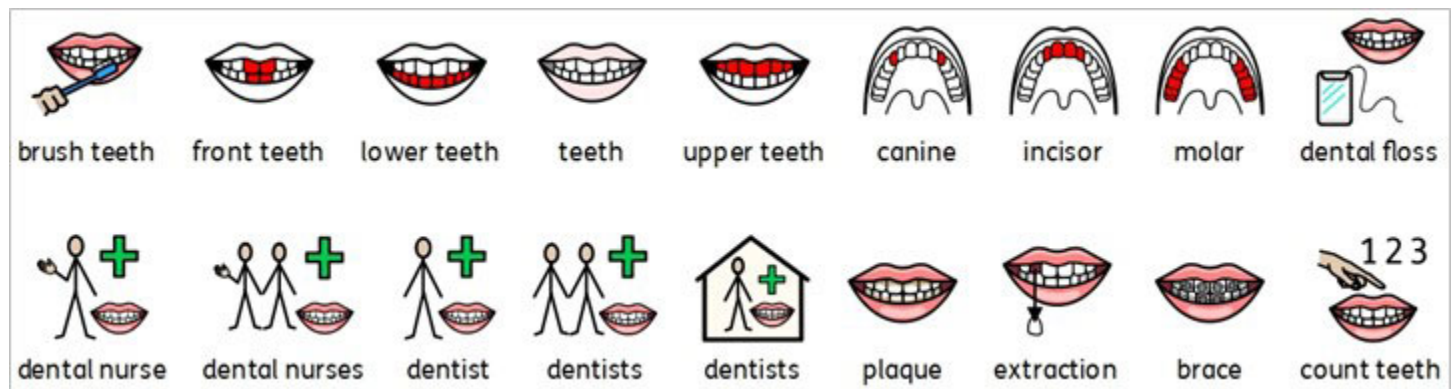
## Teeth

The teeth symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency with the new mouth element.

Original



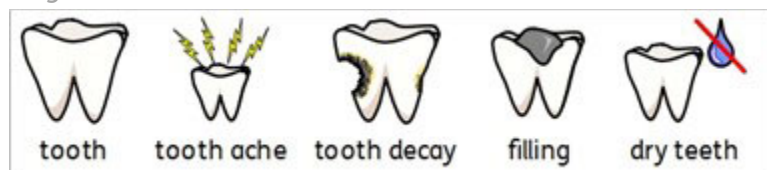
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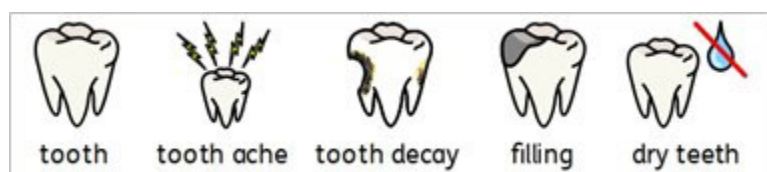
## Tooth

The tooth symbols have been updated for clarity and to look more realistic.

Original



New

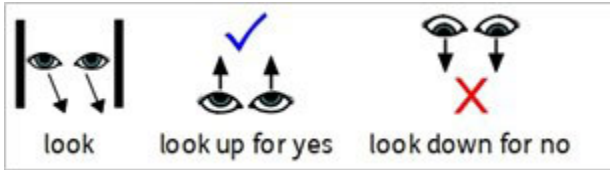




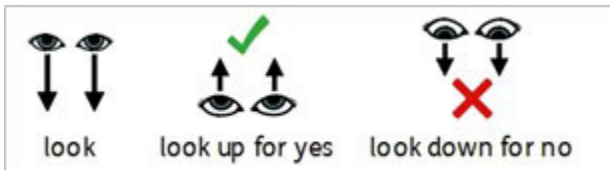
# Look

The look symbols have been updated to make the concept more distinct from 'see'. They have had the black bars removed and now have thickened direction arrows.

Original



New



# See

The see symbols have been updated to make the concept more distinct from 'look'. They have had the black bars removed and now have a dotted line to denote the action more clearly.

Original



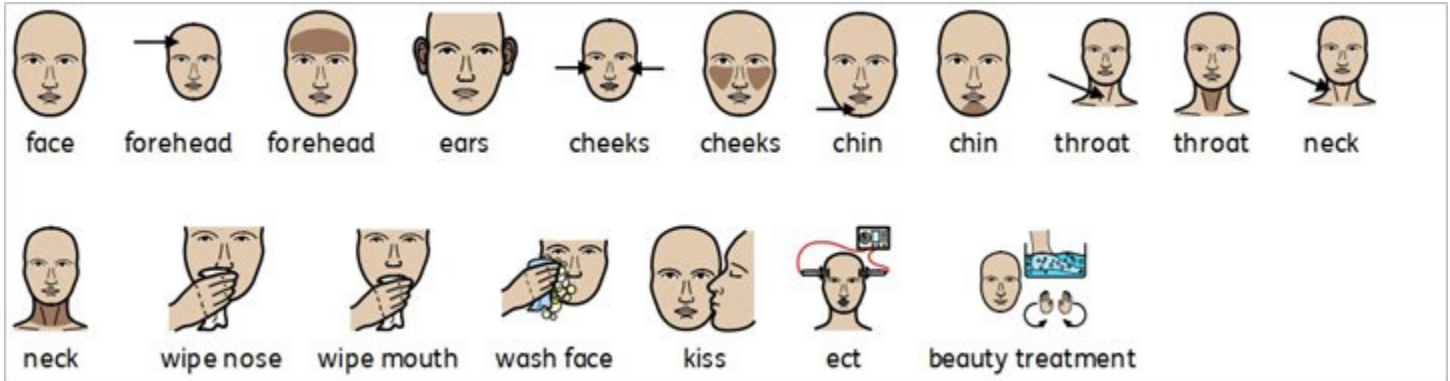
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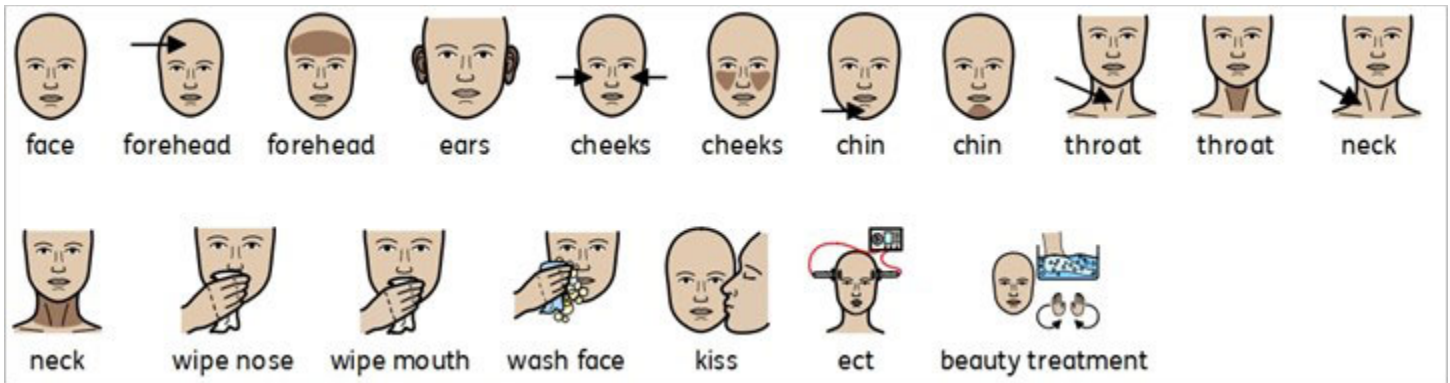
# Face

The face symbols have been updated to apply an improved overall shape to the symbols.

Original



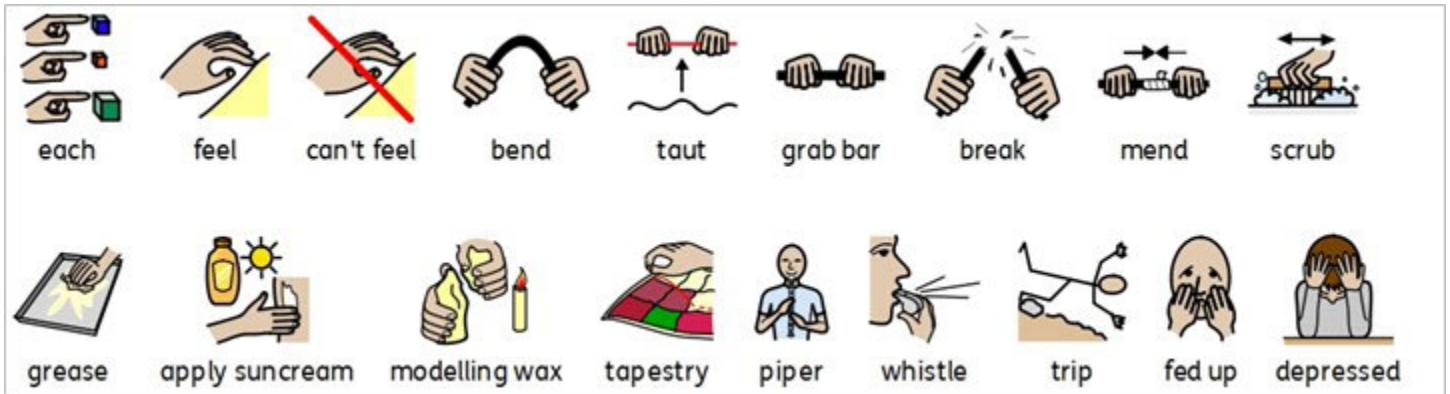
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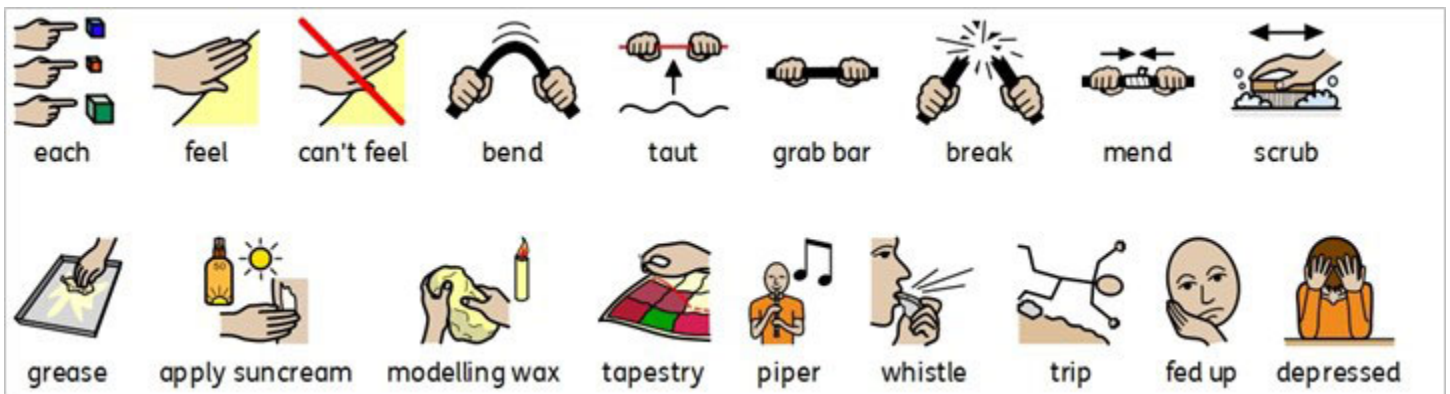
# Hands

Many of the symbols containing hands have been updated for consistency and to look more realistic in terms of shape and position.

Original



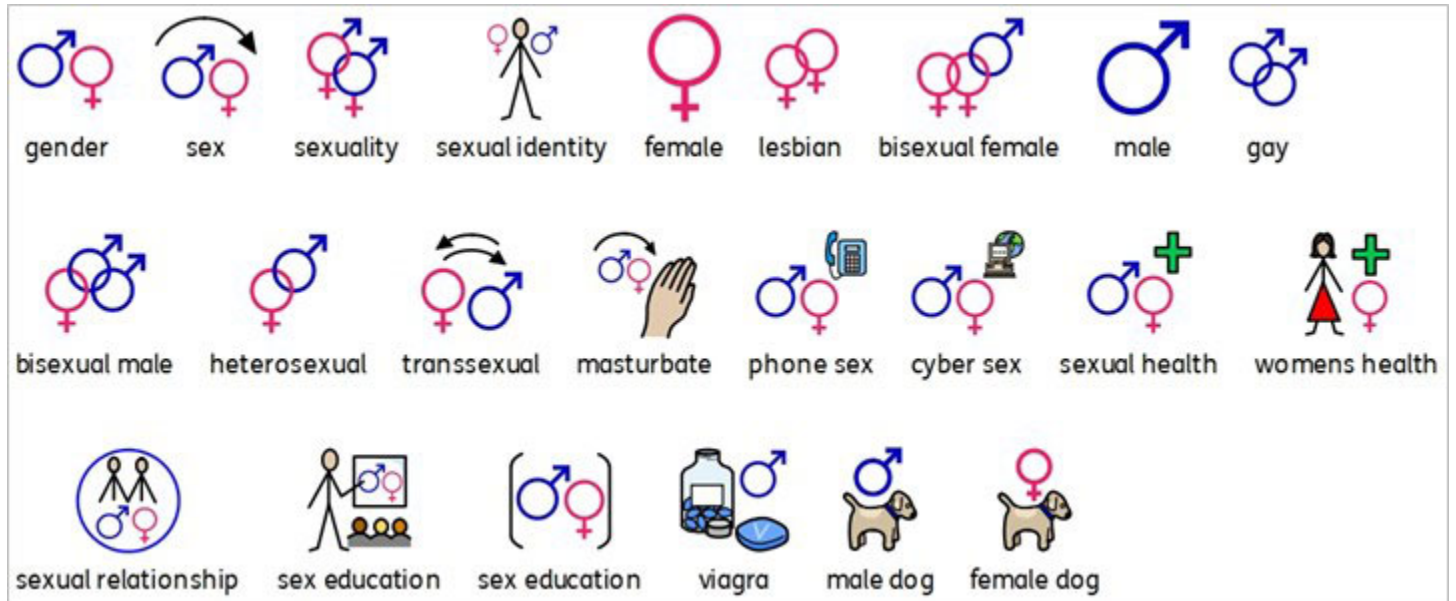
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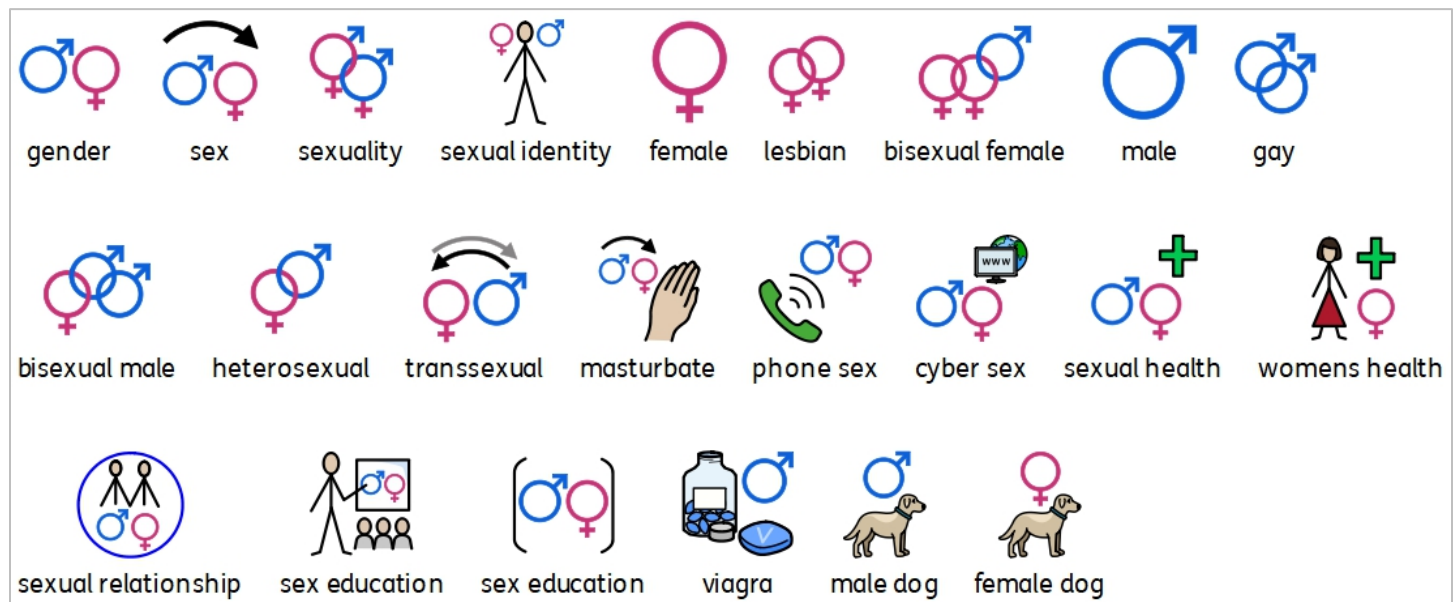
# Gender

The gender symbols have had their colours softened – other colours were considered, but the pink and blue colours are culturally widespread so after consultation it was decided to keep them to avoid confusion.

Original



New



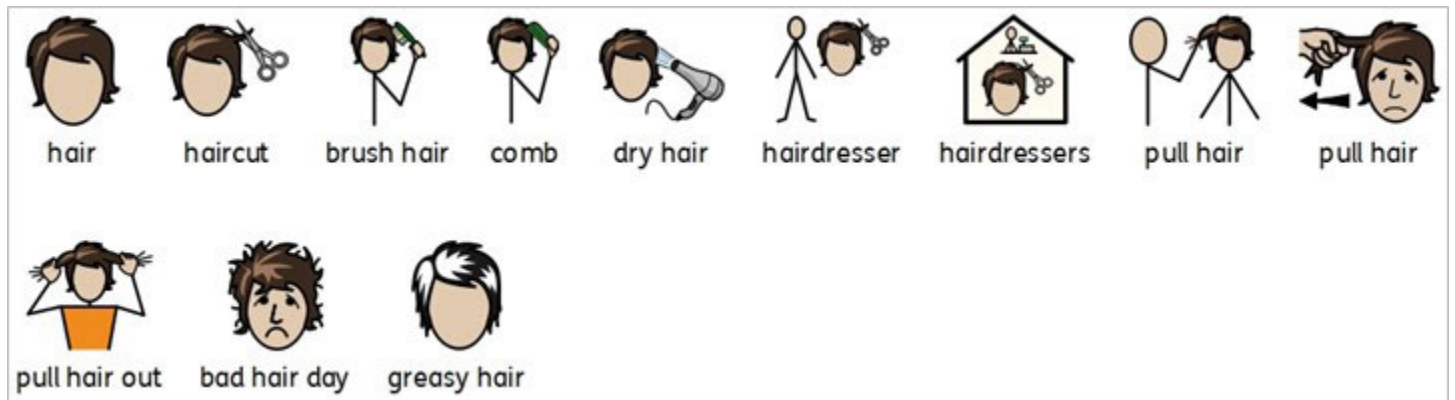
# Hair

The hair symbols have been updated to be visually consistent and gender-neutral.

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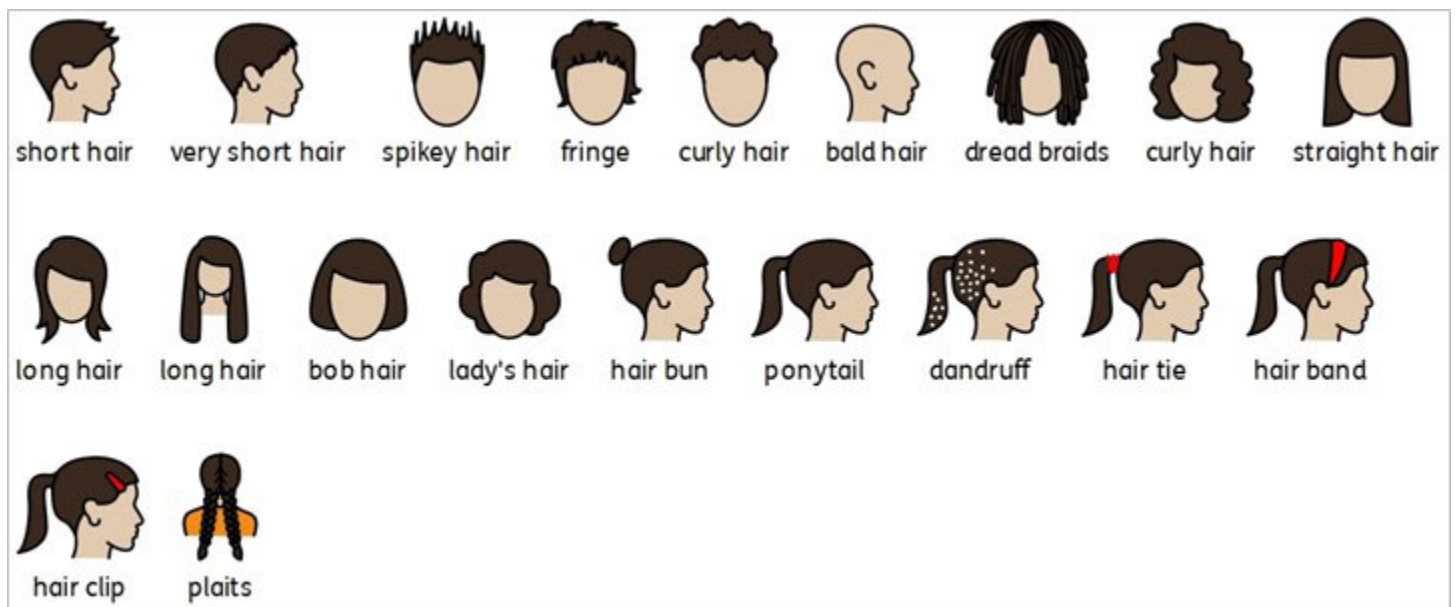
# Hairstyles

The hairstyle symbols have been modernised; facial features have been removed to highlight the hairstyle only. Some hairstyles are also now gender-neutral, and all side views now face to the right. The hair accessory symbols have also been updated to follow this schema.

## Original



## New



## Hair Colour

The hair colour symbols have been updated for consistency and are now using the same gender-neutral hairstyle to show all the different colours.

Original



New



## Hair Products

The hair services and products symbols have been updated for consistency by using the new gender-neutral haircut where possible and other symbols have been updated for clarity.

Original



New



## Hair Men's

The men's hair/services symbols have been updated to reflect the other hair symbol updates by being visually consistent and modernised.

Original



New



## Towel

The towel symbols have been updated to be a consistent colour.

Original



New



## Personal Hygiene

The personal care symbols have been updated for clarity.

Original



New





## Soap

The soap symbols have been updated for consistency as well as making the hands face the correct direction (soap on palms of hands).

Original



New



## Hearing (sound lines)

The hearing symbols have been standardised for visual consistency by using the blue hearing lines and a new specific “sound/voice/air” colour.

Original



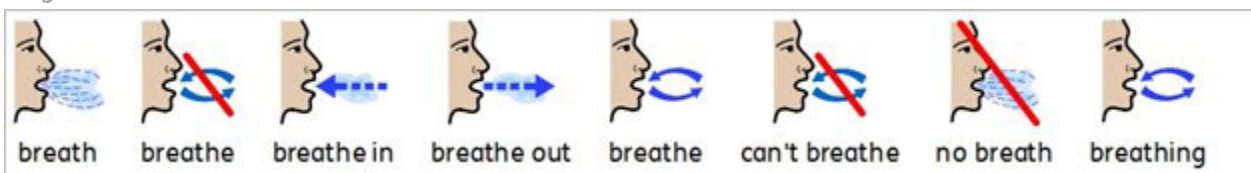
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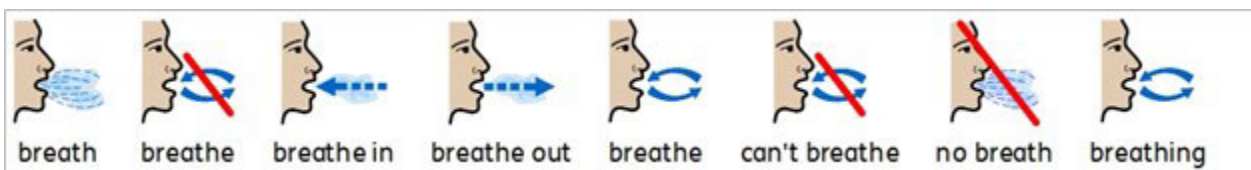
## Breath

The breath symbols have had their colours updated to the new “sound/voice/air” colour.

Original



New



# Medical & Therapy

## Medical People

The medical people symbols have been updated for visual clarity as well as having their respective qualifiers updated where new elements have been drawn.

Original



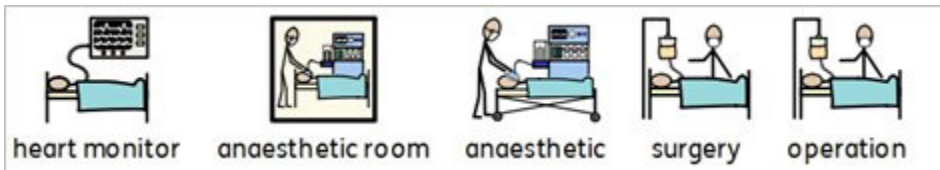
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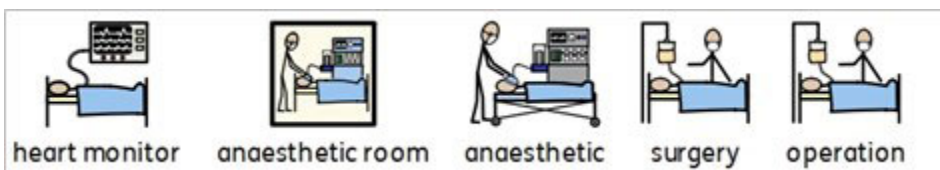
## Hospital Bed

The hospital bed symbols have been updated to be consistent with the blanket colour in the new bed symbols.

Original



New



## Nurse Call

The nurse call symbols have been corrected, making 'call' the main element instead of 'nurse'. The female nurse symbol has been made gender-neutral as there is no need to discern gender for this concept.

Original



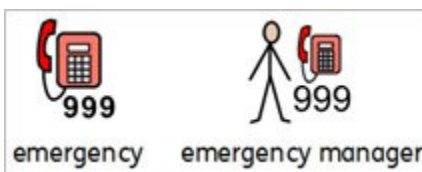
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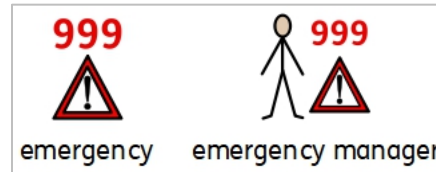
## Emergency

The emergency symbols have been changed from using the 'telephone' element to 'danger', as this better represents the concept.

Original



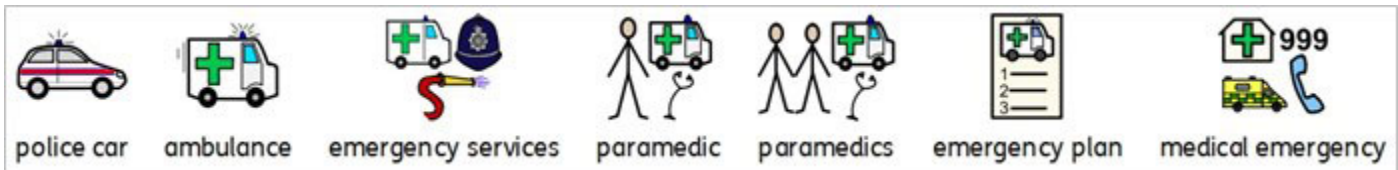
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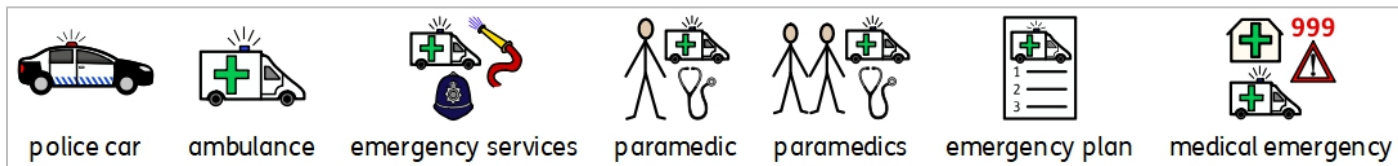
## Emergency Services

The medical and emergency services symbols were updated to remove the old-style telephone and the vehicles updated to look more realistic. The emergency and emergency manager symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



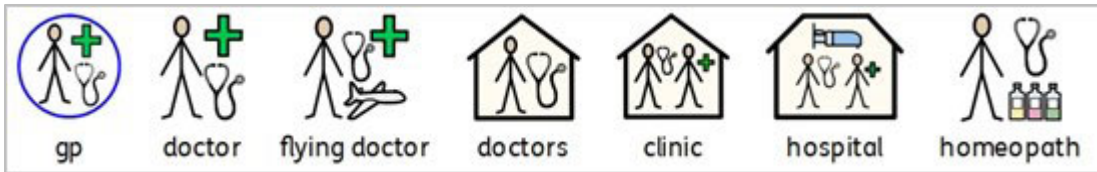
## Stethoscope

The stethoscope has been updated to be more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



## Syringes

The syringe symbols have been updated to be more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



## Hearing Aid

The hearing aid has been updated to look more realistic and better represent modern hearing aids.

Original



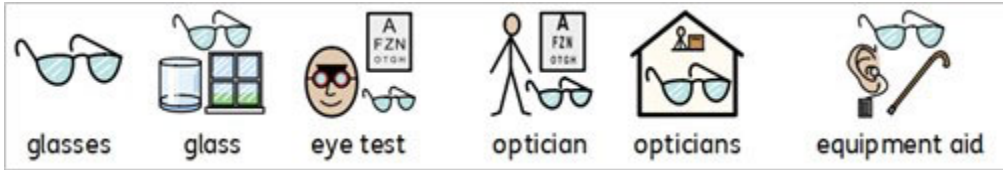
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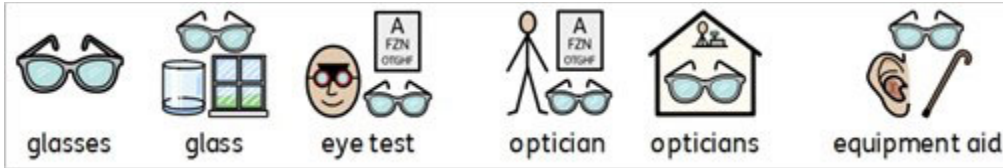
## Glasses

The glasses symbols have been improved for realism.

Original



New



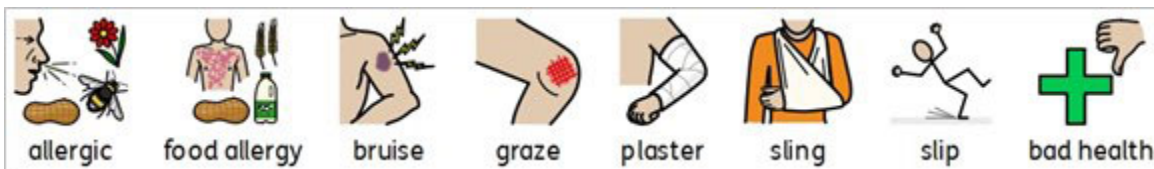
## Illnesses & Injuries

These symbols have been updated for consistency with other symbols where elements have been updated, e.g., bee element, wheat, cow, t shirt colour; and updated for visual clarity.

Original



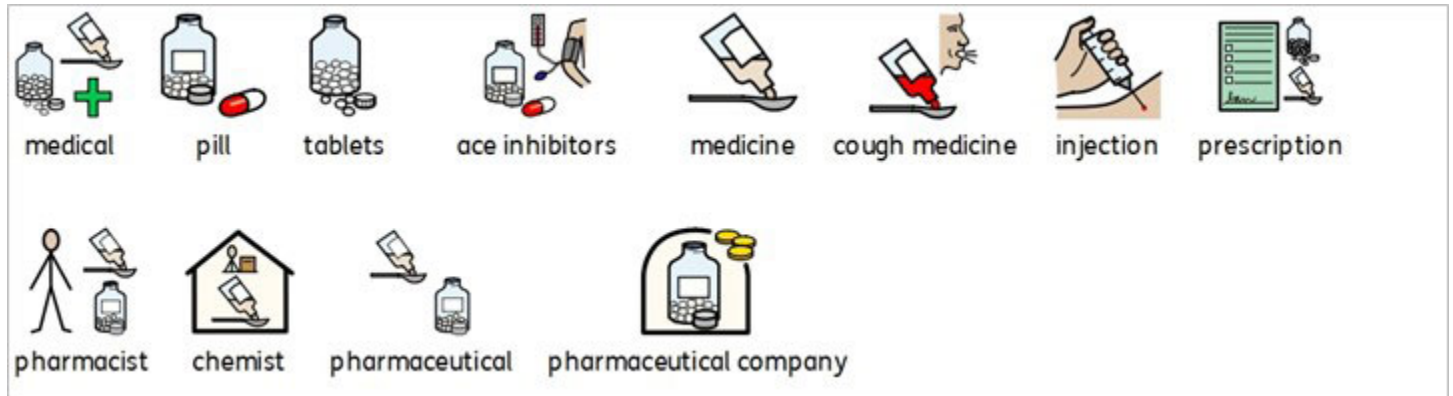
New



## Pills & Medicines

The pills and medicines symbols have been updated to look more realistic.

Original



New



## Medical Therapies & Assessment

These medical symbols have been improved for clarity and become more age-neutral.

Original



New



## OCD / Repetitive Actions

The OCD/repetitive action symbols have been updated using new repetition arrows to make them distinct from other symbols such as life cycle, which originally used similar arrows.

Original



New



## Clothes

### Clothes

Clothes symbols have been updated to remove the bright colours and also improve the symbols in terms of accuracy for recognition.

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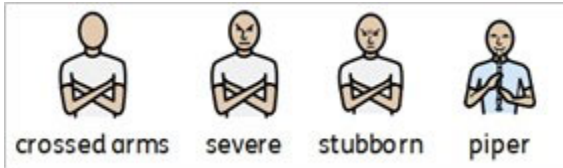
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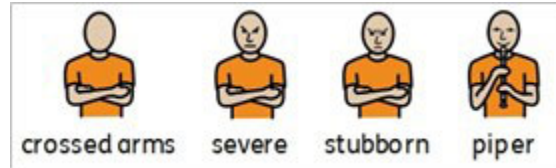
## T-Shirt

The symbols showing a person wearing a t-shirt have been improved for consistency and to make the t-shirt less tight fitting.

Original



New



## Dress

The dress has been updated to look more realistic and less childlike and also to create consistency within all symbols using this element.

Original



New



## Dress up

The dressing up symbols have been updated for consistency and clarity

Original



New





## Shoes & slippers

The shoe symbols have been updated to improve the symbols in terms of drawing and therefore recognition.

Original



New



## Coat

The coat symbols have also been updated to reflect more accurate drawings of the elements and to be able to discern between the different coat symbols more easily.

Original



New



## Night dress

The night clothes have been updated to improve the symbols and make them clearer and consistent.

Original



New



## Underwear (Pants/Vest)

The underwear symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New



## Mitten

The mitten symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New



## Sunglasses

The sunglasses have been improved to show a more generic and accurate pair of sunglasses and to make the symbols consistent.

Original



New



## Bag

The bag symbols have been updated to show a more up-to-date style whilst also creating consistency across all symbols using this element.

Original



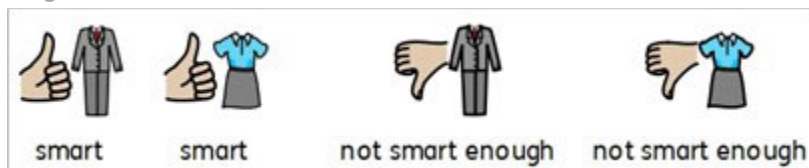
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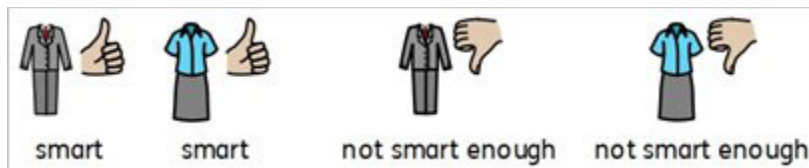
## Smart

The smart/not smart symbols have been updated for visual clarity and the qualifiers are now in the correct place.

Original



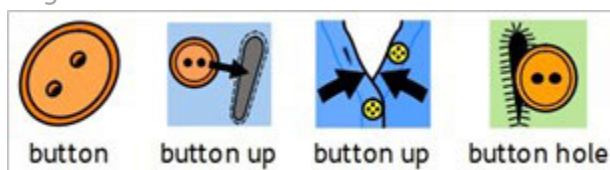
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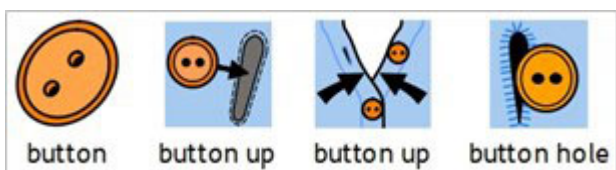
## Button

The button symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



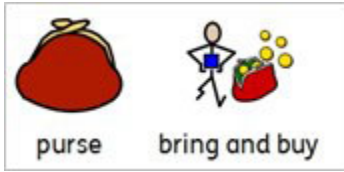
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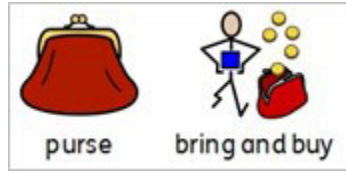
## Purse

The purse has been updated to look more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



## Getting Dressed

The getting dressed and gender signs for changing rooms symbols have been improved for consistency and updated with the new clothing colours. The clothing elements have also been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New

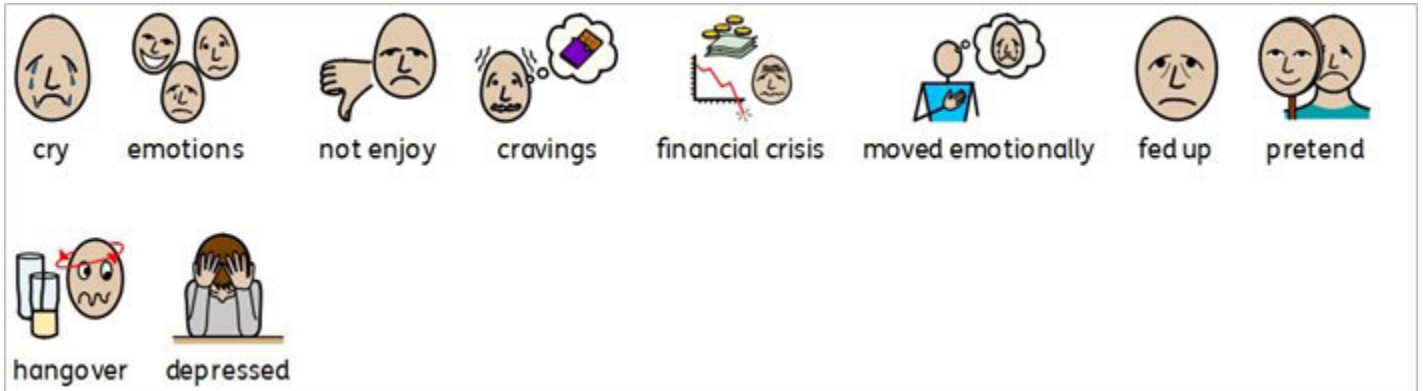


# Emotions & Attitudes

## Faces (Emotions)

The sad face symbols have been updated for visual consistency and now have the same shape as other faces. Some of these symbols have also been updated for clarity.

Original



New



## Emotional actions

These symbols have been improved for visual recognition and colour updates for consistency. The want symbols are now visually consistent as well as having updated arrows. The behaviour symbol has also been redesigned.

Original



New

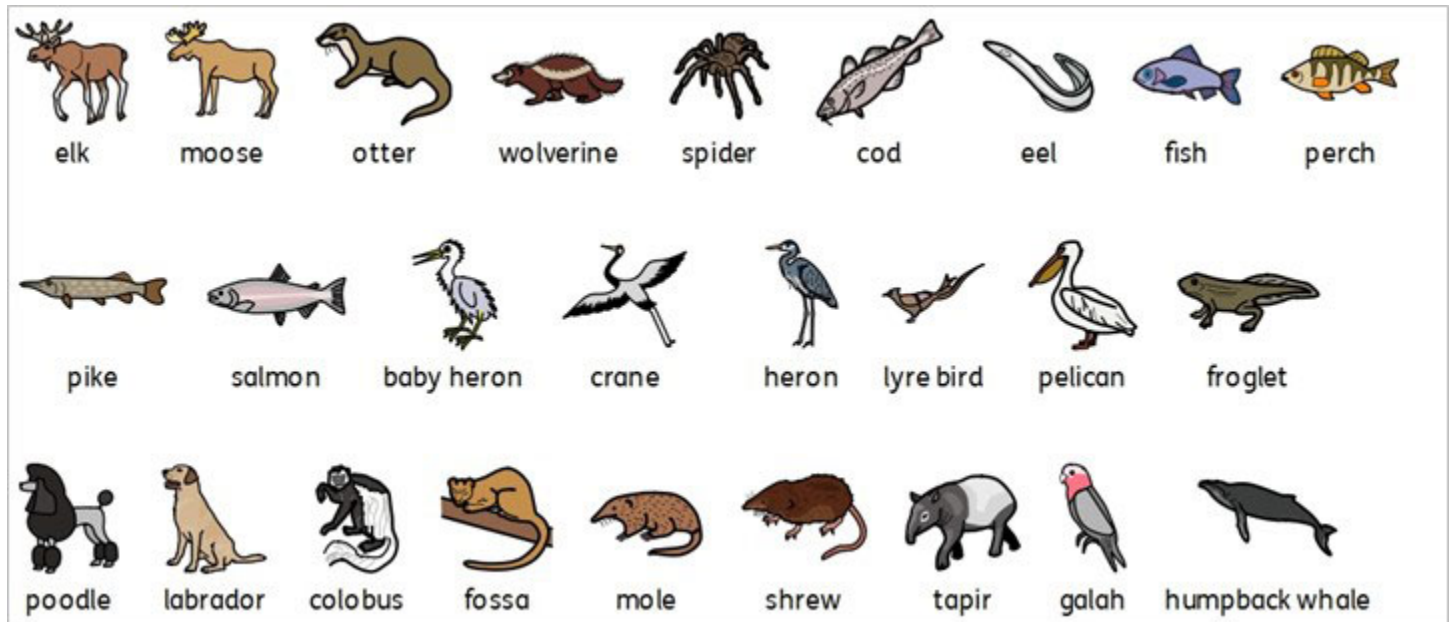


# Animals

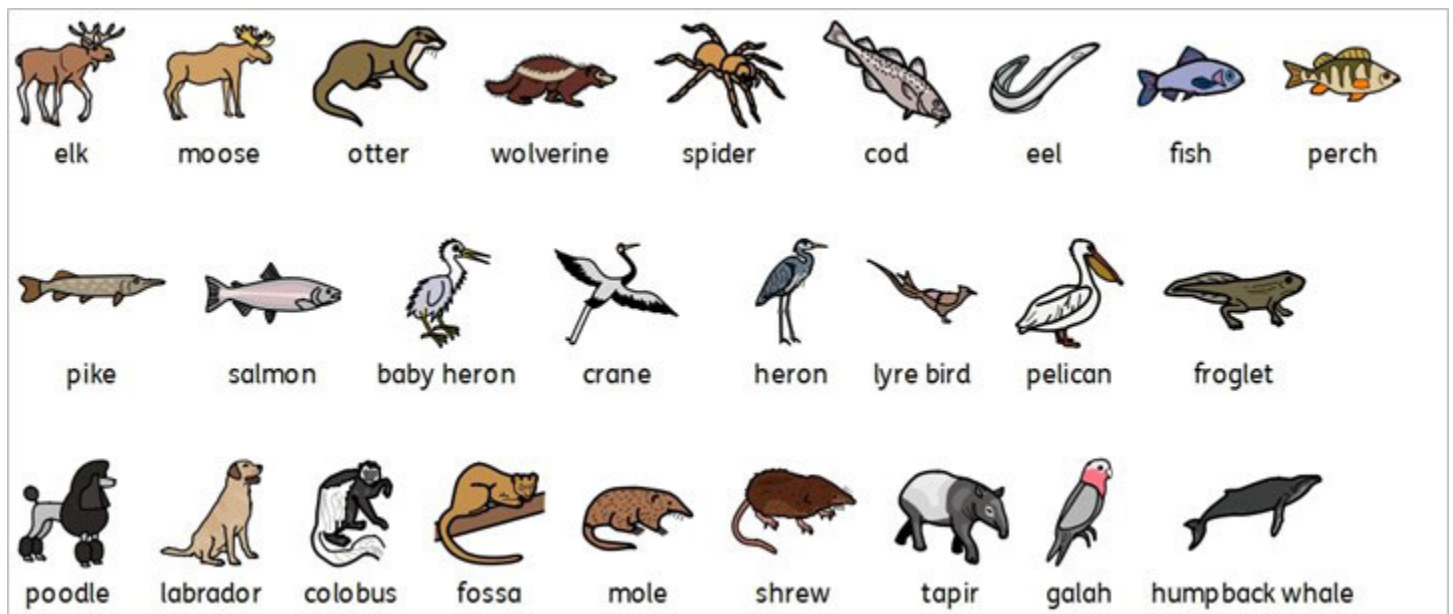
## Animals (left to right direction)

The animal symbols were previously facing to the left. These have been altered to face right in line with the direction a symbol is read. This also means that they can safely be flipped by the software for right-to-left languages.

Original



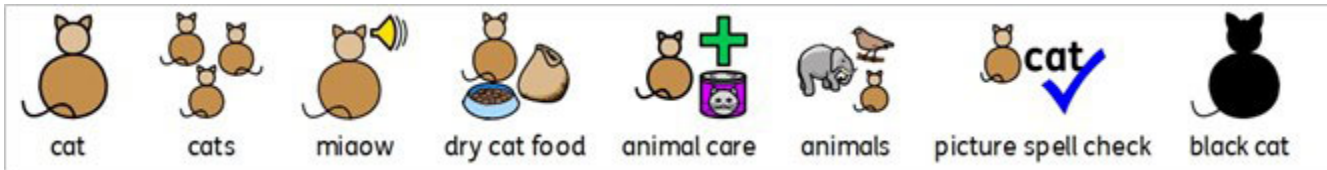
New



## Cat

The cat symbols have been updated to show a more realistic and recognisable cat with a more distinct cat shape/outline.

Original



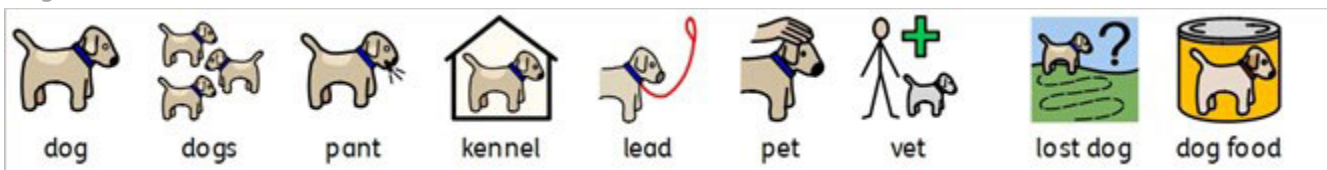
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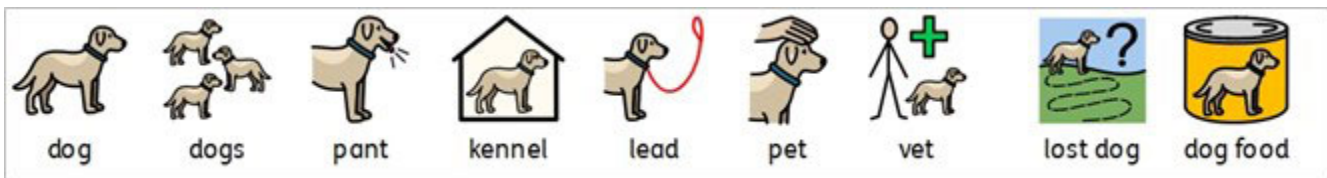
## Dog

The dog symbols have been improved to look more realistic whilst also adding consistency to all the dog symbols.

Original



New



## Dog & Cat

The dog/cat symbols have been made more realistic and less toy like to avoid confusion and improve recognition.

Original



New

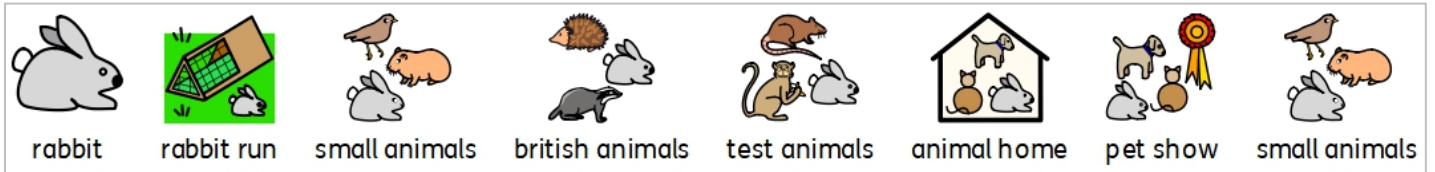




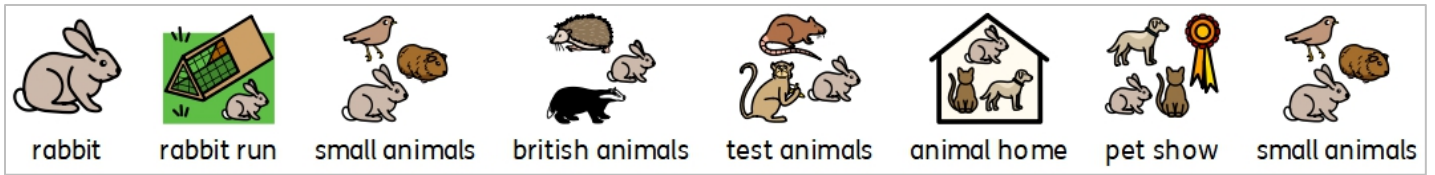
# Rabbit

The rabbit symbols and symbols using the rabbit element have been updated to look more realistic and therefore more recognisable.

Original



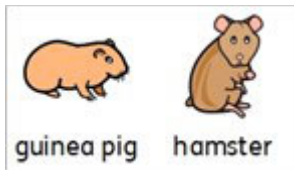
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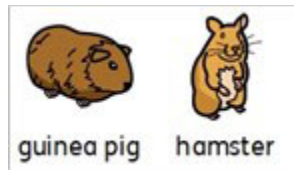
# Small Pet

The guinea pig and hamster symbols have been improved for realism.

Original



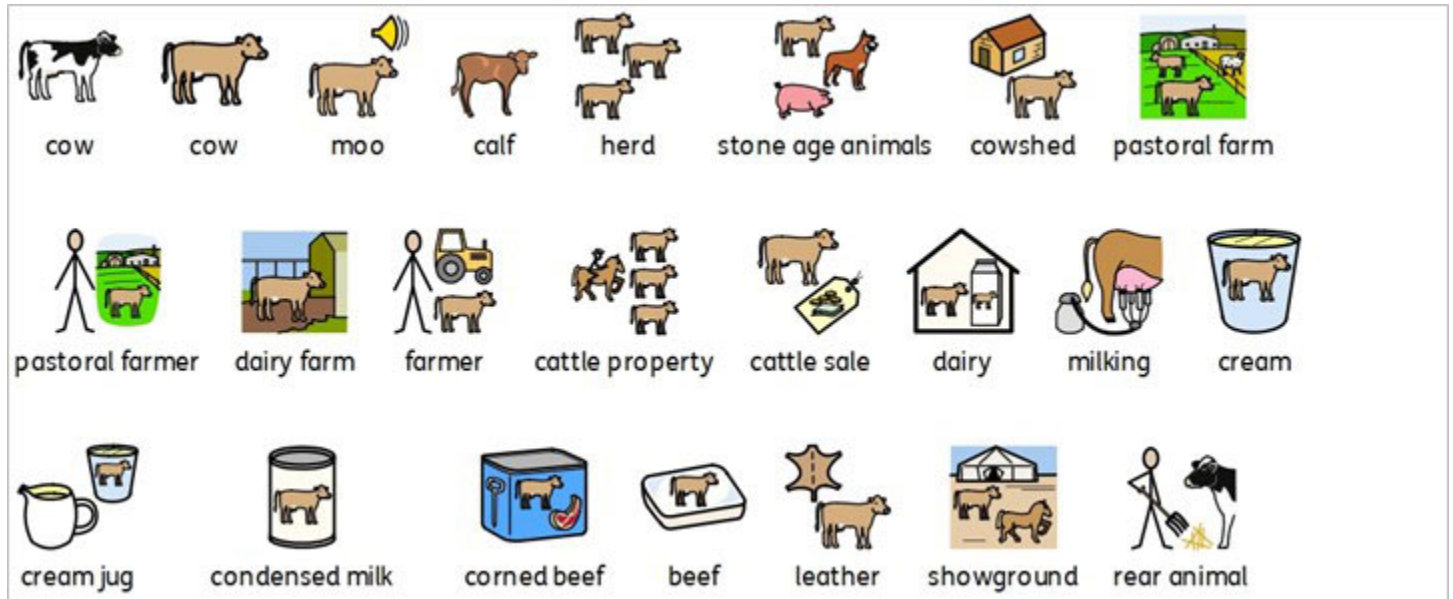
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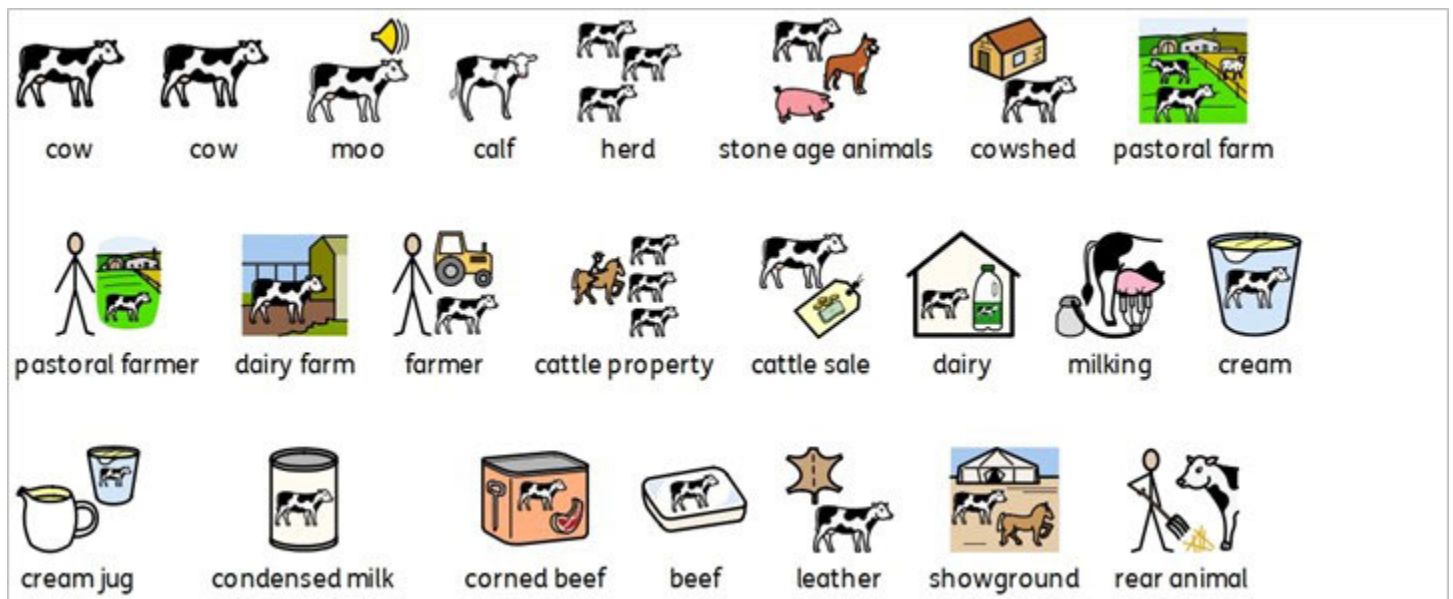
# Cow

The cow symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency to make it easier to recognise as a component of other symbols.

Original



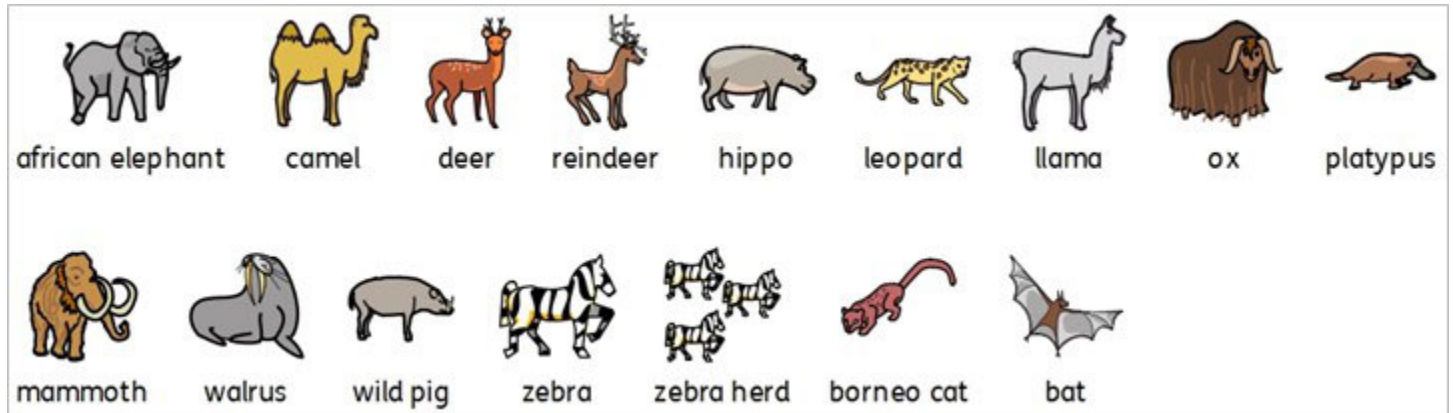
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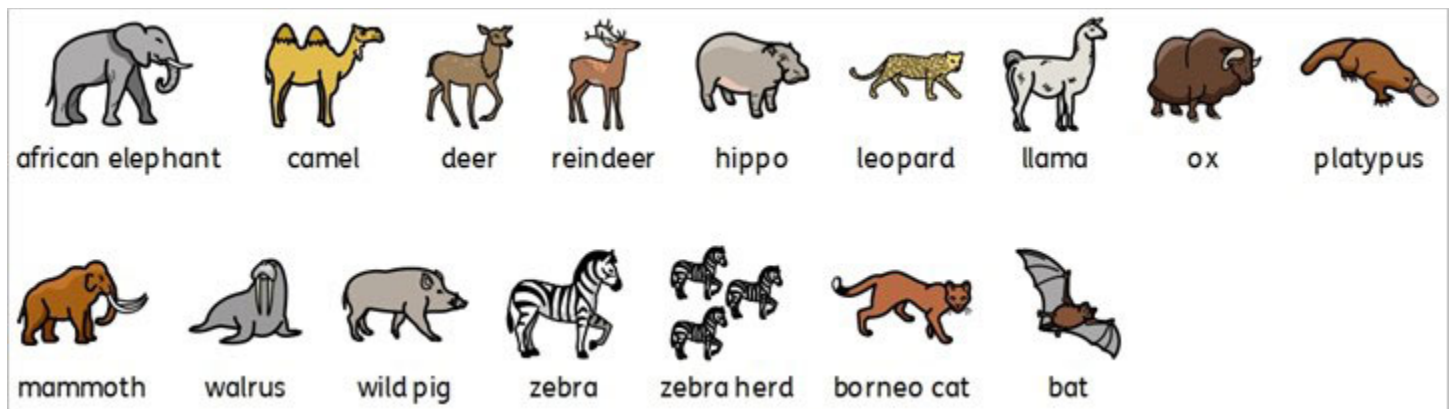
## Wild Animals

Many of the wild animal symbols have been improved for realism and updated from some simplistic drawings.

Original



New



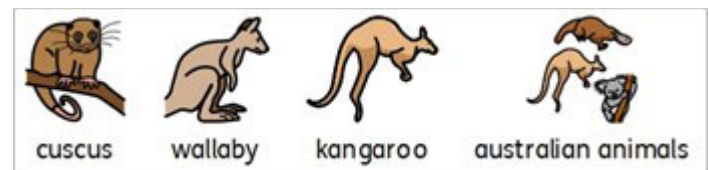
## Australian Animals

The Australian animals' symbols were updated for accuracy and realism.

Original



New



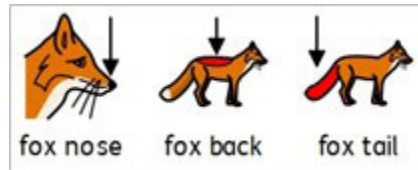
## Fox

The fox symbols have been improved to be more recognisable and easier to discern the various parts of the animal – the symbols now all face the same direction for consistency.

Original



New



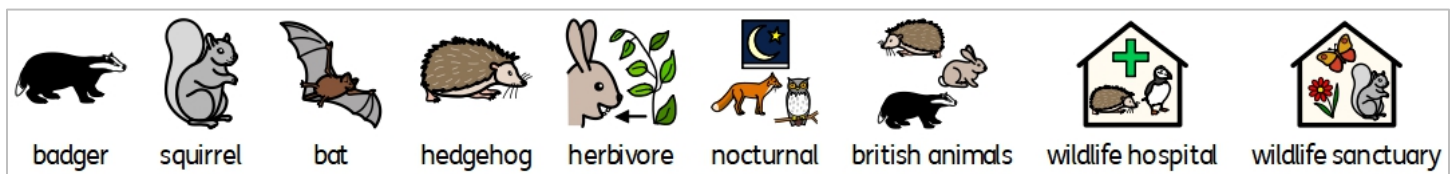
## Wildlife

The wildlife symbols have been improved for realism.

Original



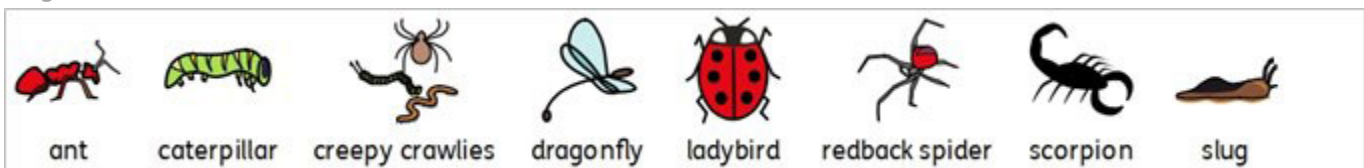
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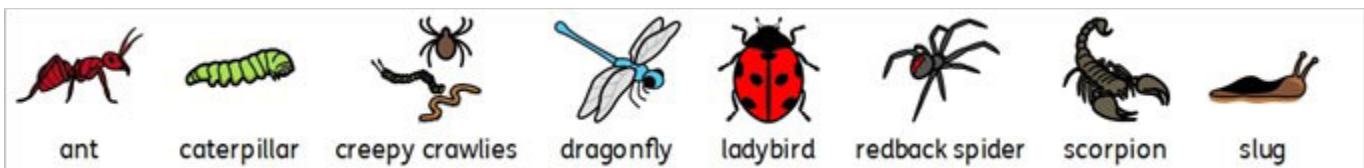
## Insects

Many of the symbols for individual insects have been improved for realism and detail.

Original



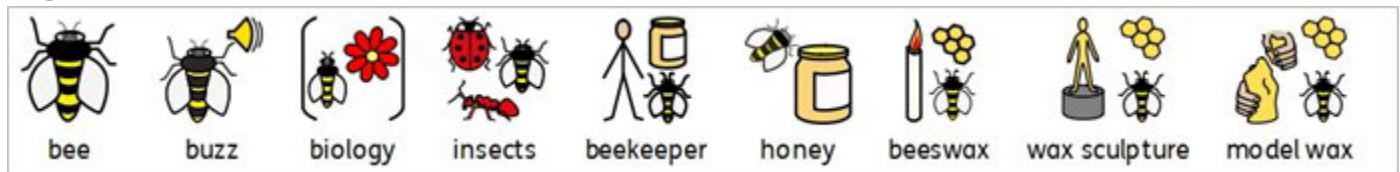
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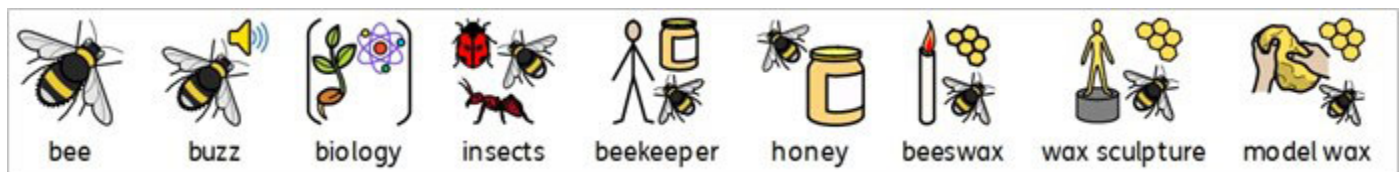
## Bee

The bee symbols have been updated to make the bee far more accurate and recognisable. The biology symbol has been updated to be more general thus removing the bee element.

Original



New



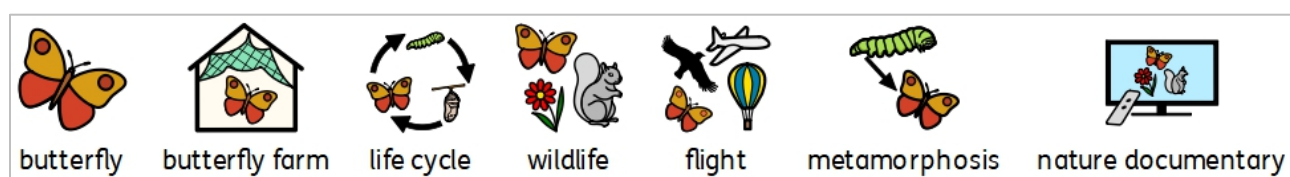
## Butterfly

The butterfly symbols were updated for accuracy in terms of colour, shape and consistency throughout the symbols.

Original



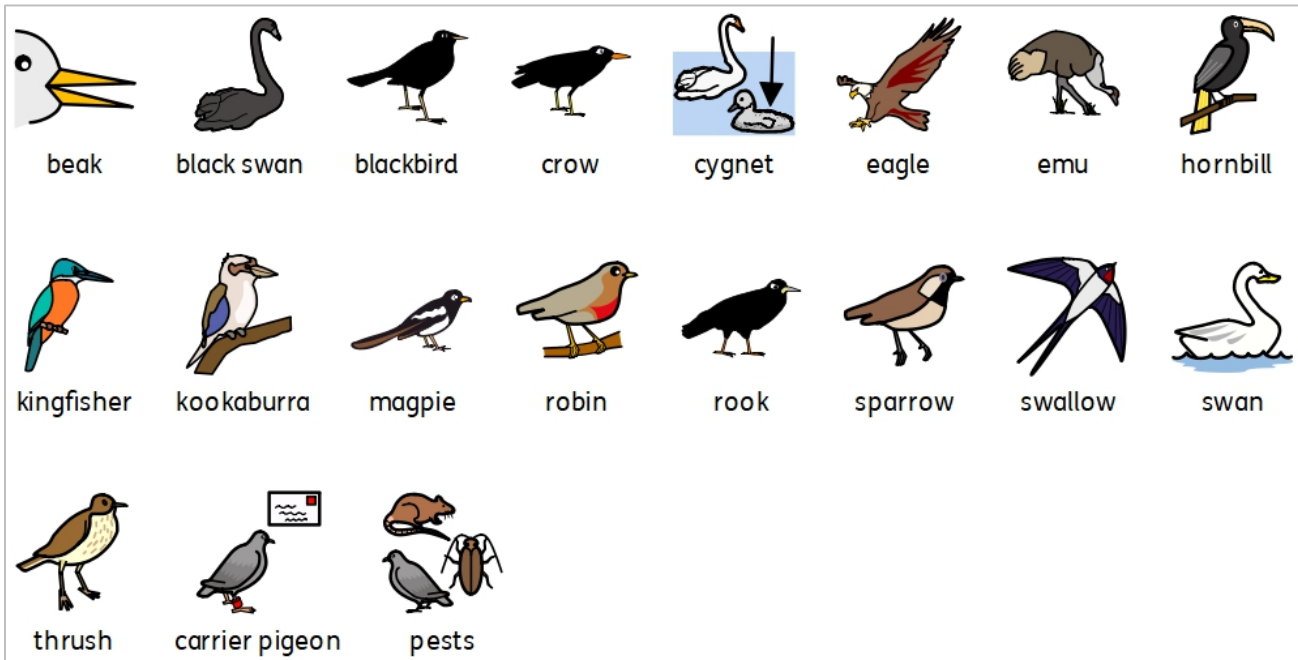
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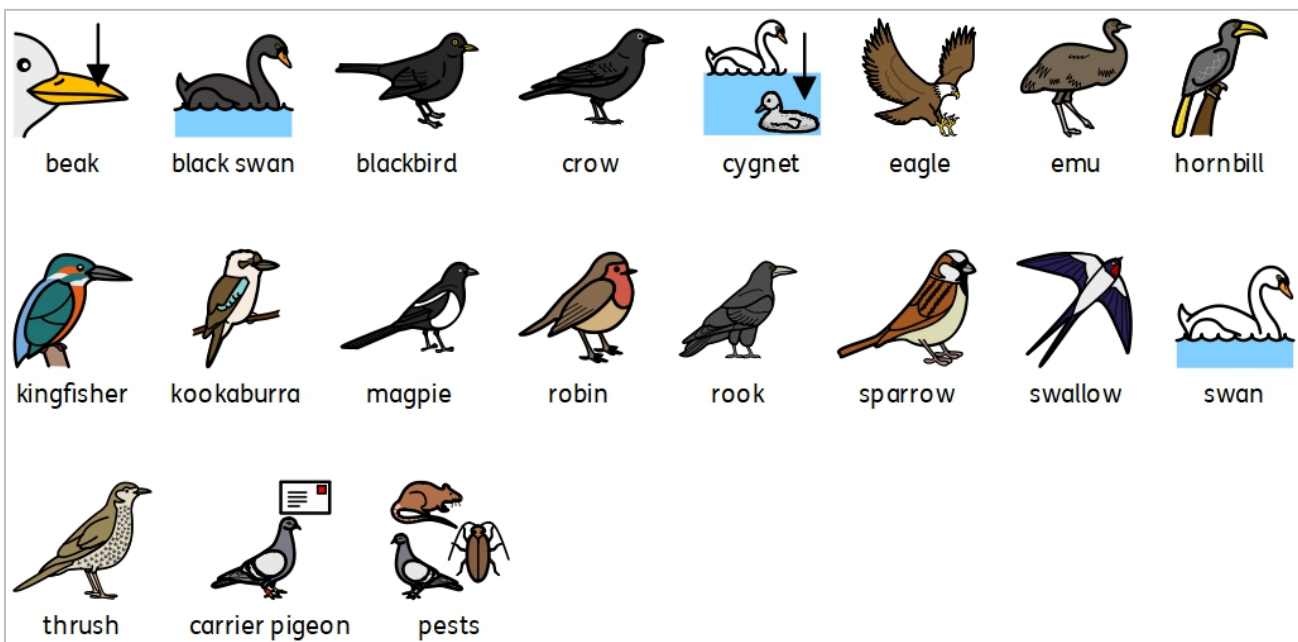
# Bird

The bird symbols have been updated for accuracy, clarity and consistency.

Original



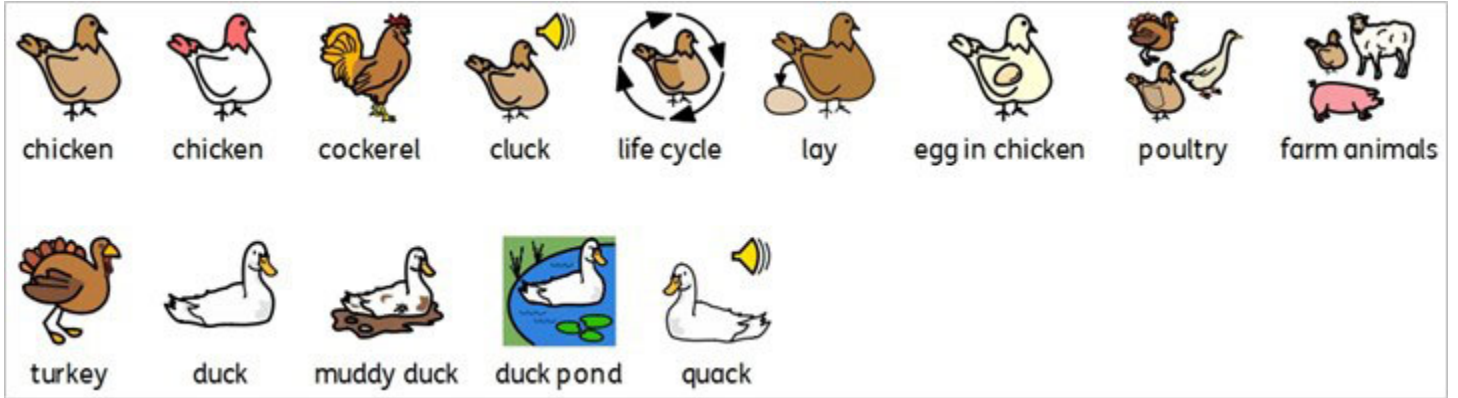
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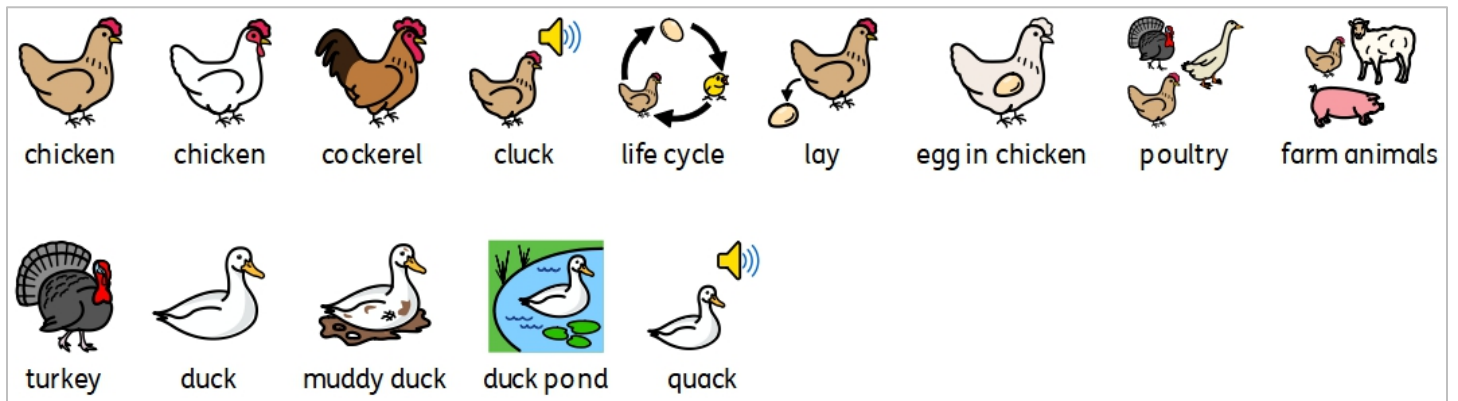
## Poultry

The chicken symbols have been updated to be more accurate and consistent. The “cockerel” symbol has also been updated to match the new chicken symbols. The duck symbols have been improved to show the whole duck for improved recognition. The ducks now all face the same direction for consistency.

### Original



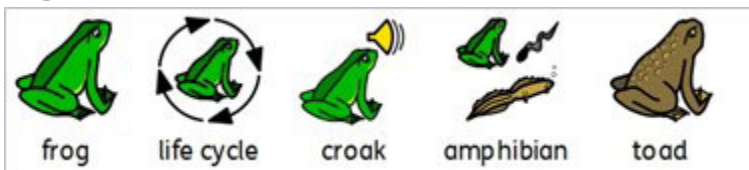
### New



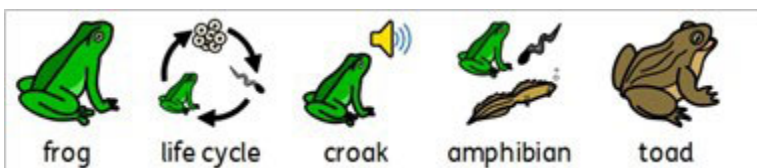
## Frog

The frog symbols have been slightly improved for realism and the “toad” symbol has been redrawn to reflect reality and differentiate from the frog symbol.

### Original



### New



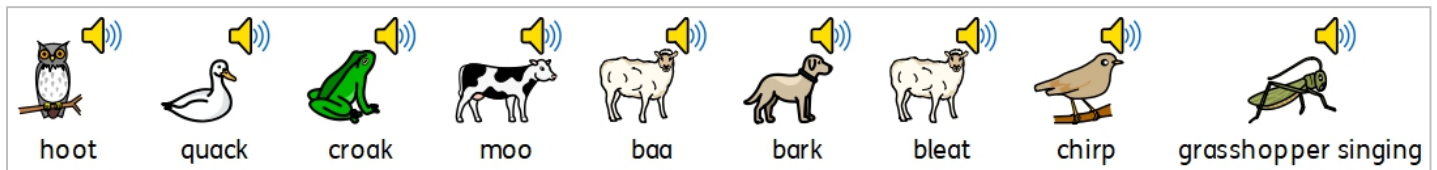
## Animal Sounds

The animal sounds symbols have been updated to show a clearer speaker qualifier with the new colour for sound lines.

Original



New



## Animal care

The animal care symbols have been updated for visual consistency by using the new cat/dog symbols.

Original



New



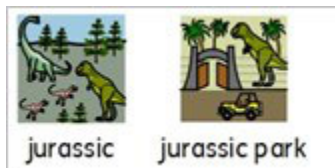
## Dinosaurs

The jurassic symbols have been improved for realism and recognition – “jurassic” now shows more dinosaurs whereas the “Jurassic Park” symbol has been improved to show the park element of the concept.

Original



New

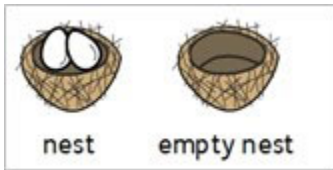




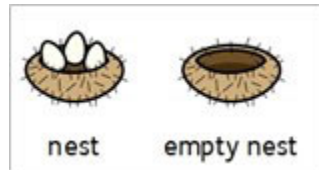
## Nest

The nest symbol has been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



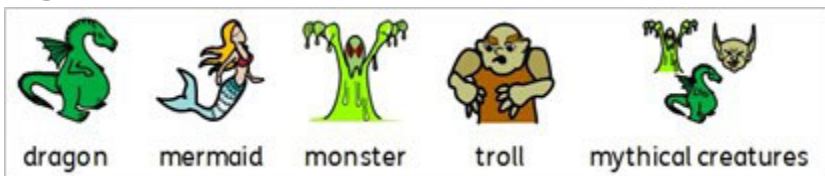
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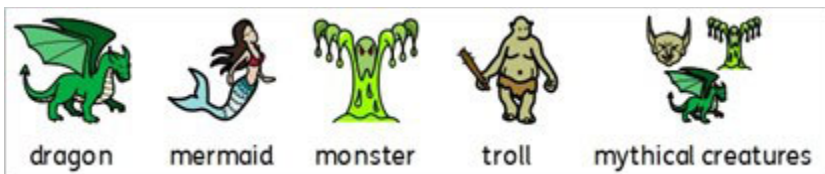
## Mythical

The mythical symbols have been updated to make clearer symbols therefore increasing recognition.

Original



New



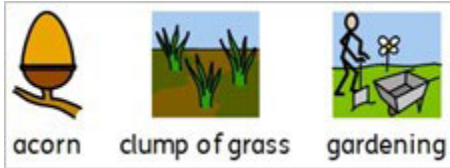
# Environment & Nature

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## Environment General Vocabulary

The following symbols have been updated for visual consistency and clarity. The acorn has been updated to look consistent with other acorn symbols and the gardening symbol has had its flower element updated for consistency.

Original



New



## Clover

The clover/bad luck/shamrock symbols have been updated to look more realistic and visually recognisable.

Original



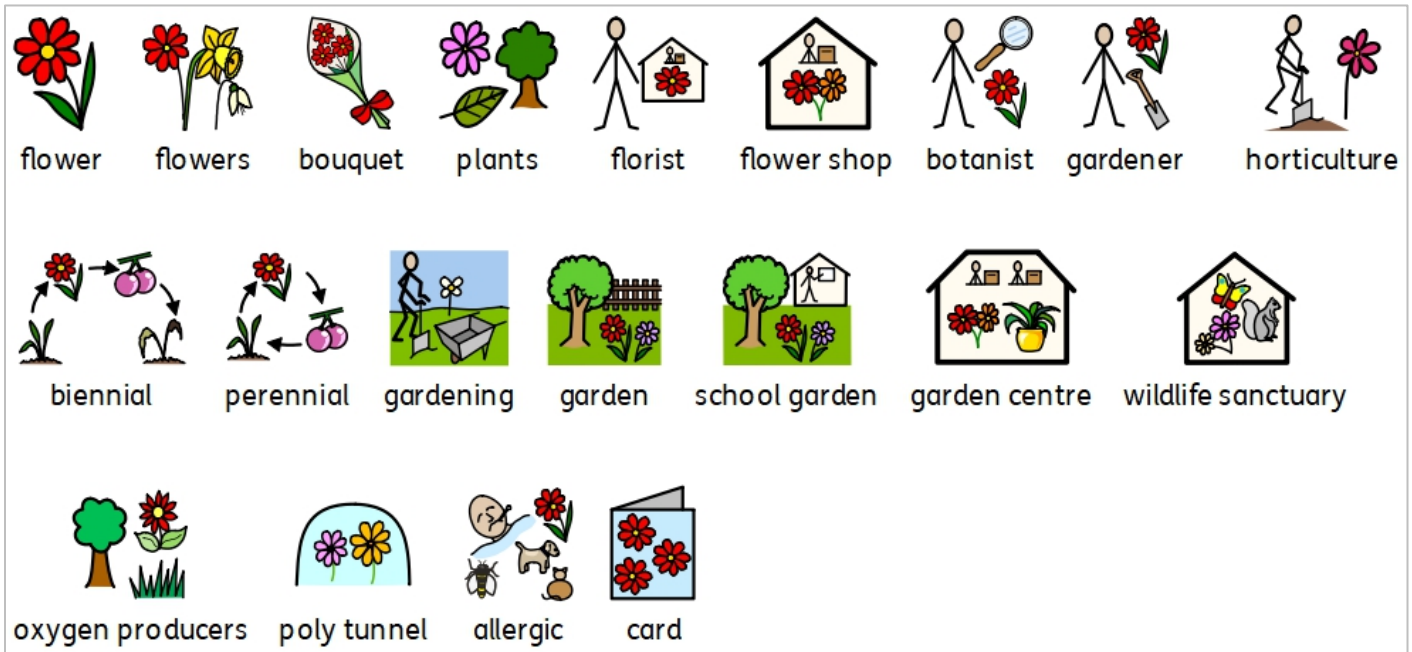
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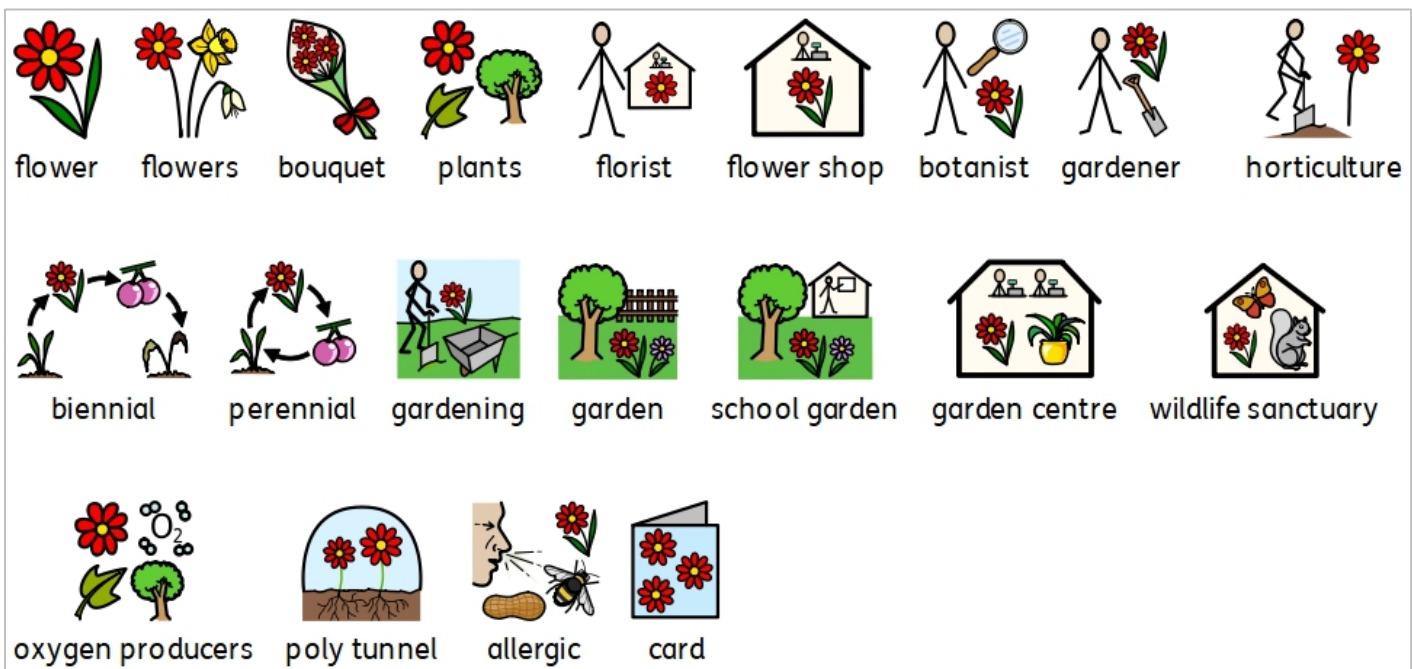
# Flower

The flower symbols have been updated for visual consistency.

## Original



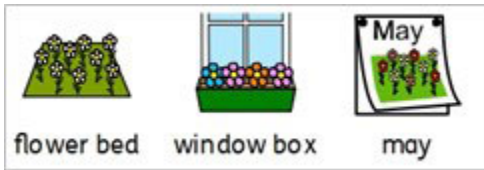
## New



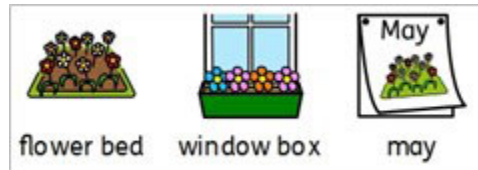
## Flowerbed

The flowerbed symbols have been updated for consistency.

Original



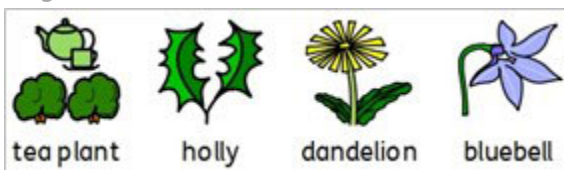
New



## Plant

The plant symbols have been updated for clarity and some elements have been redrawn to be more accurate.

Original



New



## Trees/Bush

Certain tree and bush symbols have been updated to be more realistic. Appropriate tree symbols retain their fruit/nut/property qualifier.

Original



New



## Gardening

The gardening symbols have been improved for visual recognition and some elements have been updated to be more realistic.

Original



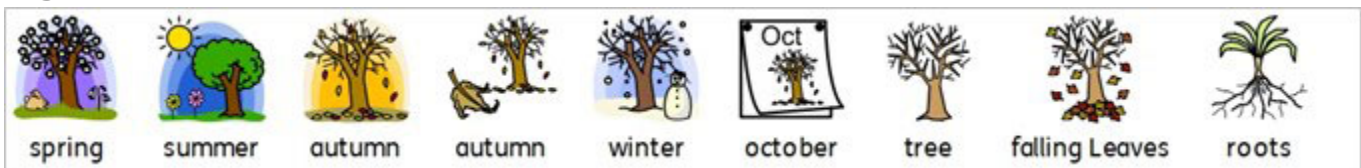
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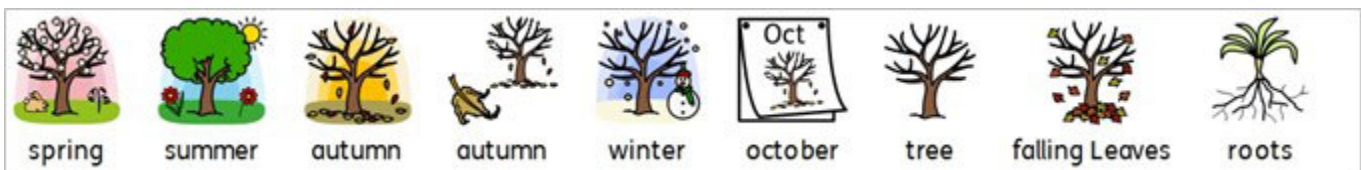
## Bare Trees

The bare tree element of these symbols has been improved for visual clarity.

Original



New



## Field/Farm

The field symbols have been updated to be more visually consistent and recognisable as agricultural fields. The farm symbols have been updated for visual consistency by using the new elements symbol elements. The farm symbol has been redrawn to represent the concept better.

Original



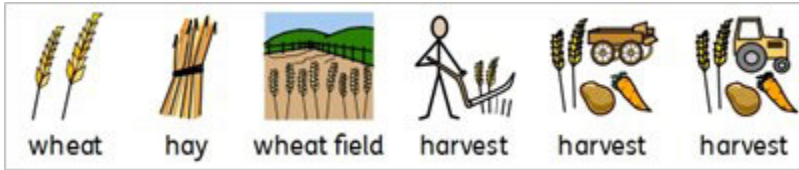
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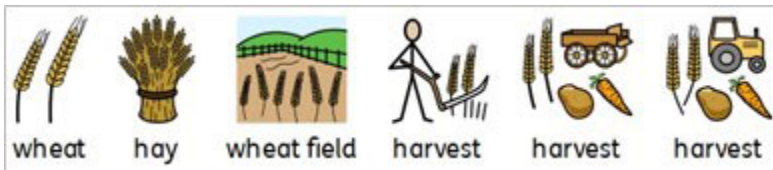
## Wheat / Hay

The wheat/hay symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency; the “hay” symbol has been redrawn for clarity.

Original



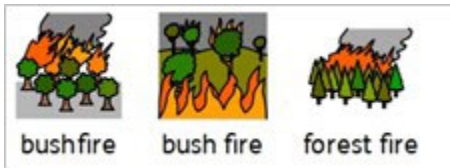
New



## Bushfire

The bushfire symbols have been improved for visual clarity.

Original



New



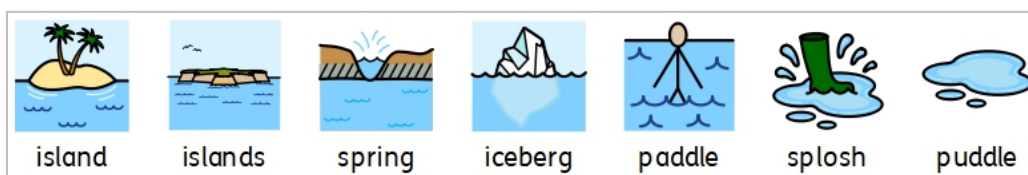
## Water

Water symbols have been updated for consistency in colour and also with more accurate symbol elements.

Original



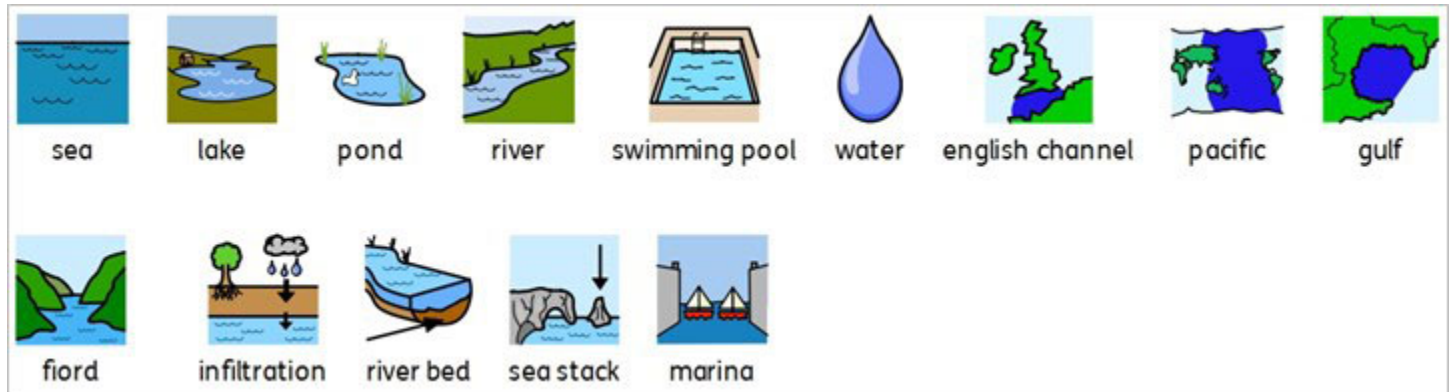
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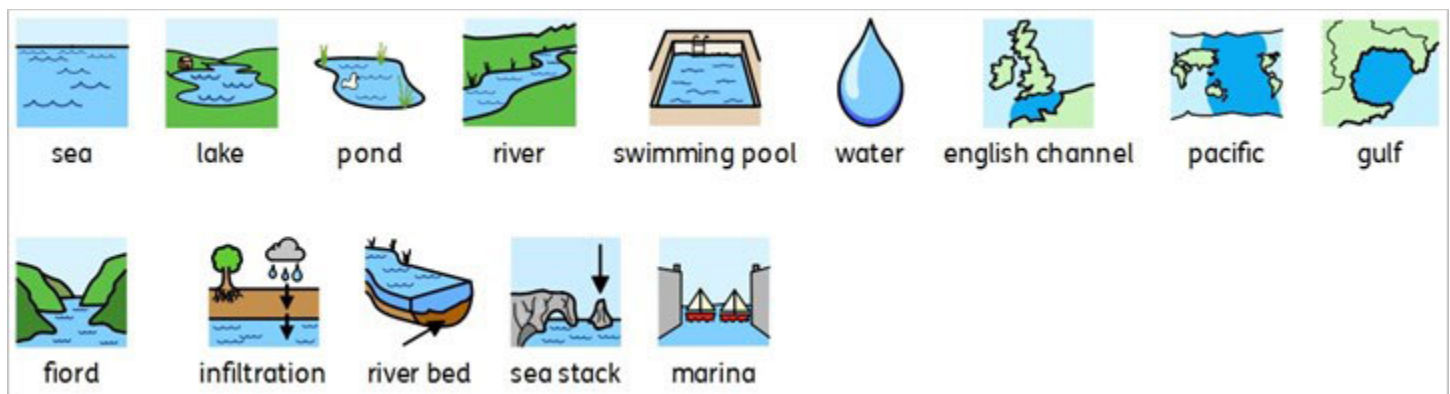
## Water Colour

The symbols containing water have been updated for consistency and visual clarity by updating the colours. The main water colour is now consistent as well as any highlights required.

Original



New



## Sea

The sea symbols like all the map symbols have been updated with a less bright colour that no longer contrasts heavily with other colours within the symbols.

Original



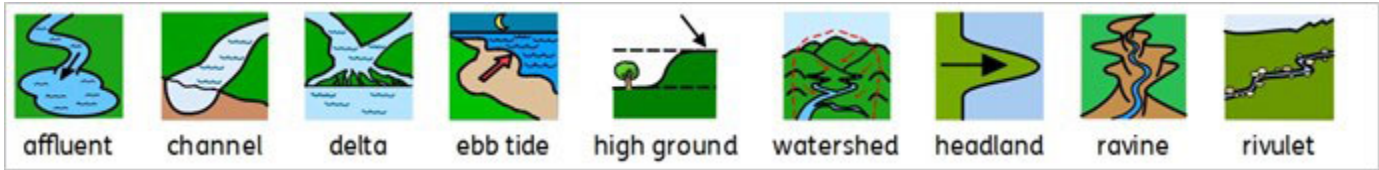
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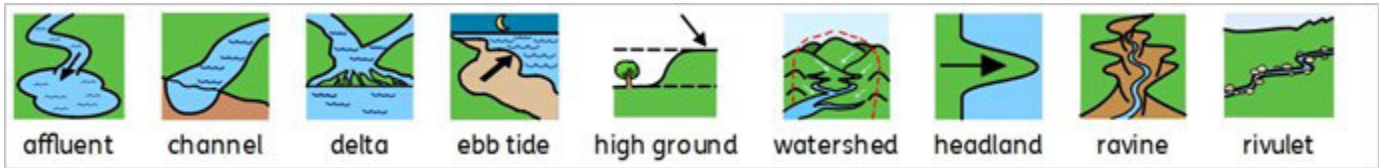
## Land Colour

The land colour used in symbols has been updated for visual consistency.

Original



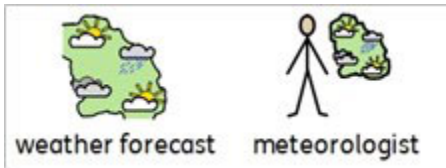
New



## Weather

The weather symbols have been improved for recognition and consistency. A new, neater cloud element has also been introduced.

Original



New





## Wind

The wind symbols have been updated with clearer wind lines and arrows to represent strength and direction as well as creating consistency throughout wind symbols.

Original



New



## Volcano

The volcano symbols have been updated to be visually consistent with each other.

Original



New



# Cyclone

The cyclone symbol was updated to represent the concept more accurately.

Original



New



# Cloud

The cloud symbols have been updated with a new cloud drawing to create consistency and visual recognition.

Original



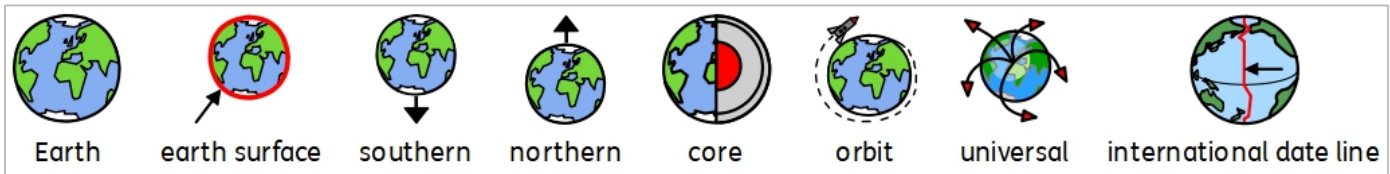
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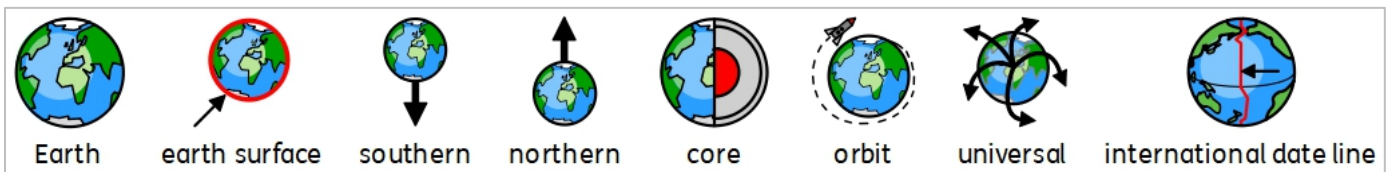
# Earth

The Earth symbols have been updated for consistency and visual clarity.

Original



New



# Day / Night Colour

The day/night colours in symbols have been updated for clarity and visual consistency amongst all symbols. It was also thought that the night colour should be darker.

Original



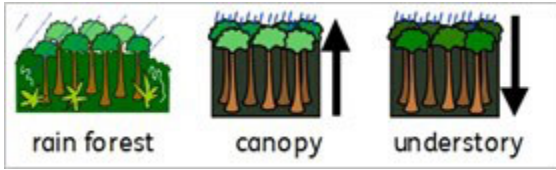
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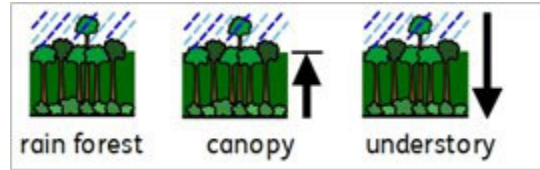
## Rain Forest

The rainforest symbols have been updated for consistency and to represent their concepts more accurately.

Original



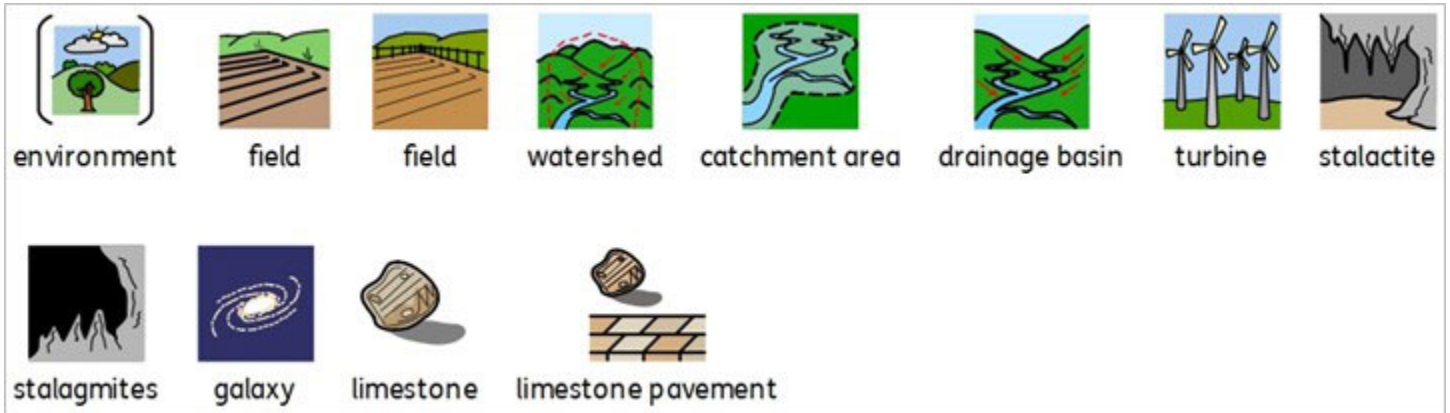
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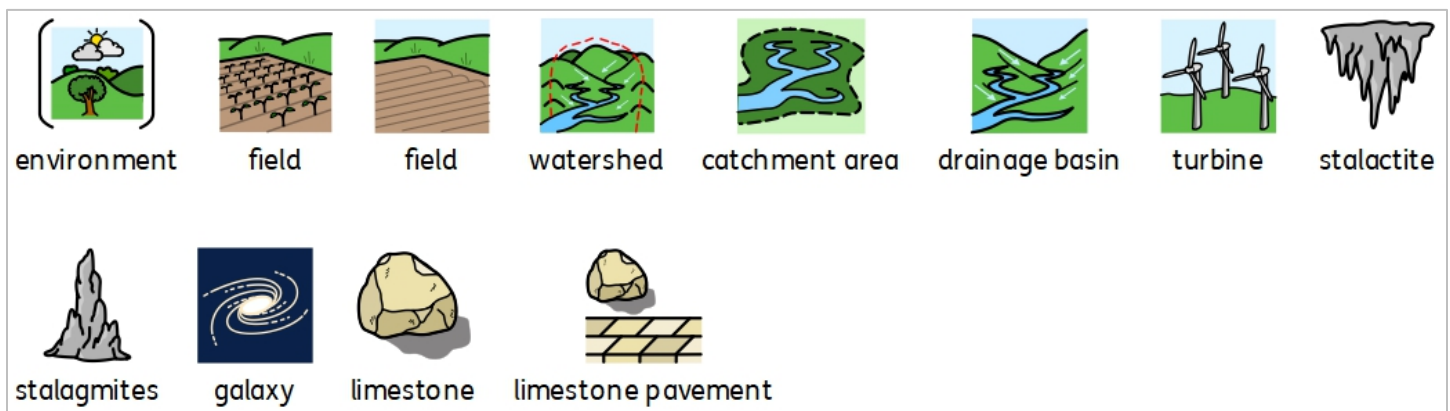
## Environment

The environment symbols have been updated for visual recognition.

Original



New

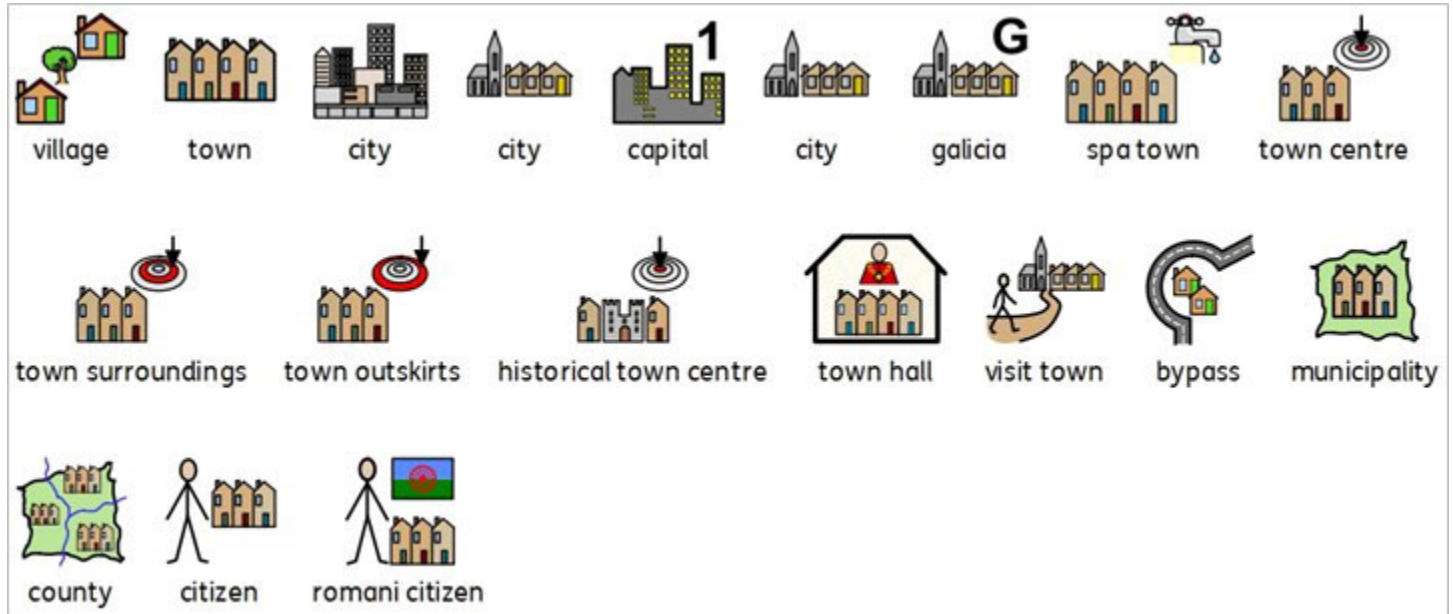


# Places

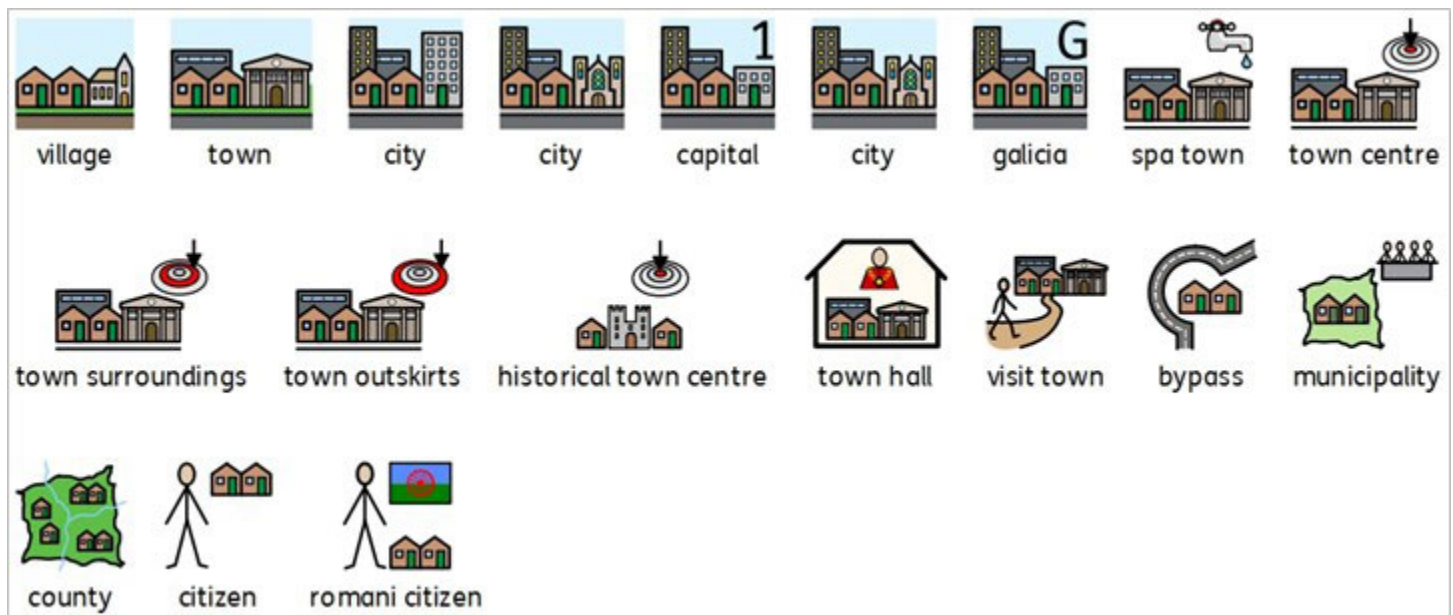
## Village Town City

The symbols for village, town, and city have been updated to be visually consistent as a set. The symbols have also been updated to represent them more clearly.

Original



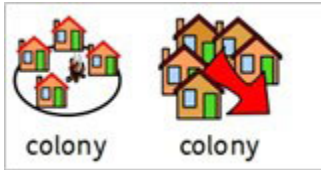
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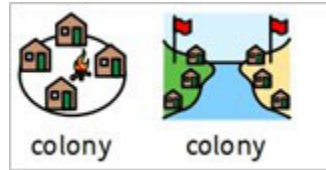
## Colony

The colony symbols have been updated for visual consistency as well as redrawing one of the symbols to represent the concept more clearly.

Original



New



## Specific Places

The specific places have been updated for visual clarity, consistency, and more accurate symbol elements.

Original



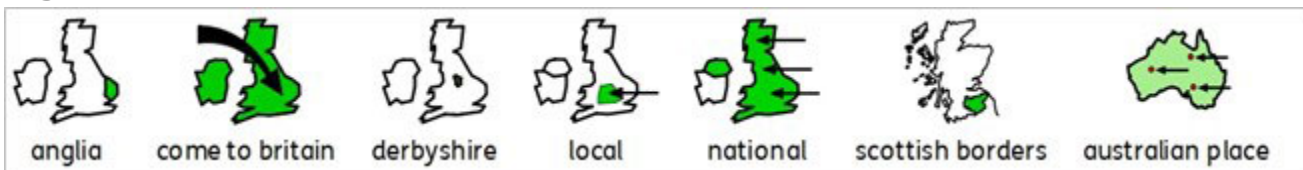
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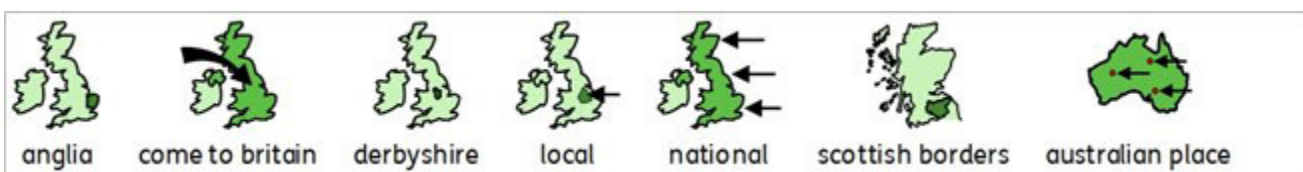
## Specific Places / Map

The map symbols have been updated for consistency with new colours being used for visual clarity. The UK map has also been updated to look more realistic in terms of shape and therefore recognition.

Original



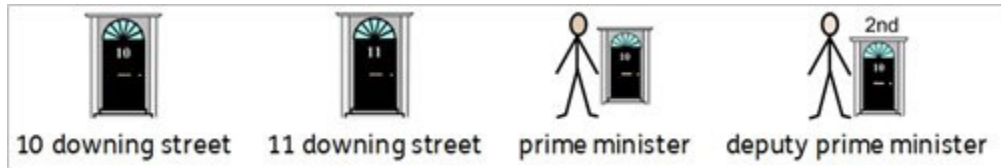
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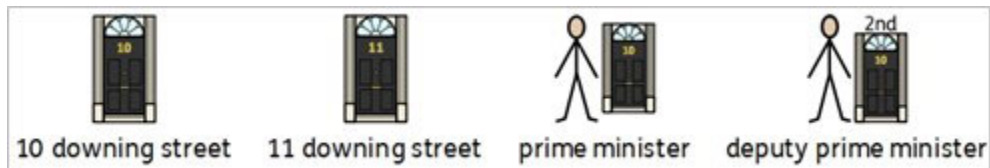
## Downing Street

The “Downing Street” symbols have been updated for consistency and visual clarity.

Original



New



## Countries

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### Flags

The flag symbols have been updated in terms of accuracy and colour.

Original



New



## Original



## New



## Canada

The Canadian symbols have been updated for consistency in terms of the colour schema for area/land/sea components of each symbol. The symbols will therefore be easier to understand. The colours have also been amended to be less bright and in contrast with each other.

## Original



## New

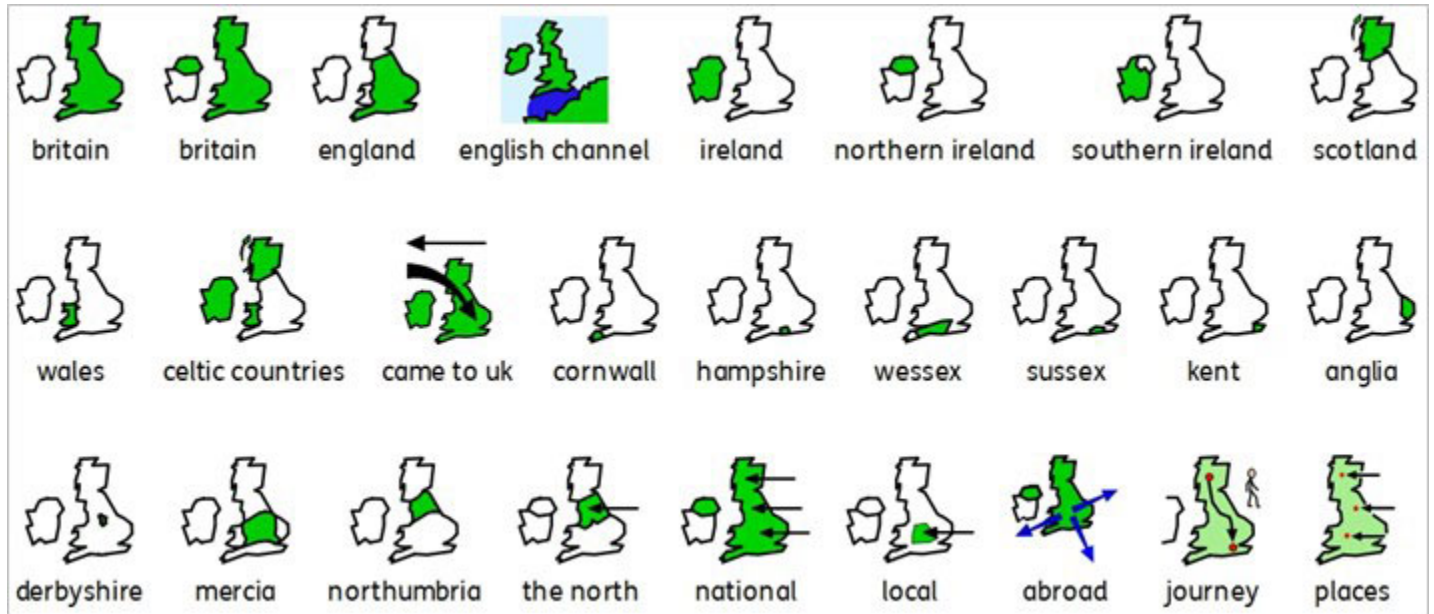




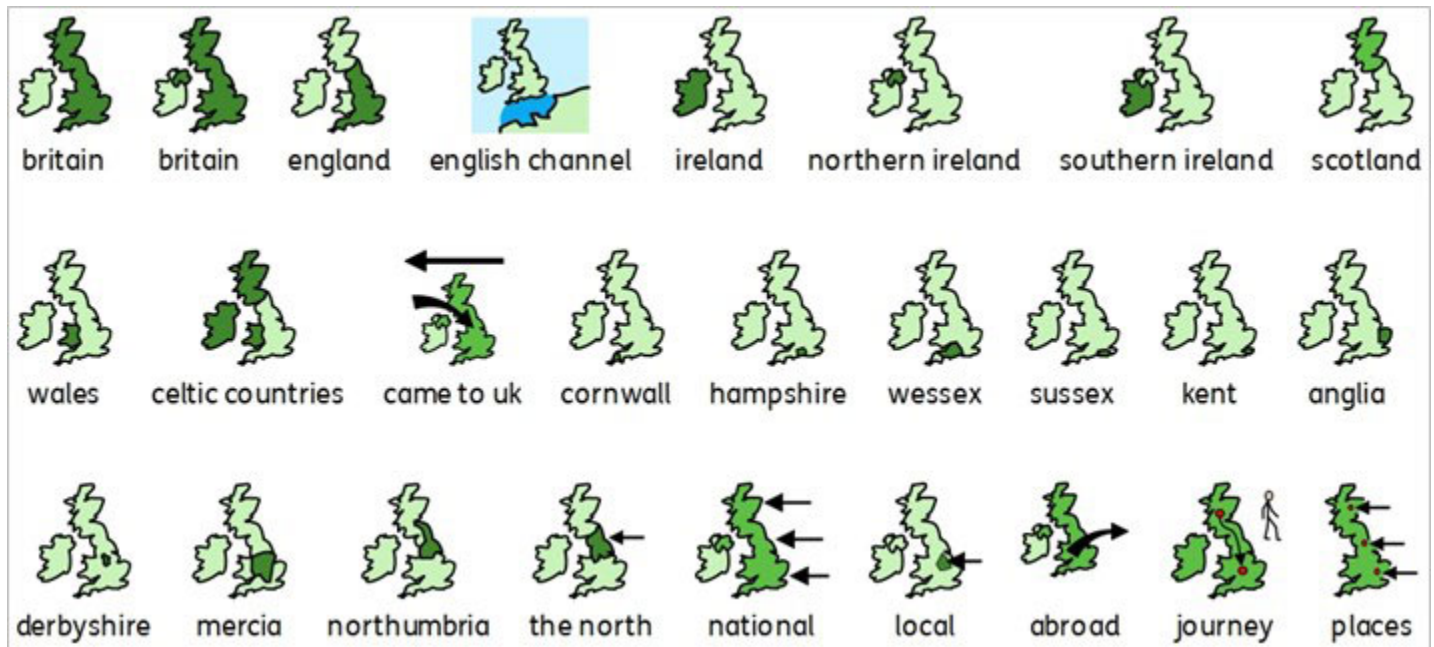
# United Kingdom

The UK symbols have also had their colours updated to be consistent with other “map” and “sea” symbols.

Original



New



# Sports

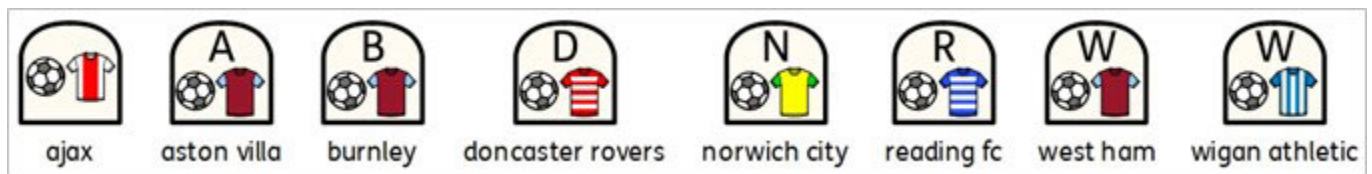
## Football Teams

The football team symbols have been updated so that the football jerseys look more like jerseys rather than t-shirts and to improve visual clarity. The font has also been updated for legibility as have all letters within the symbol set.

Original



New



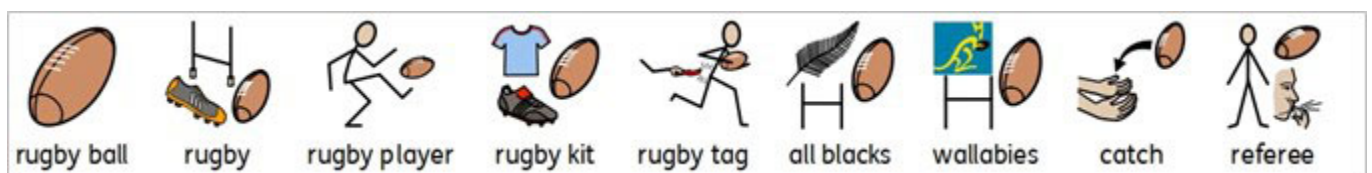
## Rugby Ball

The symbols using the rugby ball element have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



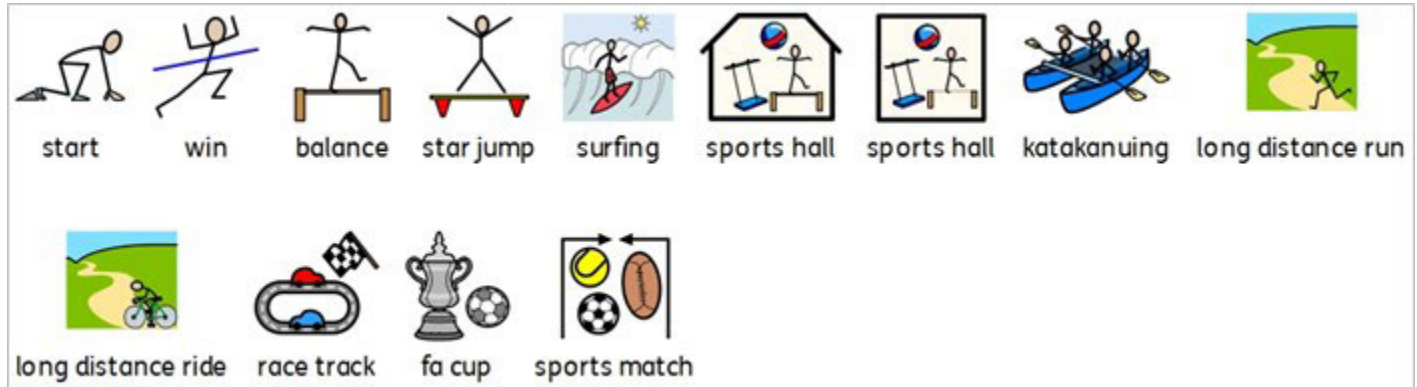
New



## Sports General Vocabulary

The following symbols have been updated for clarity and visual consistency. They have also had their qualifier or general elements updated for consistency. Other symbols have been updated in terms of direction to face from left to right to align with reading direction.

Original



New

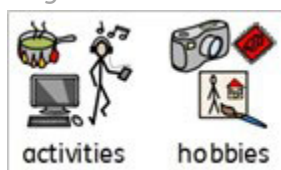


## Recreation

### Activities

The activities and hobbies symbols have had their individual elements updated to be more relevant.

Original



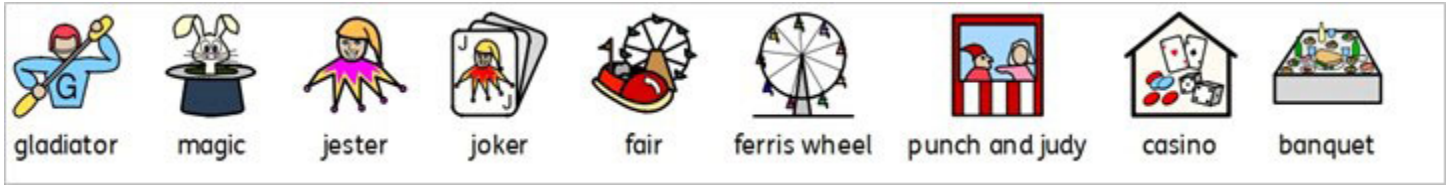
New



## Entertainment

The entertainment symbols have all been updated for clarity and consistency as well as making the concepts clearer.

Original



New



## Modelling (Hands)

The modelling symbols have had their hand elements updated to show a more accurate position.

Original



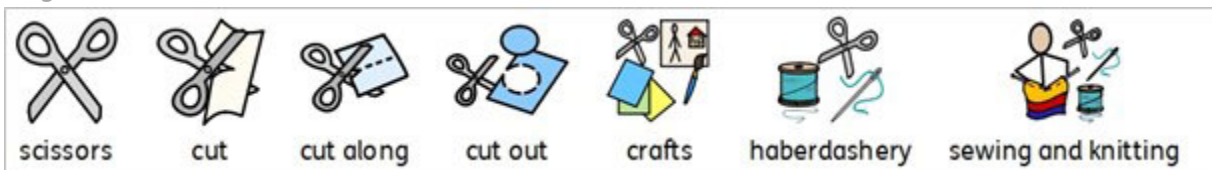
New



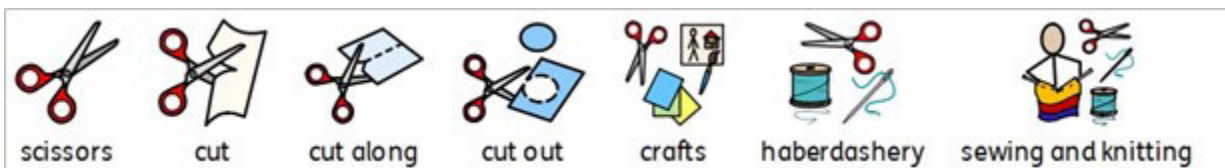
## Scissors

The scissors symbols and symbols using the scissors element have been updated to appear more realistic.

Original



New



## Spray paint

The spray paint symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



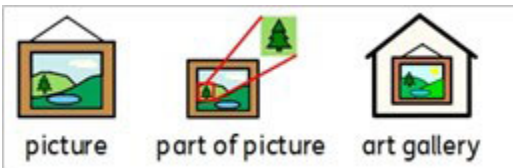
New



## Picture

The picture symbols have been updated for clarity.

Original



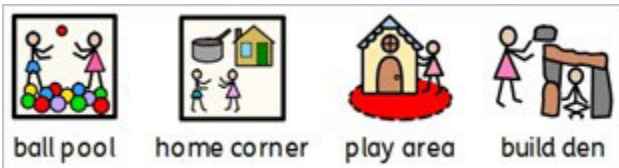
New



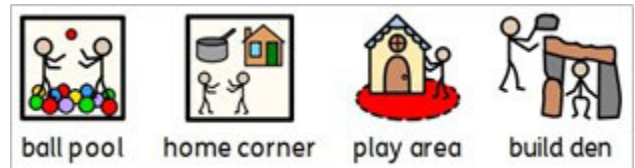
## Gender-neutral Play

The following symbols have had the children's genders removed as this was deemed unnecessary where gender was not needed to be defined.

Original



New



## TV Channels / Programmes

The TV channel/programmes symbols have been updated for visual clarity with a contemporary TV as well as the font being updated for legibility. The remote-control element has been added to distinguish the television from a computer monitor.

Original



New



## Home Electronics

The home electronics symbols have been updated for visual clarity and to reflect contemporary technology.

Original



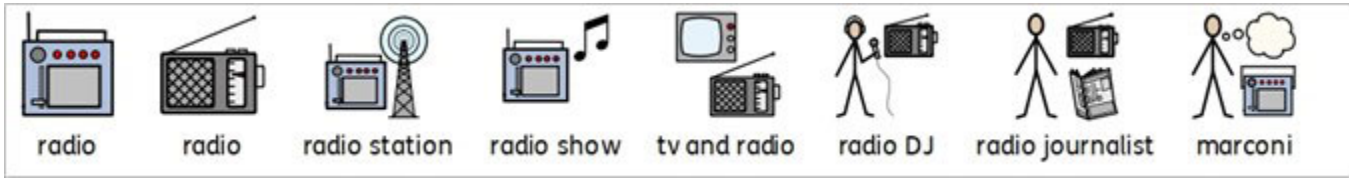
New



## Radio

The radio symbols have been improved to reflect updated technology and consistency throughout the symbol set.

Original



New



## Toys

The toy symbols have been updated for consistency and to make the symbols clearer to comprehend whilst maintaining consistency across the components of the various symbols.

Original



New



## Play

The play symbols have been updated for visual clarity and to represent more contemporary hobbies.

Original



New



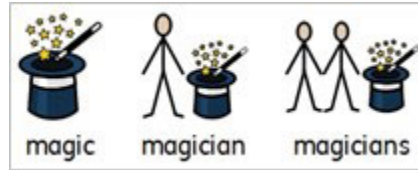
## Magic

The magic symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



## Holiday

The holiday symbols have been updated for consistency.

Original



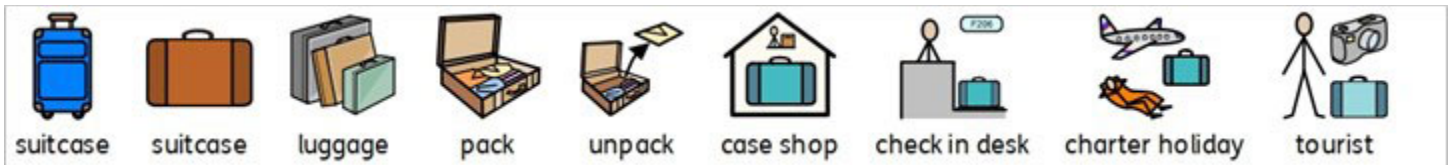
New



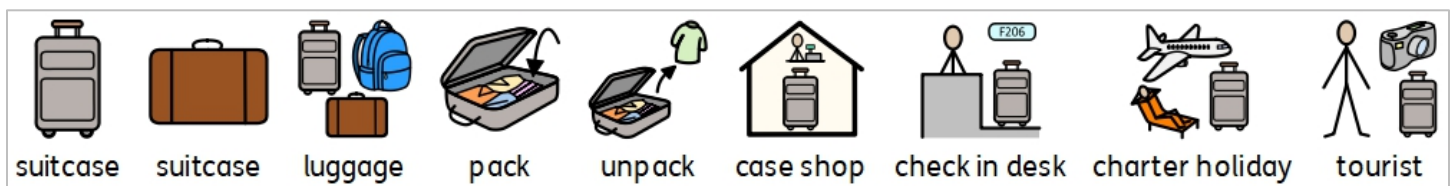
## Suitcase

The suitcase symbols have been modernised and updated for clarity. Colours have also been updated for consistency.

Original



New





## Camping & Campfire

The campfire symbols have been improved for consistency and visual recognition. The fire element has been standardised.

Original



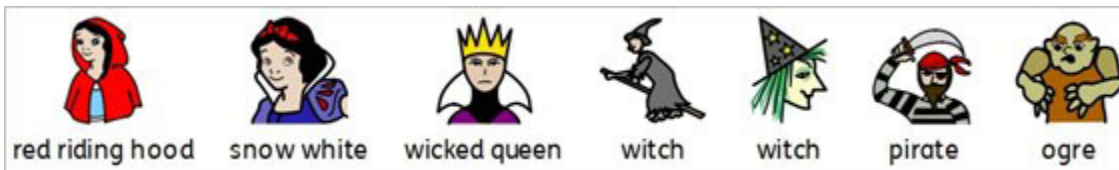
New



## Characters

The characters have been updated to improve their facial features. The “ogre” symbol has been redrawn for visual clarity.

Original



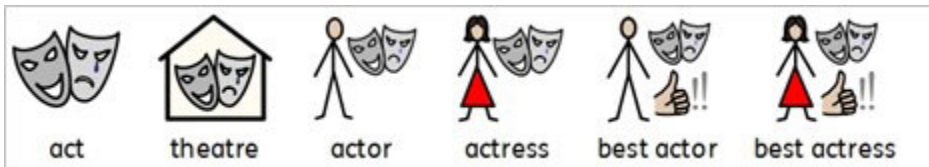
New



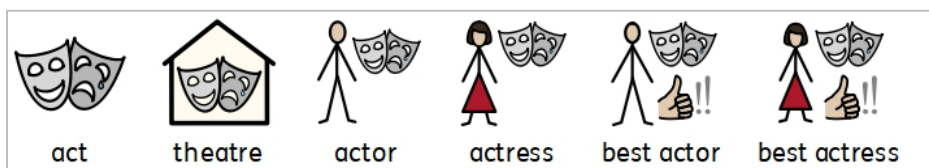
## Act (Two masks)

The act symbols comprising of two masks have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



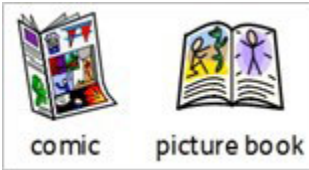
New



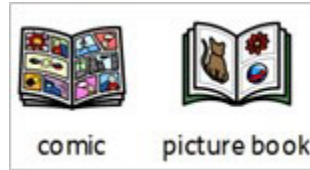
## Reading

The reading symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



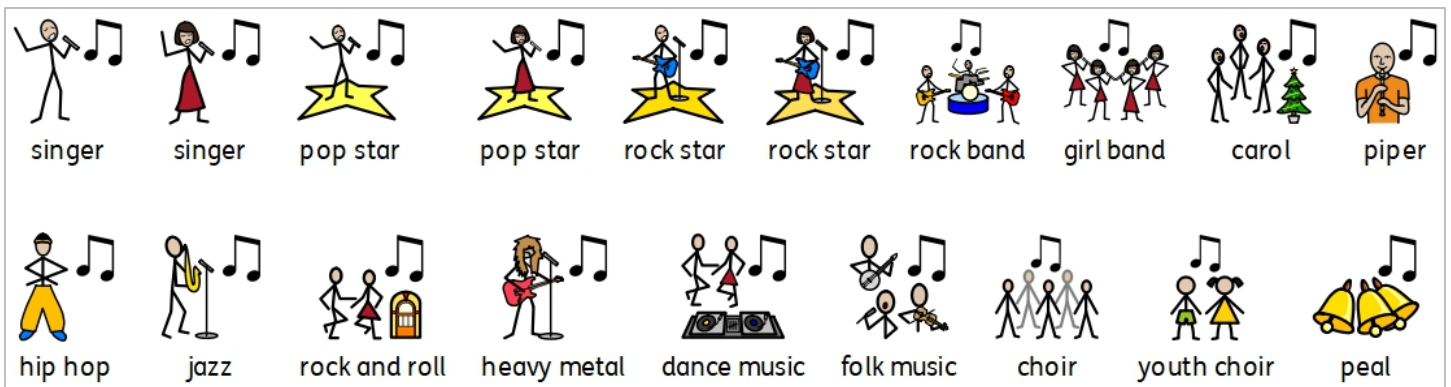
## Music People & Styles

The music people and styles symbols have been updated for consistency with a new musical note qualifier.

Original



New



## Music Vocabulary

The musical vocabulary symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency by using the same musical note elements.

Original



New

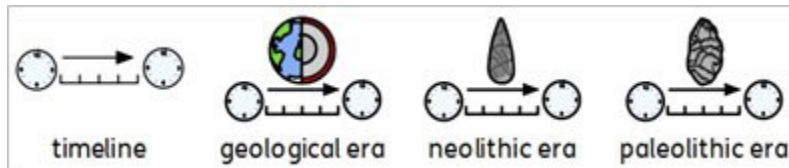


## Time & Date

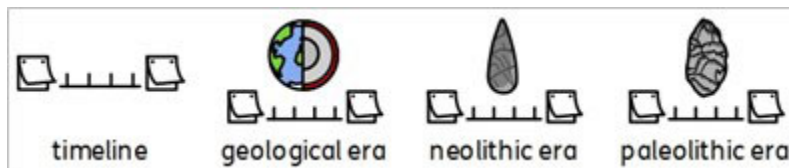
### Timelines

The timeline symbols have been updated by replacing the clocks with calendars to represent larger spans of time more accurately, e.g., years not hours.

Original



New



## Clock Colour

The following time symbols have had the colour updated to red to show the elapsed time; this is also now visually consistent with other time symbols.

Original



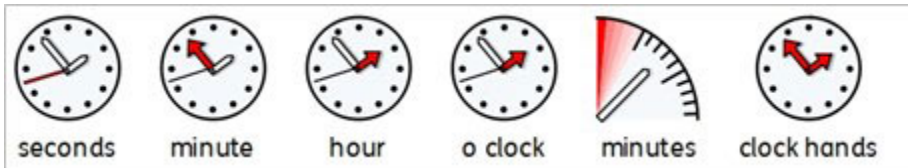
New



## Clock Hands

The clock hands have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New



## Time Duration

The clock symbols have been updated for visual clarity and to show the passage of time more obviously.

Original



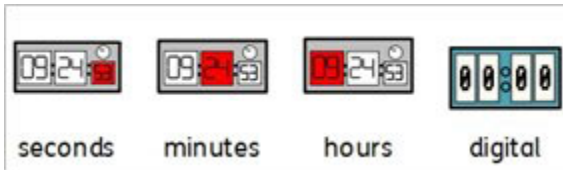
New



## Time Digital Clock

The digital clock symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency. The symbols have also been updated to look more realistic and use a digital font.

Original



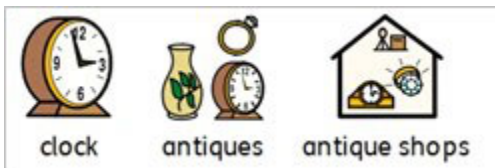
New



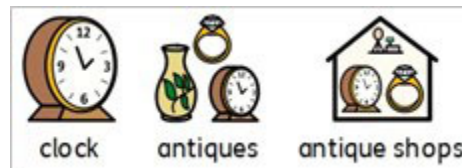
## Clock

The clock symbol has been updated for consistency.

Original



New



## Time Anniversary

The anniversary symbols have been updated with a new arrow style to represent next and repetition concepts together.

Original



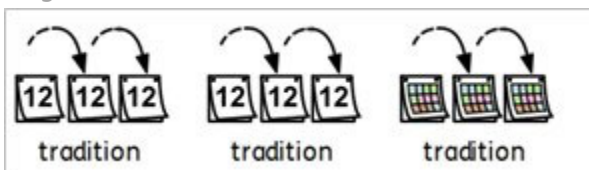
New



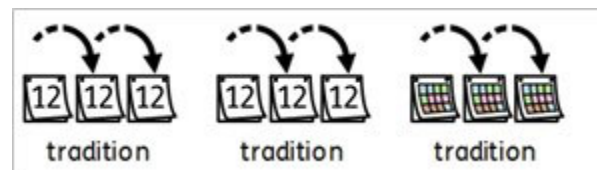
## Seasons & Years

The tradition symbols have been updated with a new arrow style to represent next and repetition concepts together.

Original



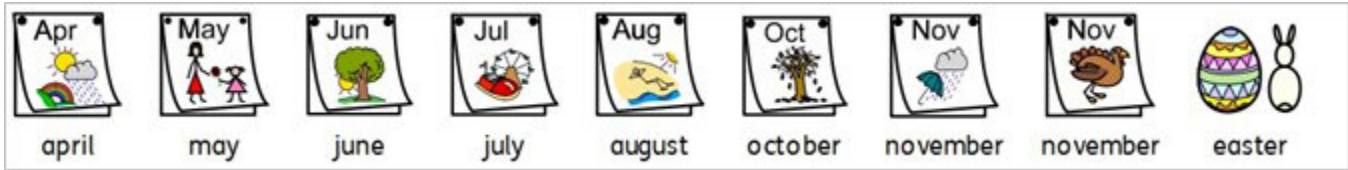
New



## Months

Some of the month symbols have been updated for visual clarity and to be consistent with other updated symbols.

Original



New



## Seasons

The seasons symbols have been updated to be visually consistent with each other by having the tree element in the same position in all symbols. The background colours have also been muted so that the elements in the symbols are more clearly visible.

Original



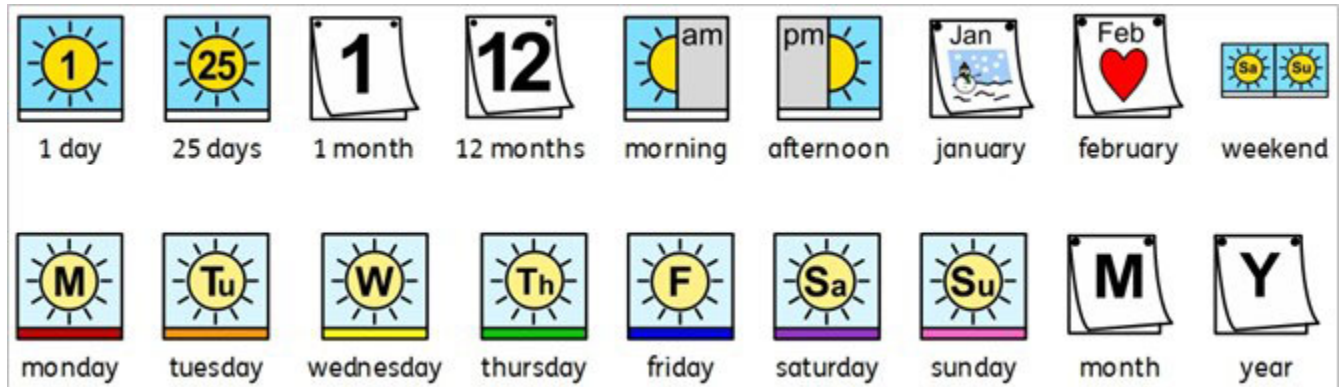
New



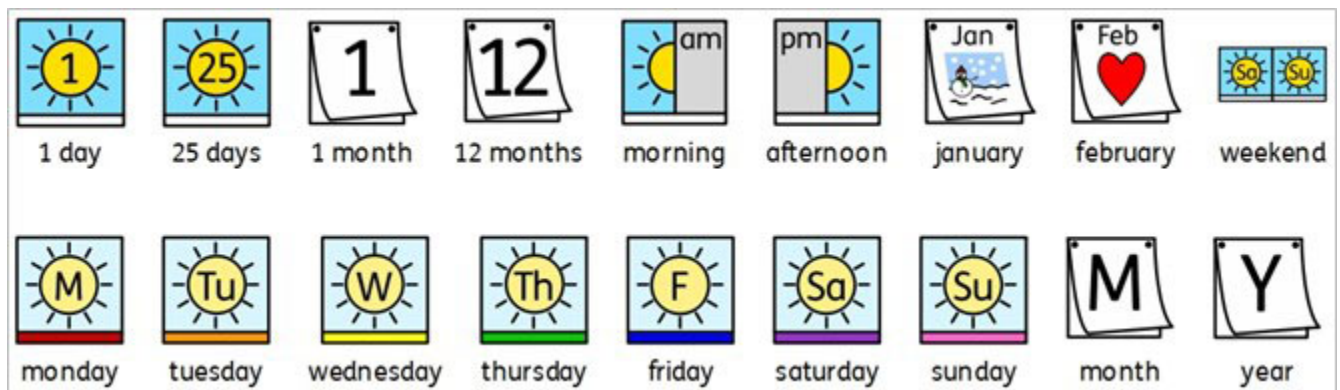
## Days/Months/Years (Font)

The font has been updated in all symbols for visual clarity and increased legibility for users.

Original



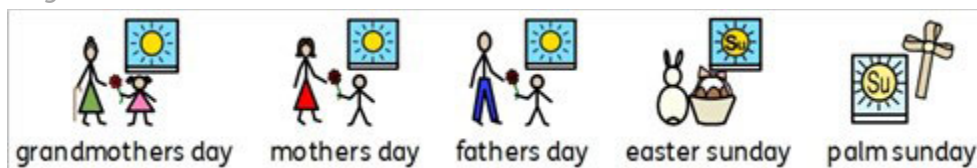
New



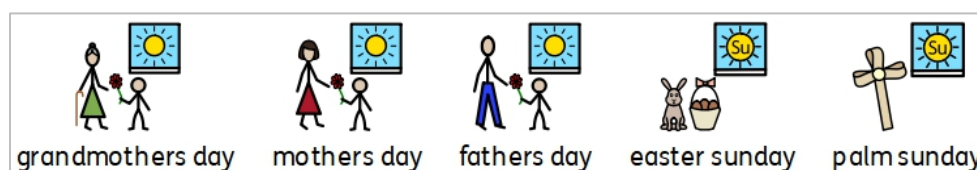
## Specific Days

These specific day symbols have been updated to be gender neutral and visually consistent. The day qualifier is now also consistent in size and colour and especially its position.

Original



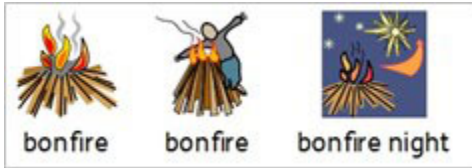
New



## Bonfire

The bonfire symbols have been improved for consistency and now use a more visually recognisable fire element to the symbol.

Original



New



## Easter

The Easter symbols have been updated for clarity and the rabbit has been redrawn from its basic original.

Original



New



## Christmas

The Christmas symbols have been updated for clarity and the components redrawn for better recognition.

Original



New



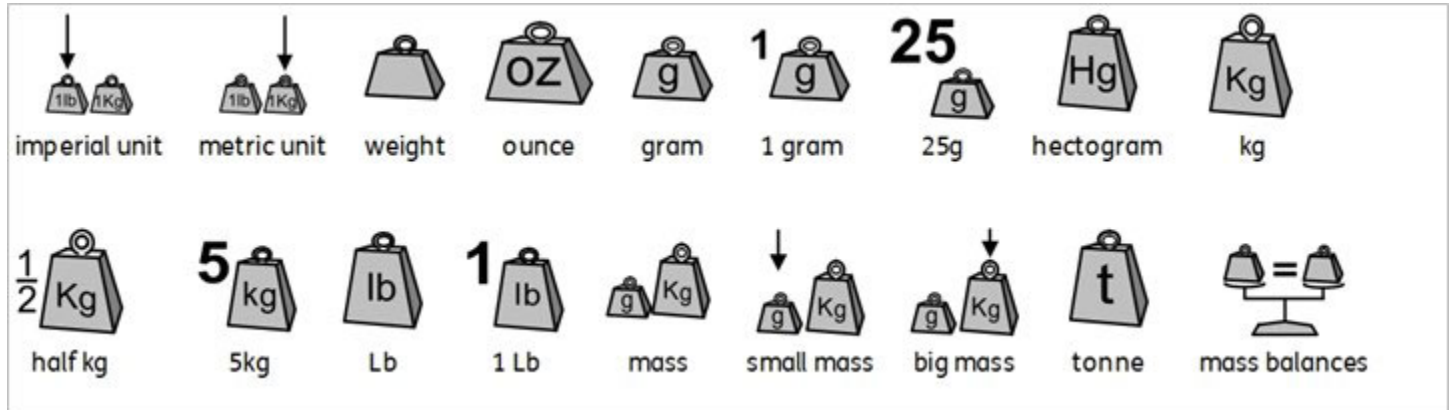


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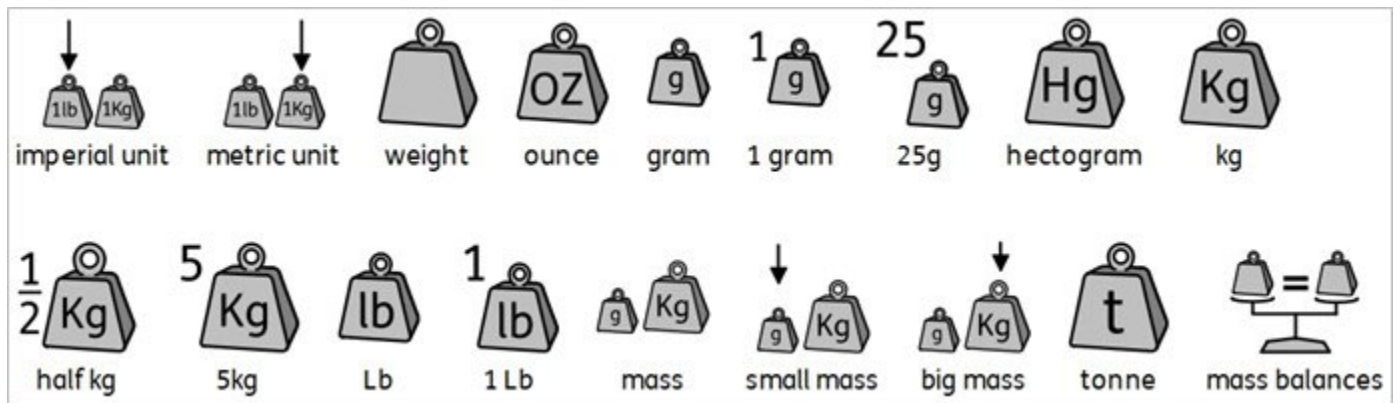
## Weight

The weight symbols have been updated for clarity and the font has been updated for legibility.

Original



New



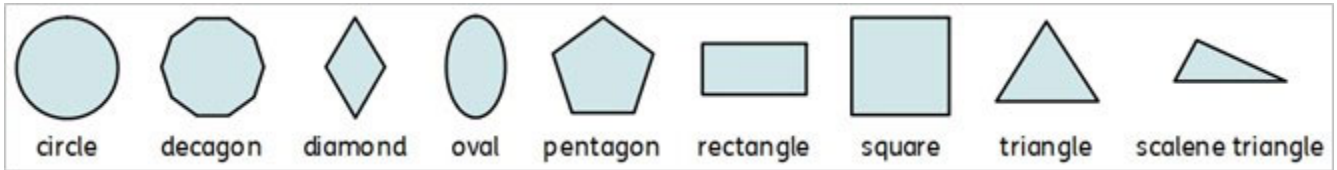
# Shape

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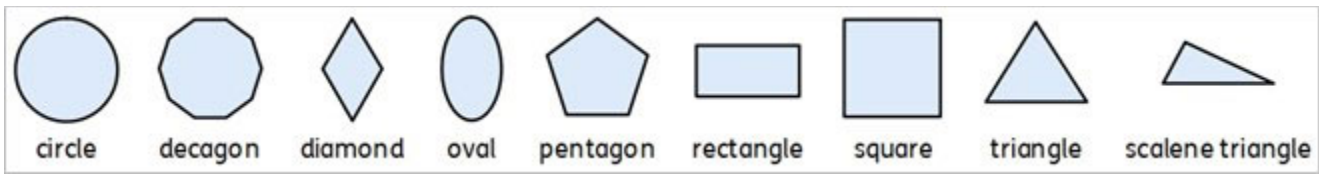
## Shapes

The shape symbols have had their colours updated to be a little brighter and less dull.

Original



New



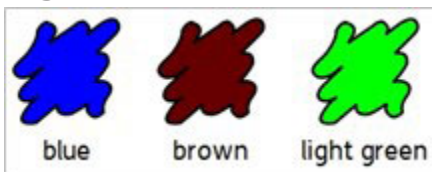
# Colour & Appearance

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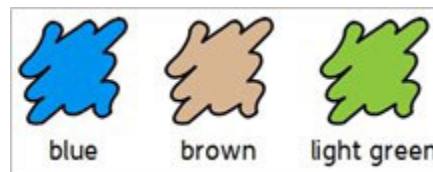
## Colours

The following colour symbols have been updated for visual accuracy.

Original



New



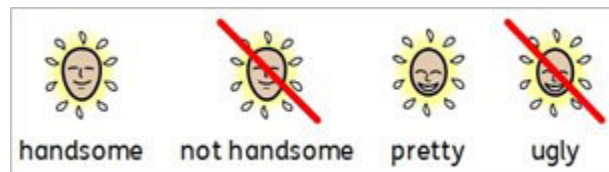
## Pretty/Handsome

The pretty and handsome symbols have had their concepts changed to move away from western stereotypes of beauty and using a more subjective idea that can be applied to other things as well as people.

Original



New



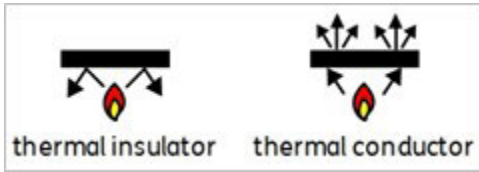
# Materials and their Properties

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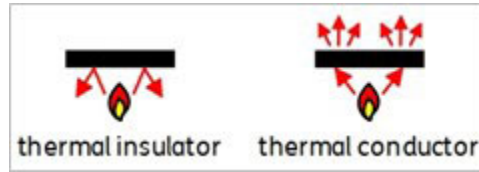
## Conductor/Insulator

The conductor/insulator symbols have been updated to make the heat arrows red.

Original



New



## Dry paint/Sticky/Goo

The dry paint/sticky/goo symbols have been updated to show individual symbols for each concept as well as consistency in appearance.

Original



New



## Sound & Temperature

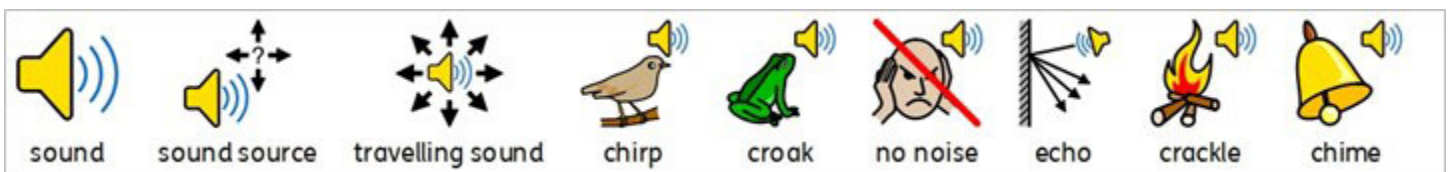
### Sound

The sound symbols have been updated for visual clarity. The sound lines are now blue for consistency across the set and the speaker element has been updated.

Original



New



### Ice / Frozen

The ice symbols have been updated for consistency and using a common, consistent ice qualifier.

Original



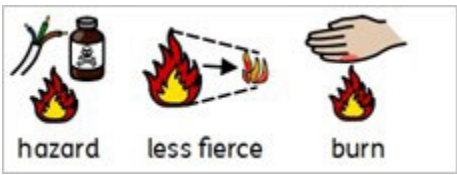
New



## Fire

The fire symbols have been updated for visual consistency.

Original



New



## Food & Drink

### Ice cream/Cream

The ice cream/cream symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



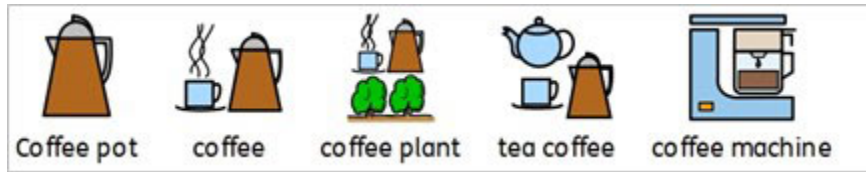
New



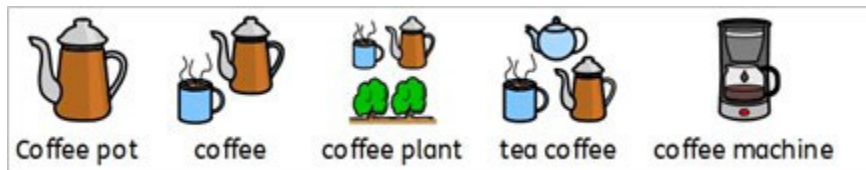
## Coffee Pot/Machine

The coffee pot and machine have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



## Milk

The milk symbols have been updated to reflect modern milk containers as well as using the updated cow symbol component.

Original



New



## Drink

The drink symbols have been updated for visual clarity by using more recognisable elements.

Original



New



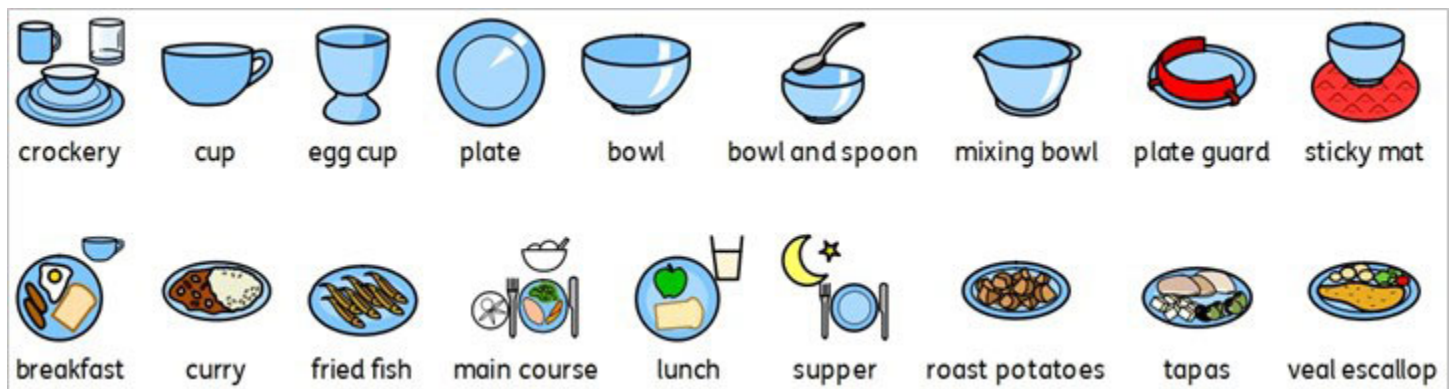
## Crockery

The crockery symbols have been updated for colour consistency.

Original



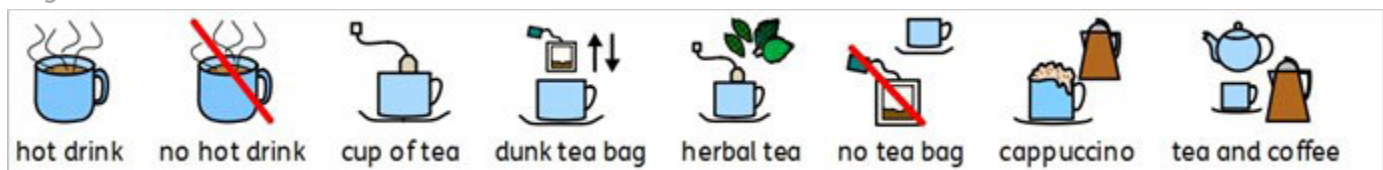
New



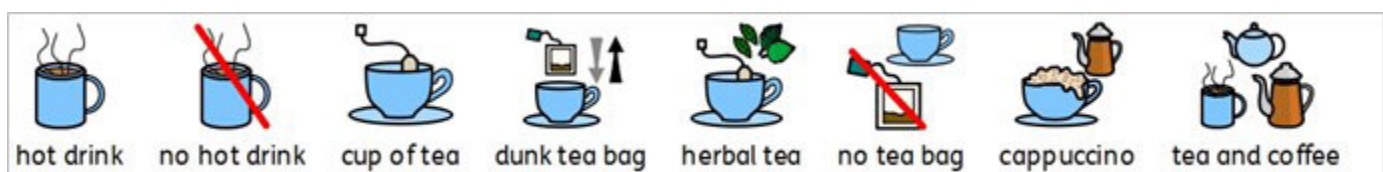
## Hot Drink

The hot drink symbols have been updated for visual clarity. The cup and mug elements have been updated.

Original



New



## Beer

The beer symbol has been improved for clarity and consistency across symbols.

Original



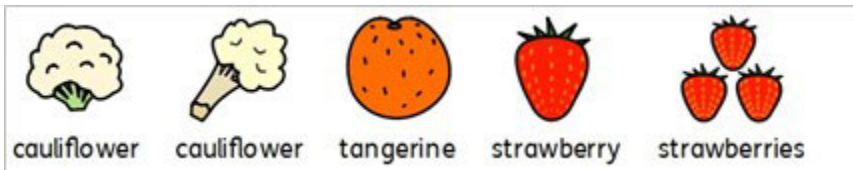
New



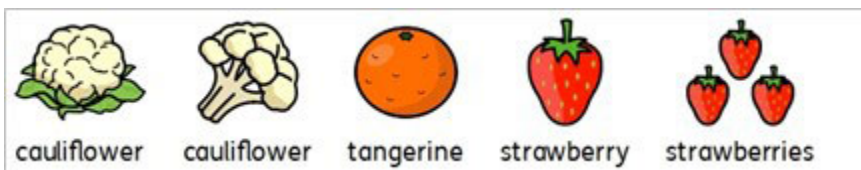
## Fruit and Vegetables

The following fruit and vegetable symbols have been updated for visual clarity and recognition.

Original



New



# Food

The food symbols have been updated to look more realistic and therefore increase clarity.

Original



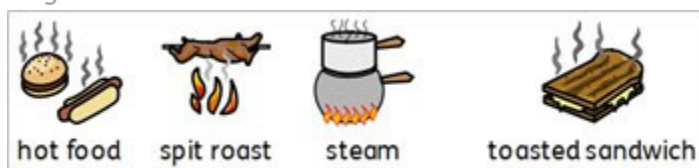
New



# Hot Food Lines

The hot food lines have been updated for consistency and clarity.

Original



New





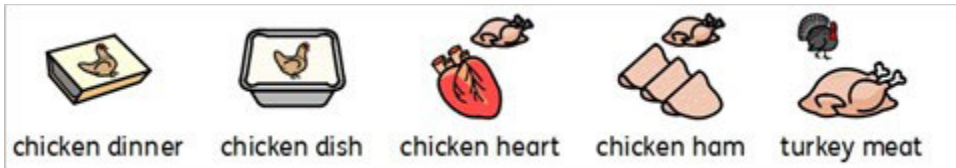
## Cooked Poultry

The poultry symbols have been updated for visual consistency with the updated chicken and chicken meat elements.

Original



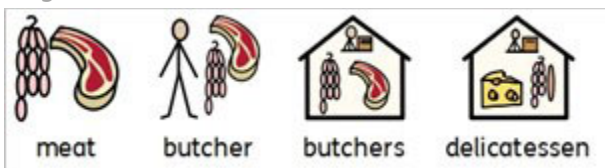
New



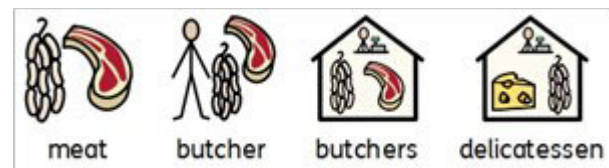
## Sausages

The sausage symbols have been updated to make the sausages look more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



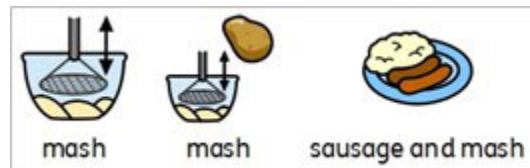
## Mash

The mash symbols have been updated for clarity.

Original



New



## Beans

The beans symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency of colour.

Original



New



## Carrots

The carrot symbols have been updated for consistency and clarity with the newer carrot symbol.

Original



New



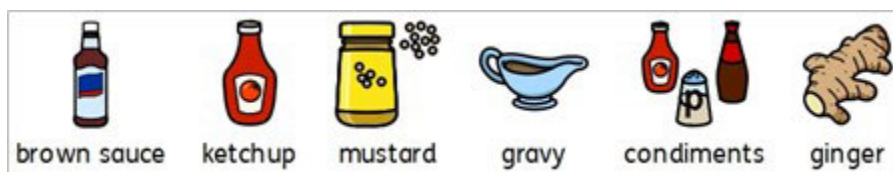
## Sauces, Herbs & Flavours

The sauces and herb symbols have been updated to look more realistic.

Original



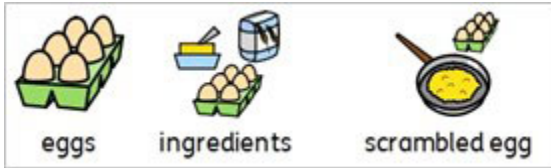
New



## Egg Box

The egg box symbols have been updated to be more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



## Puddings

The pudding symbols have been updated to be more realistic and recognisable.

Original



New



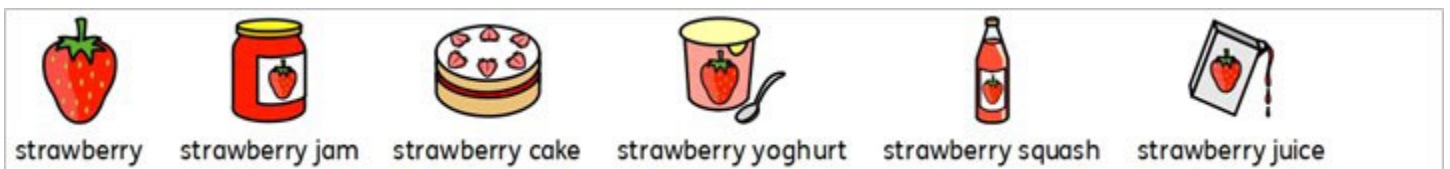
## Strawberry

The strawberry symbols have been updated to be more realistic and recognisable.

Original



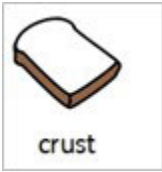
New



# Crust

The “crust” symbol has been updated to look more like a bread crust as opposed to a slice of bread.

Original



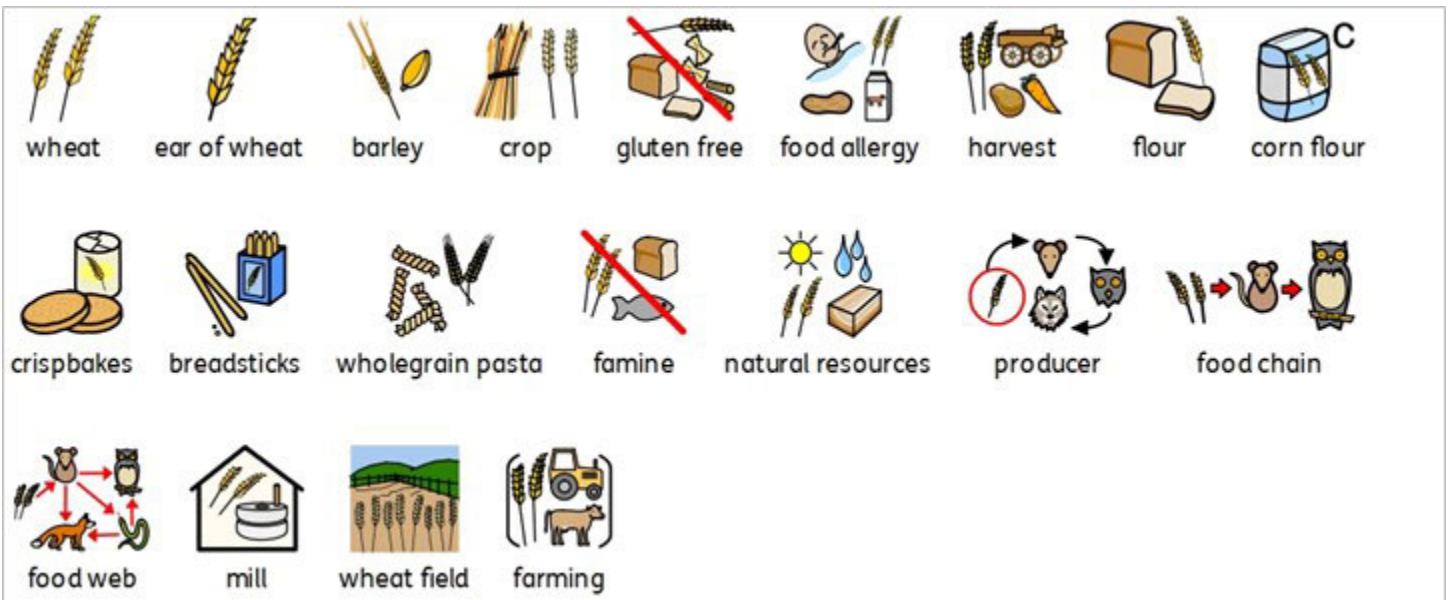
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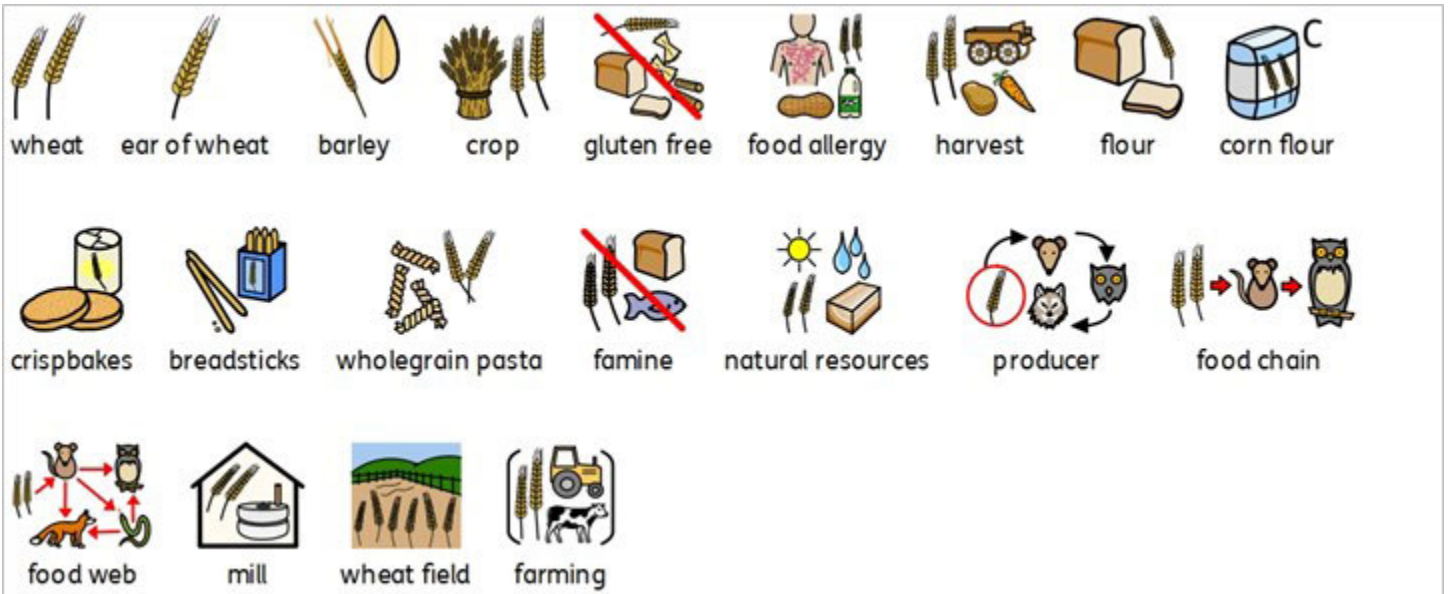
# Wheat

The wheat symbols have been updated to be more realistic and consistent.

Original



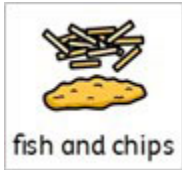
New



## Fish and Chips

The “fish and chips” symbol has been updated by adding the paper element.

Original



New



## Cooking & Eating

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### Knife

This “knife” symbol has been updated to look more realistic and visually recognisable.

Original



New



### Barbecue

The barbecue symbol has been updated to be gender-neutral.

Original



New



# Buildings

## Building-Specific

The following building symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency across all symbols.

Original



New



## Parts of Buildings

The following symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency across all symbols.

Original



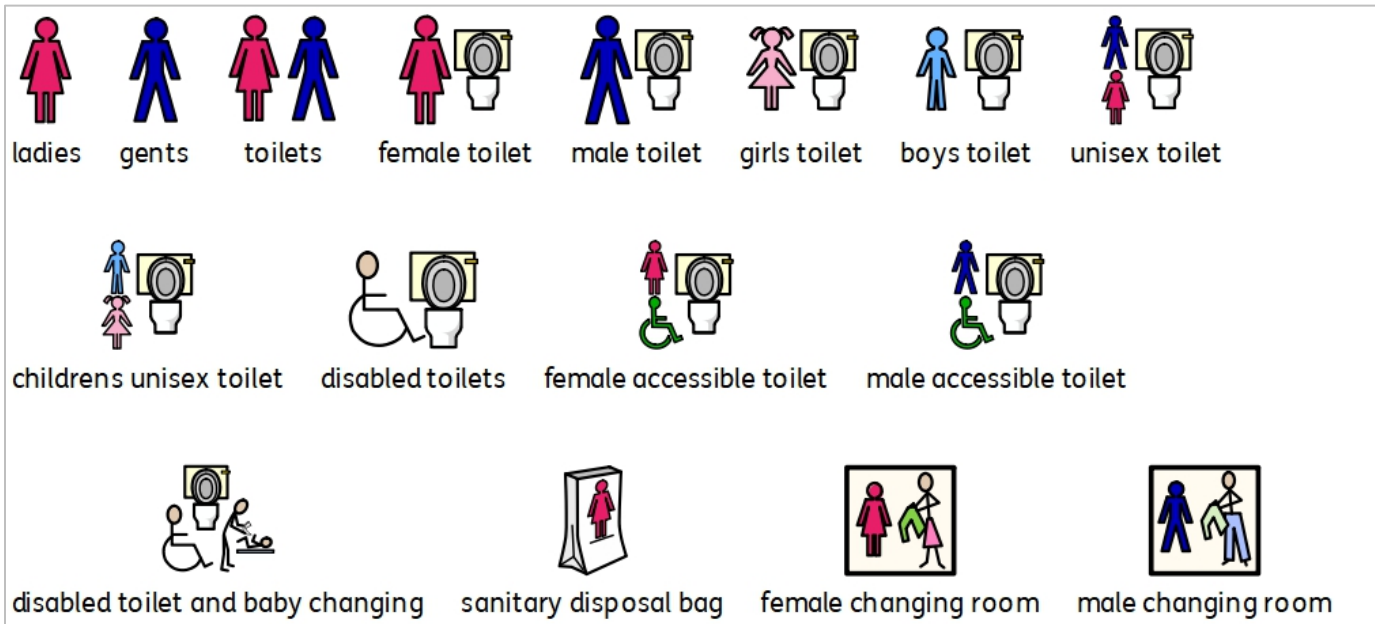
New



# Public Toilet Signs

The toilet sign symbols have been updated for clarity and a decision was made to redraw the elements to be more consistent with what is commonly seen in public spaces.

## Original



## New



# Home, Interiors & Domestic Activities

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## Baby Changing/Baby Objects

The baby changing/baby objects symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency; the clothing is now yellow to match the baby's yellow blanket.

Original



New





# Bed

The bed symbols have been improved for visual clarity and realism. The colour has also been updated.

Original



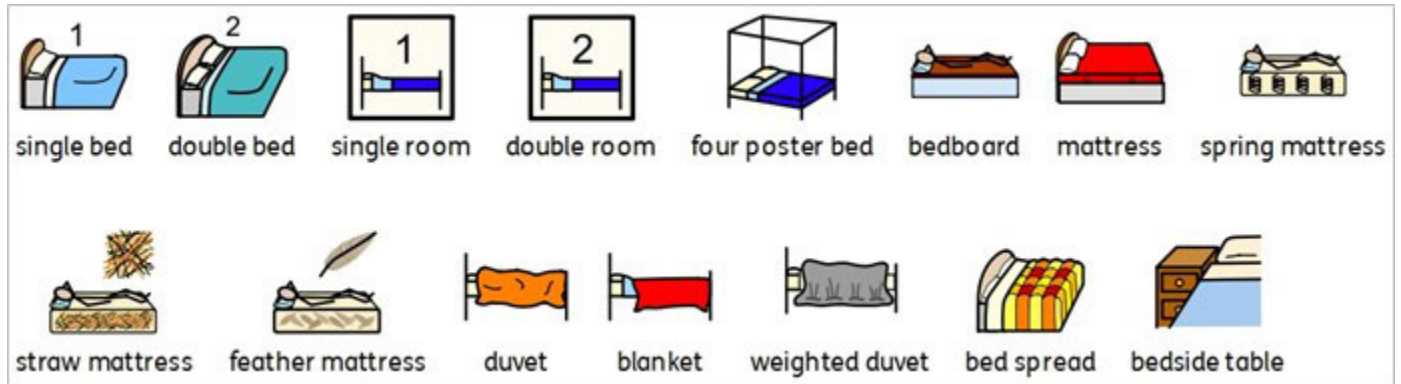
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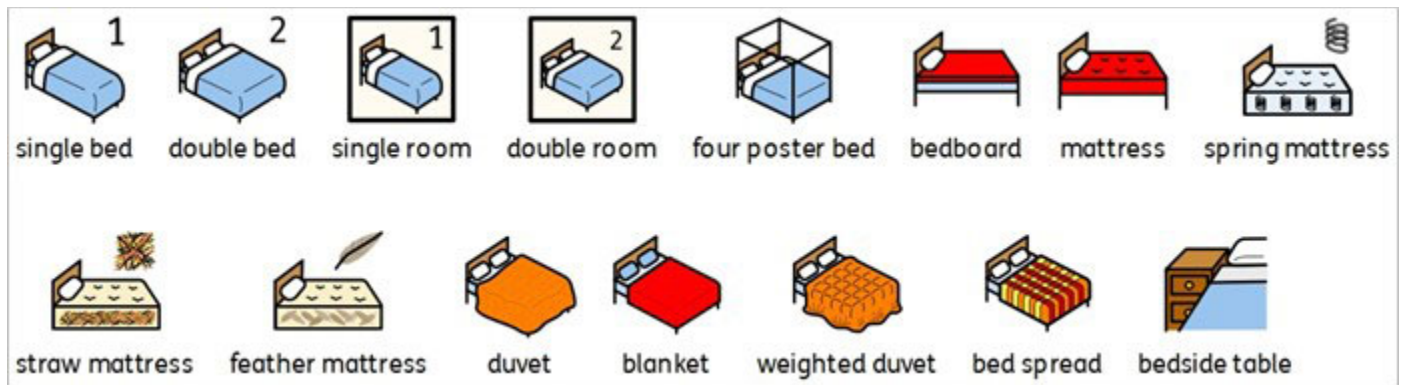
# Bed 3D

The 3D bed has been improved to match the new bed symbol and also introduce consistency within the bed symbols.

Original



New



# In bed

The in bed symbols have been improved to match other bed symbols and to create a consistency within the in bed symbols and match the colours of all beds within the symbol set.

Original



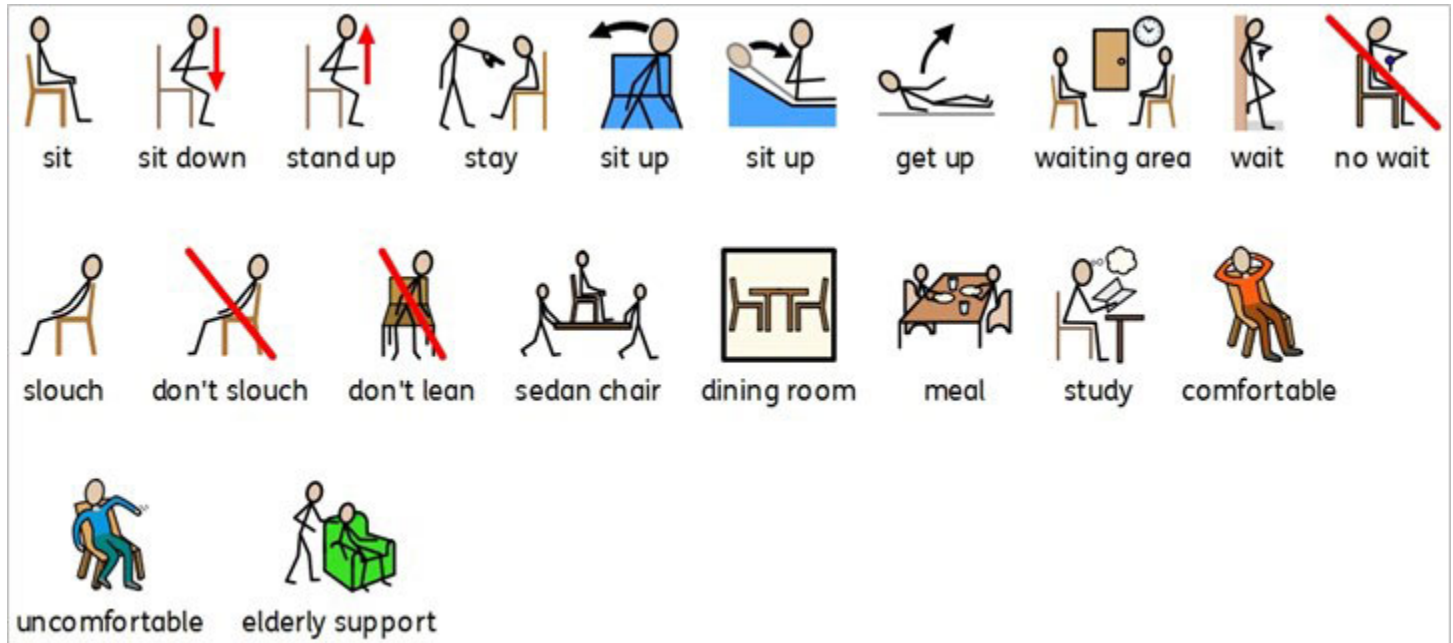
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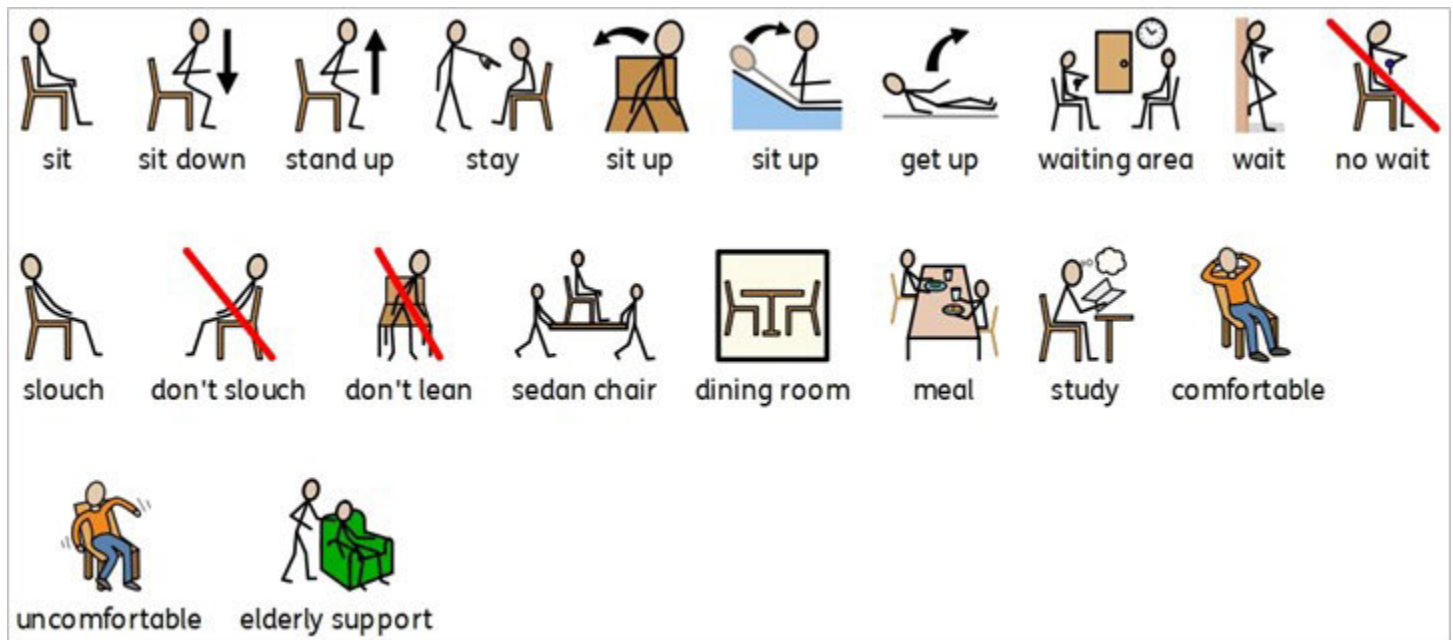
# Chair / Sitting / Waiting

The chair symbols have been updated for consistency.

Original



New



# Toilet

The toilet symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency. The same toilet has been used for front and side views also increasing consistency.

## Original



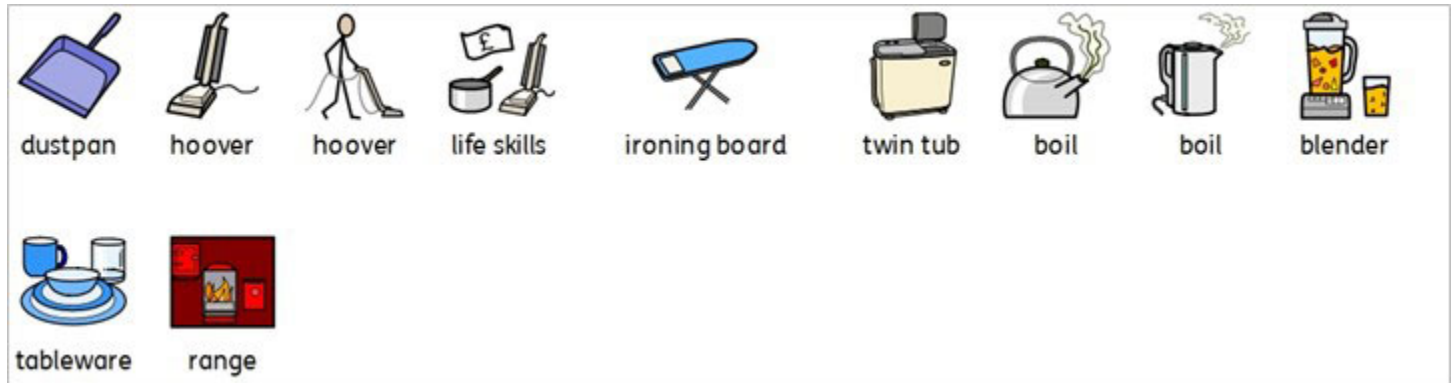
## New



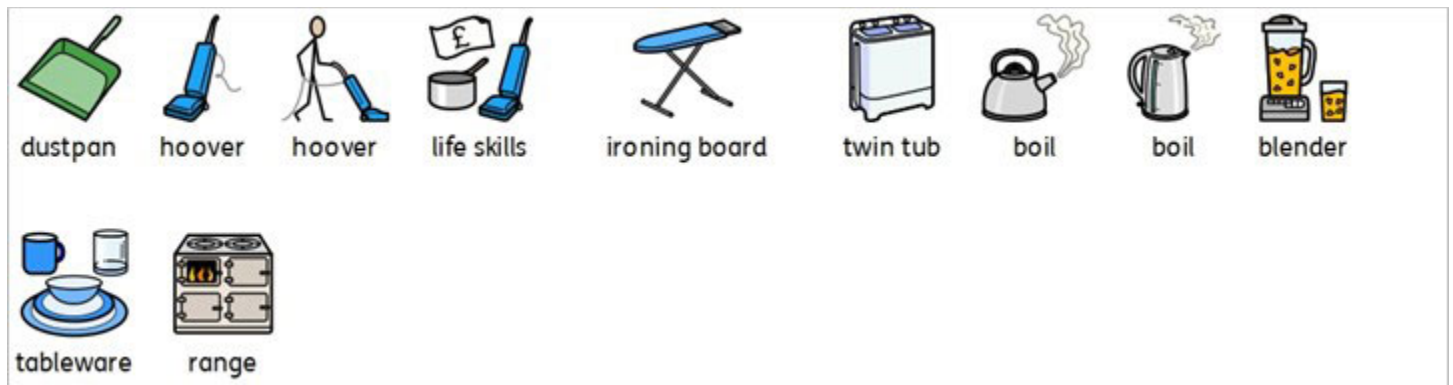
## Domestic Items

The domestic items symbols have been updated and modernised for clarity.

Original



New

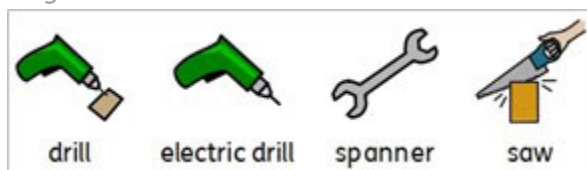


## Work & Equipment

### Tools

The following tool symbols have been updated for visual clarity and colour consistency.

Original



New



## Careful

The careful symbol has been redrawn to better represent the concept.

Original



New



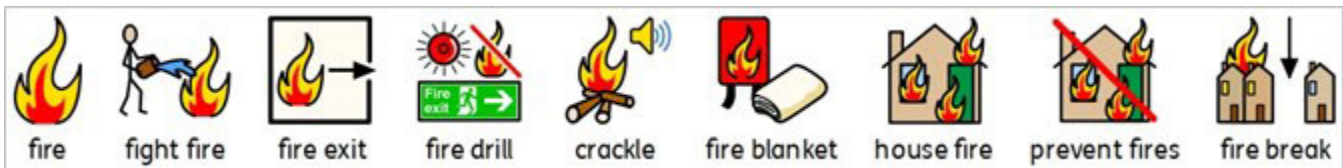
## Fire & Safety

The fire and safety symbols have been improved for consistency and also using a more visually recognisable fire element to the symbol.

Original



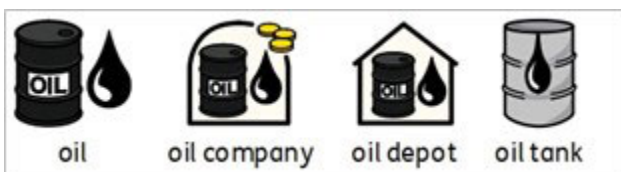
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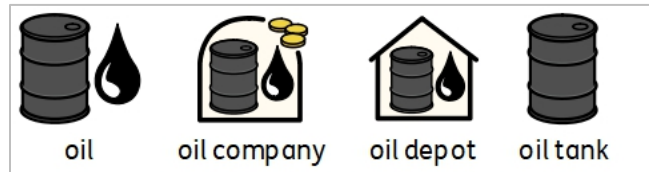
## Oil / Oil company

The oil/oil company symbols have been updated to remove the text and create visual consistency.

Original



New



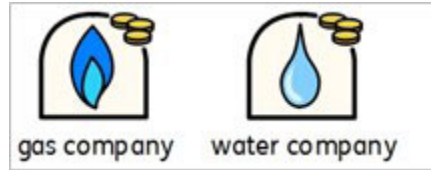
## Gas/Water company

The gas/water company symbols have been updated for consistency to use the same qualifiers/components as other gas/water symbols.

Original



New



## Shops, Shopping & Organisations

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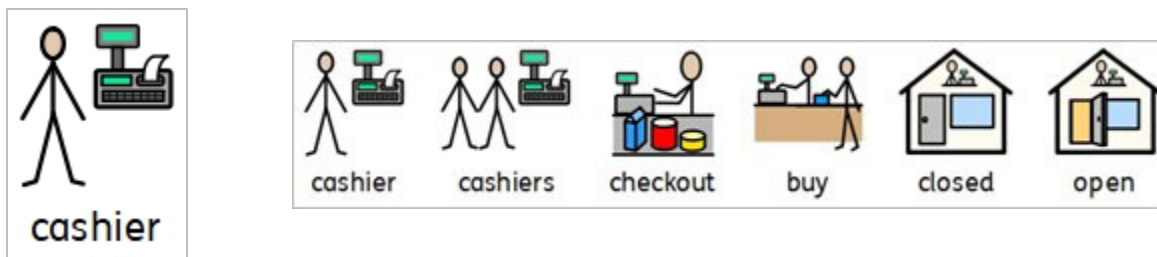
### Till

The till element has been updated for visual clarity and to reflect modern technology.

Original



New





# Shops

The shop symbols have been updated with the relevant symbol elements that have also been updated for consistency across all symbols.

Original



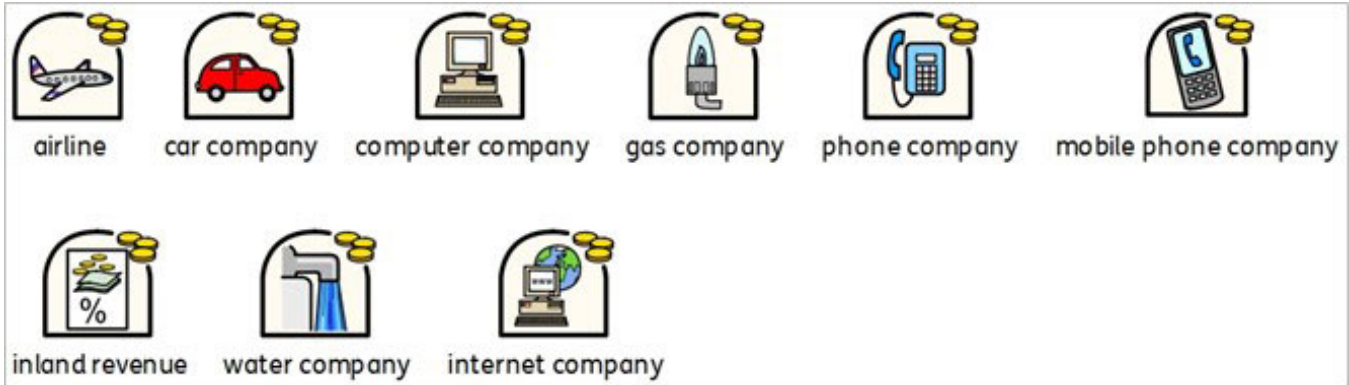
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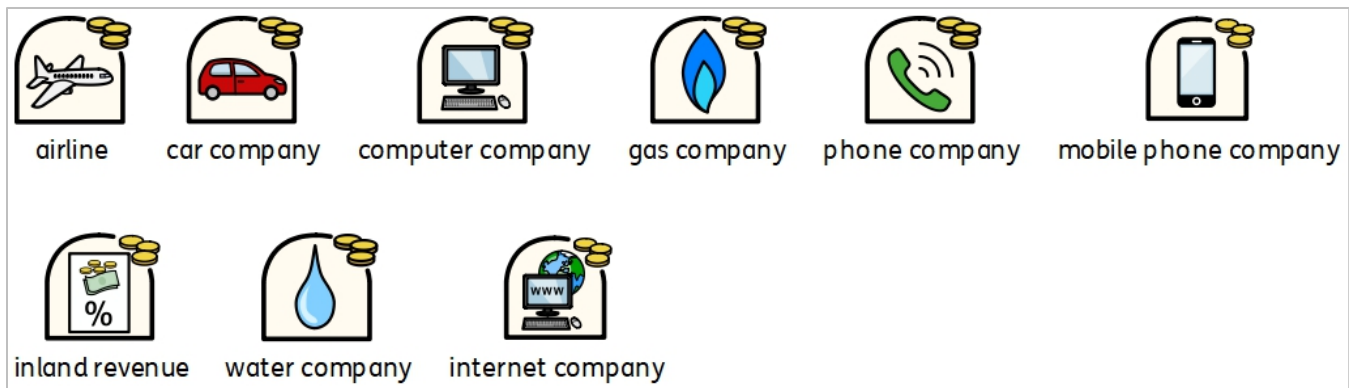
# Businesses

The following symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



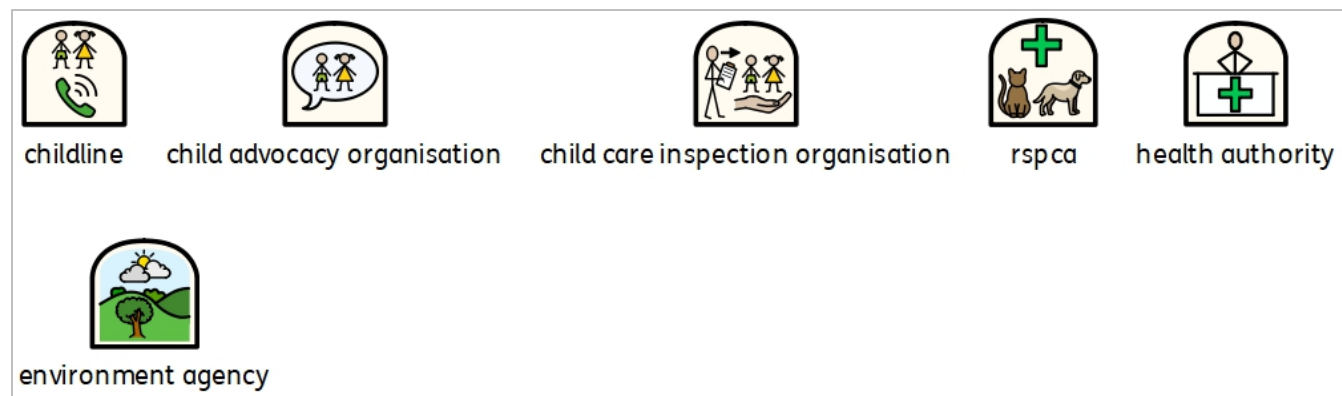
# Organisations

The following symbols have been updated for visual clarity and by using new updated elements.

Original



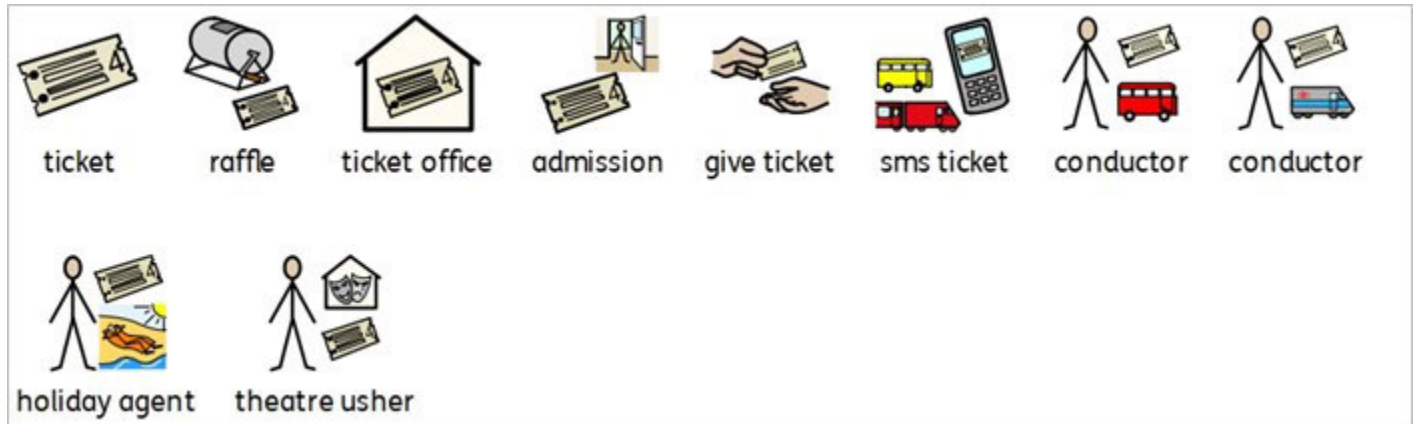
New



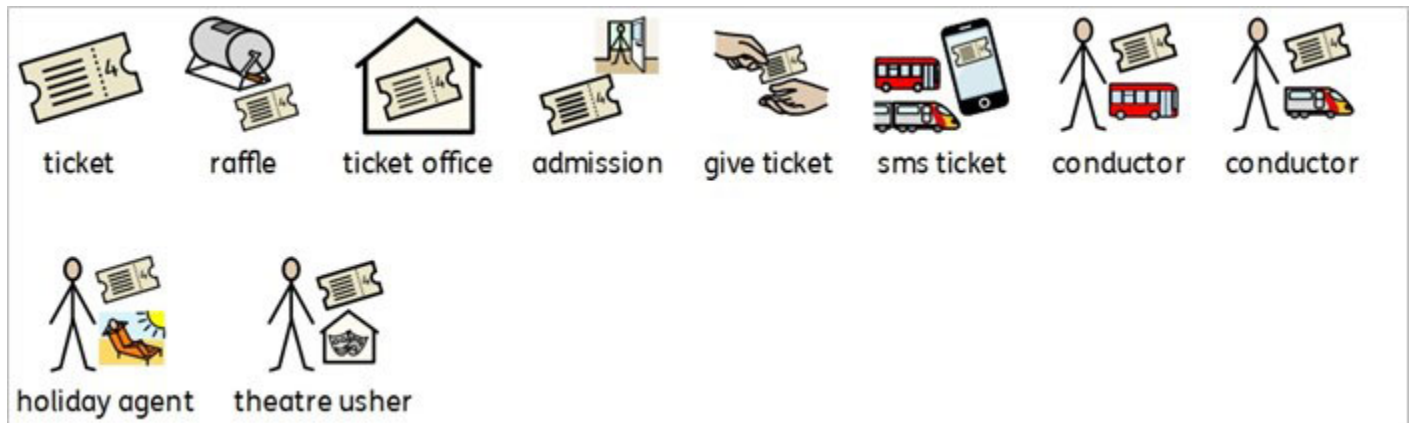
## Ticket

The ticket element of symbols has been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



## Wrapping Paper

The wrapping paper symbols have been updated for colour consistency as well as adding the new style of movement arrows.

Original



New

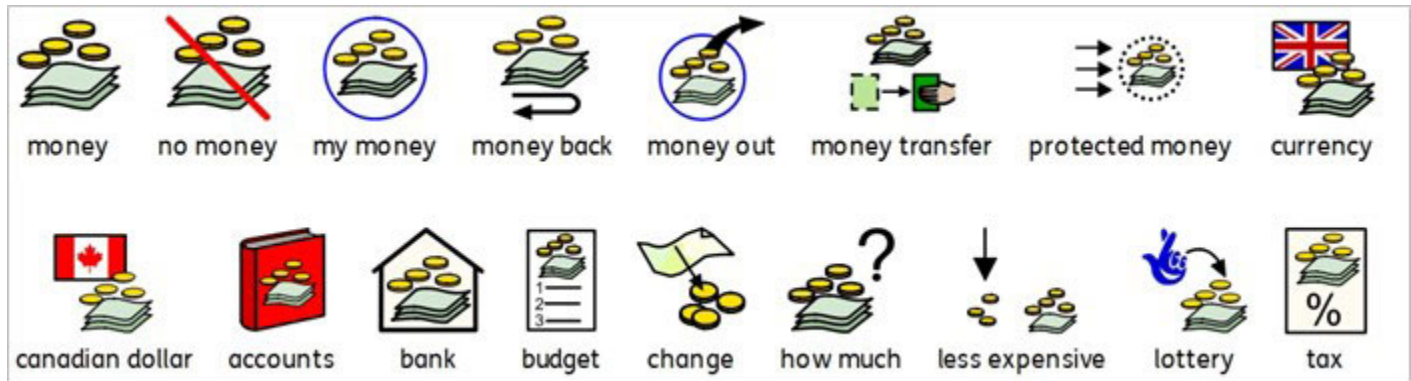


# Money

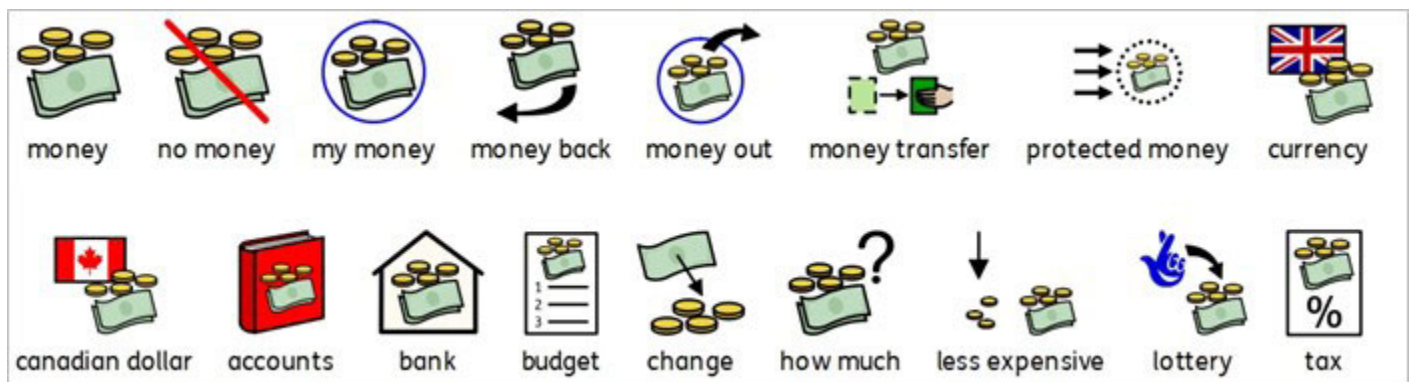
## Money

The following money symbols have been updated for clarity by making the bank notes clearer and updating the colours.

Original



New



## Money Notes

The money notes symbols have been updated for visual clarity as well as updating the symbol elements to look more like bank notes.

Original



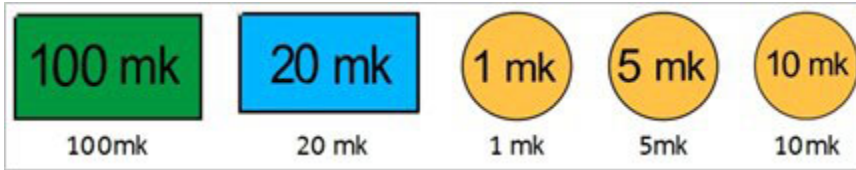
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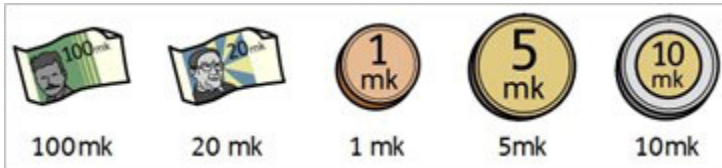
## Money (Finland)

The following currency symbols have been updated from very basic drawings for visual clarity.

Original



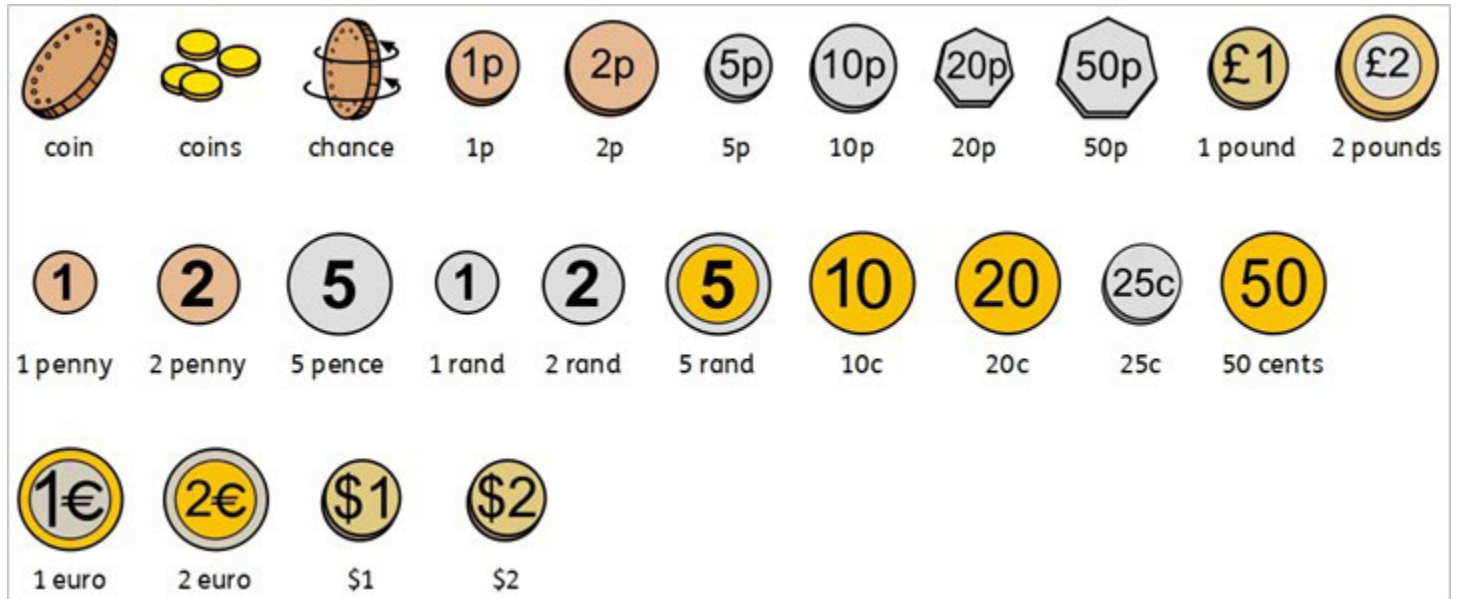
New



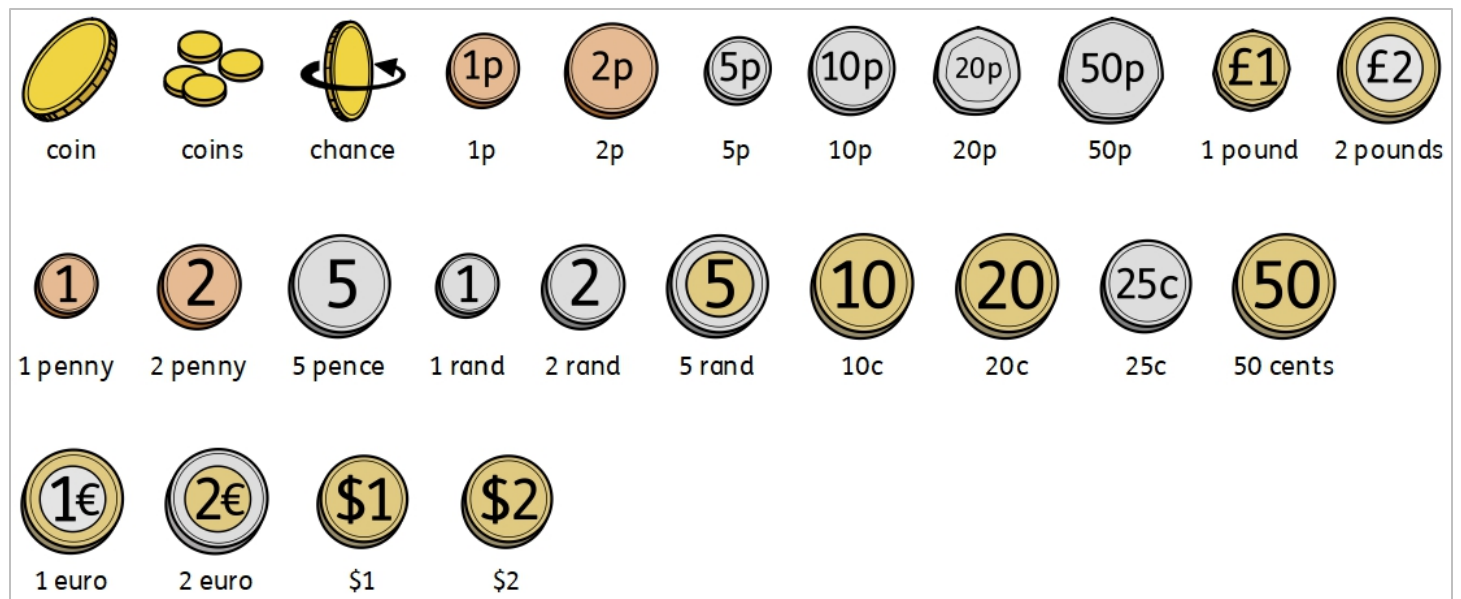
# Coins

The money and coin symbols have been updated to look more like currency in terms of shape and colour. The font has also been updated for legibility and consistency.

Original



New



## Credit Card

The credit card symbols have been updated for consistency and visual clarity.

Original



New



## Banking

The following symbols have been updated with yellow coins to be consistent with other money symbols. The hand element in the “count out” symbol has also been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



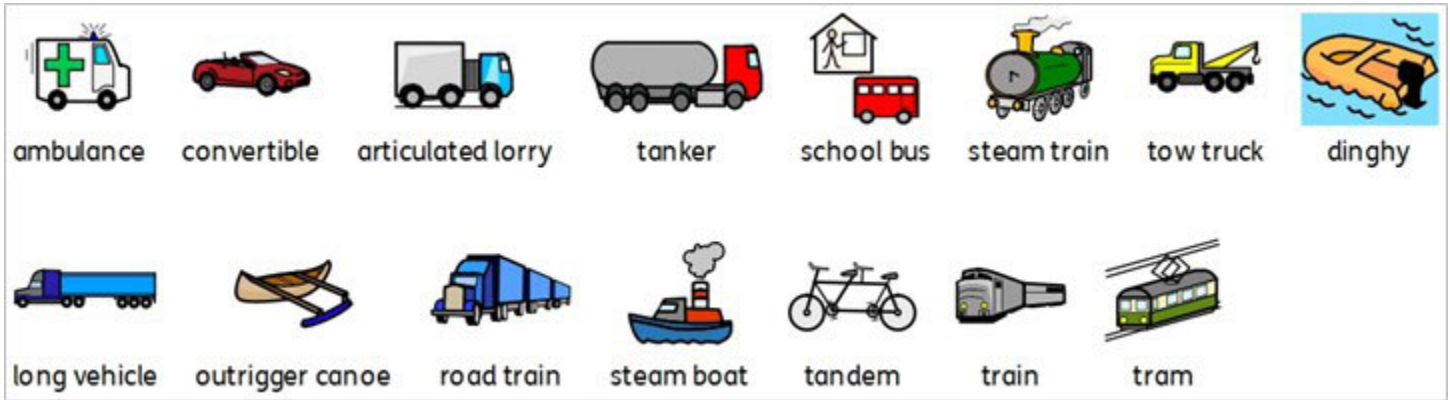


# Transport

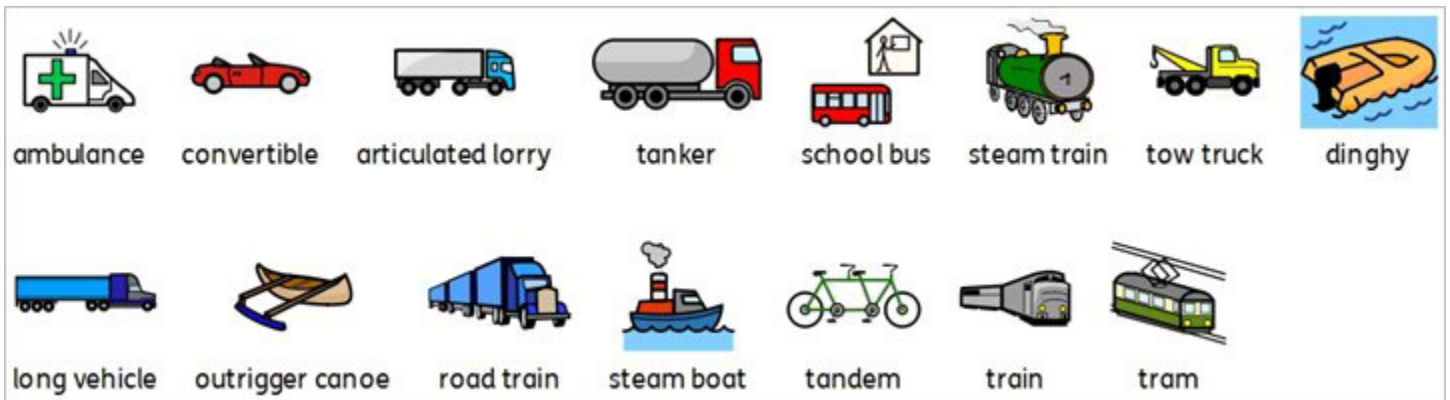
## General Vehicles

The general vehicle symbols have been updated for visual clarity and/or changed to face towards the right.

Original



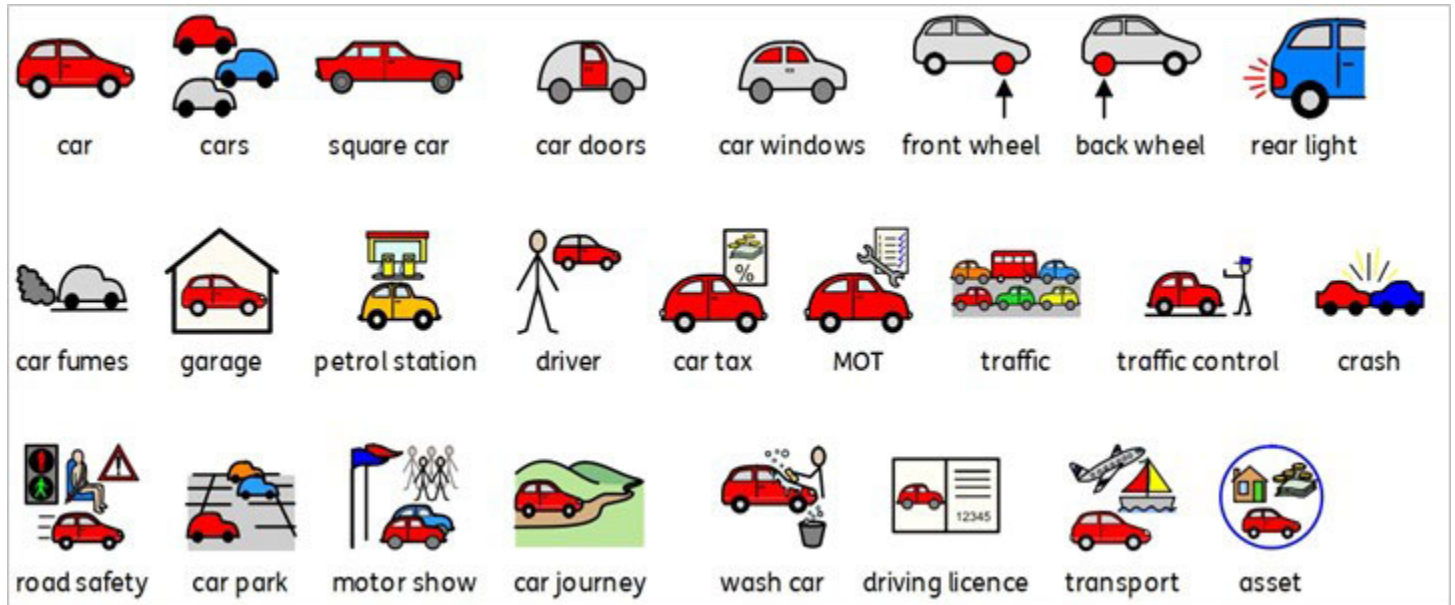
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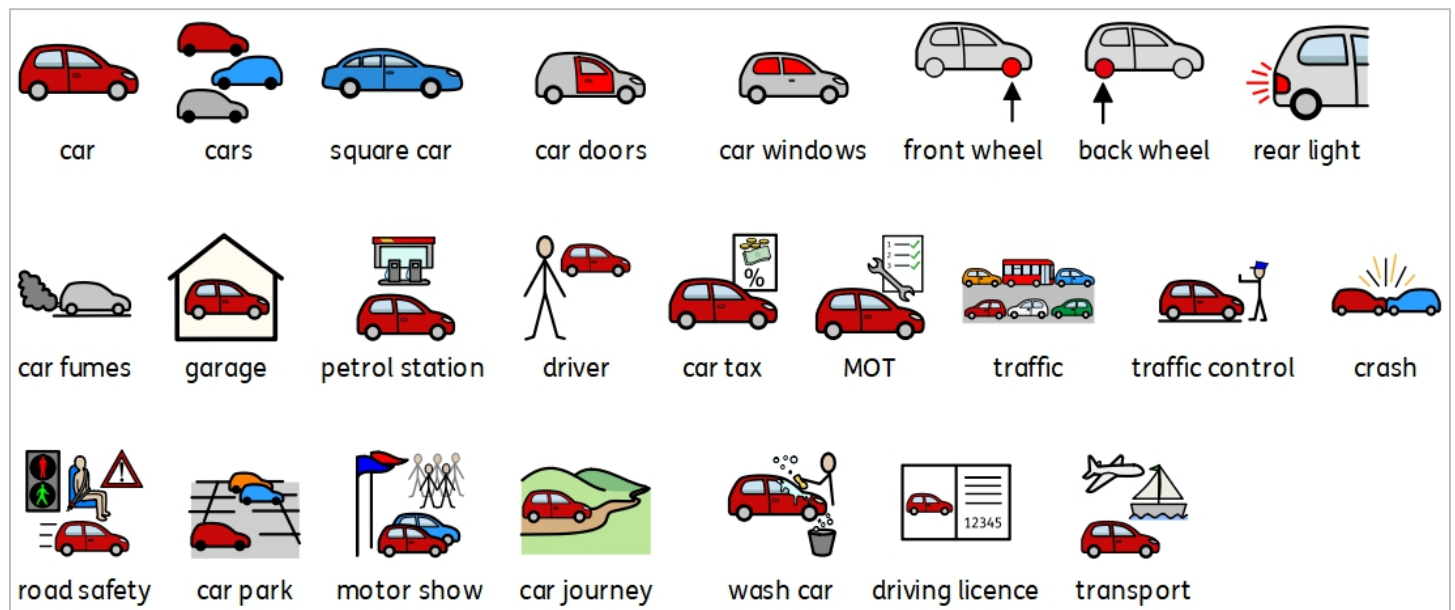
# Car

The car symbols have been updated with a new car in the same style but visually clearer and consistent throughout the symbol set.

## Original



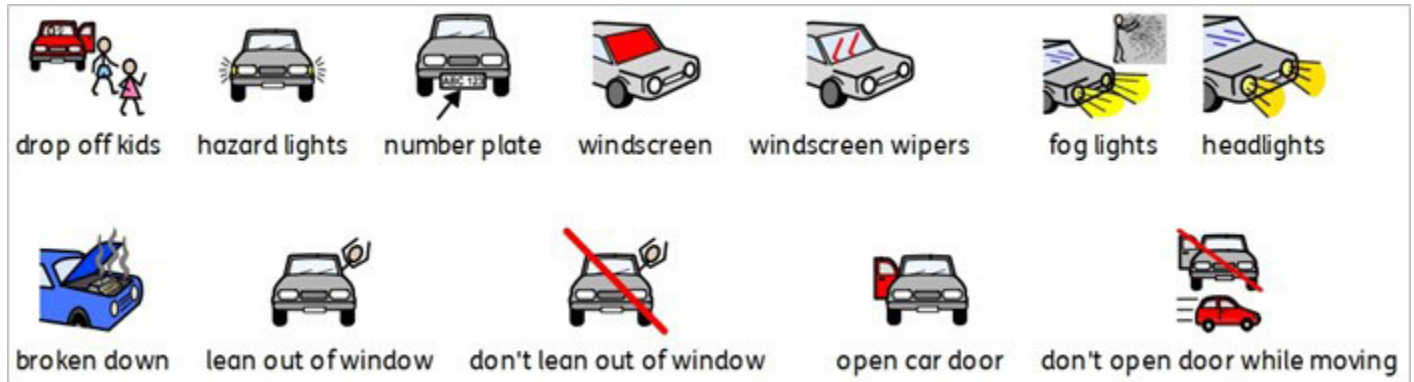
## New



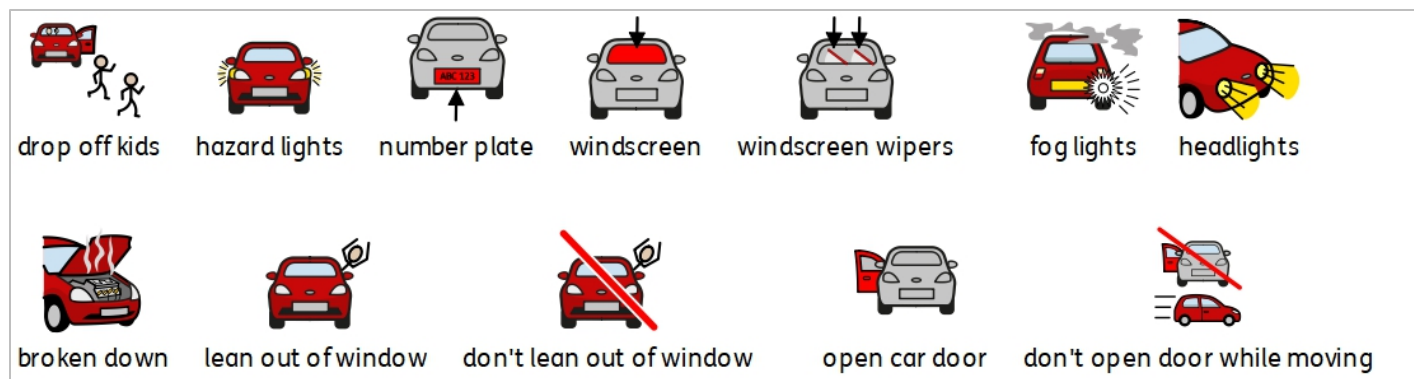
## Car Front

As with the car symbols the car front symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency using the same car from the new car symbols.

Original



New



## Car Back

As with the car symbols the car back symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency using the same car from the new car symbols.

Original



New



## Car Side

The car side symbols have been updated to reflect the new car symbol ensuring consistency.

Original



New



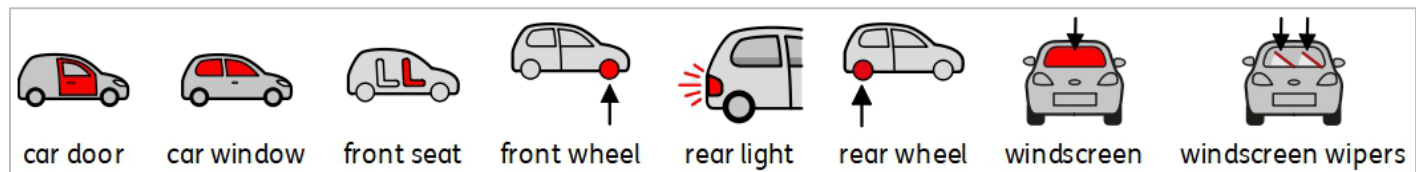
## Car Parts

The car parts symbols have been updated to be visually consistent with the new car symbol as well as consistency within the set.

Original



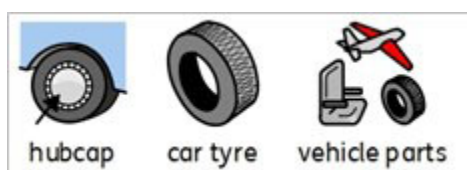
New



## Car Wheel

The car wheel symbols have been updated for visual clarity and colours to match the other car symbols.

Original



New



# Minibus

The minibus symbols have been updated to be more realistic and therefore more visually recognisable.

Original



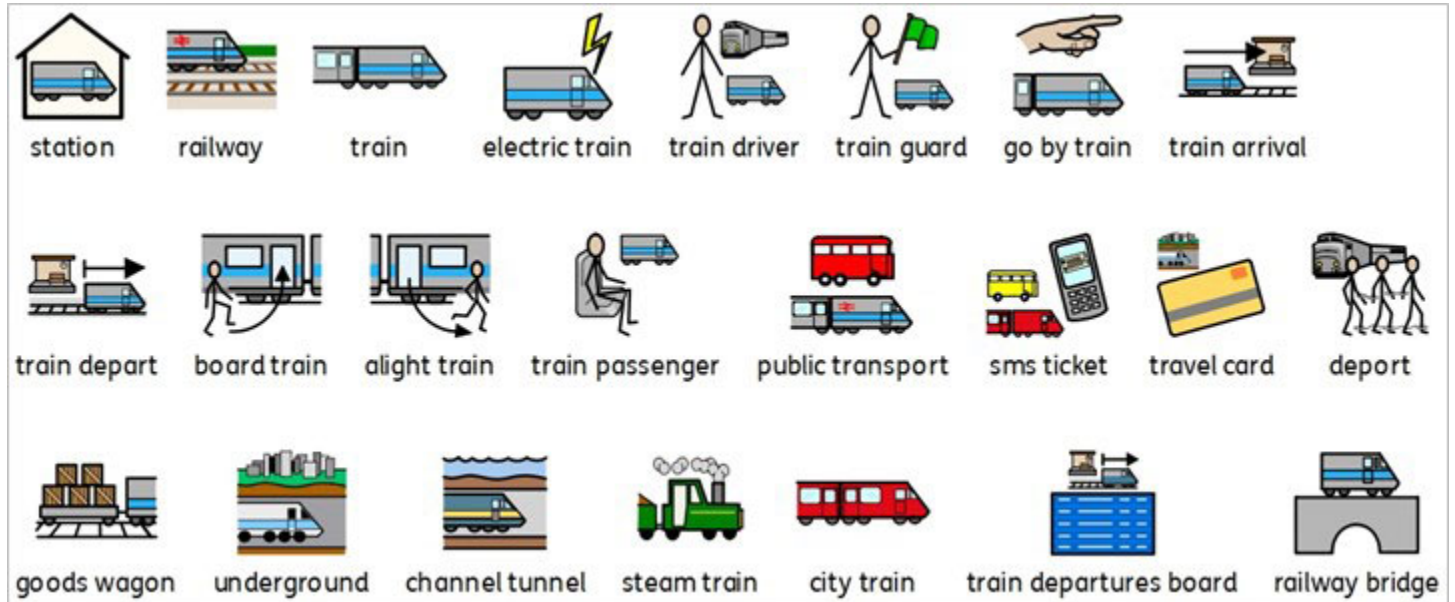
New



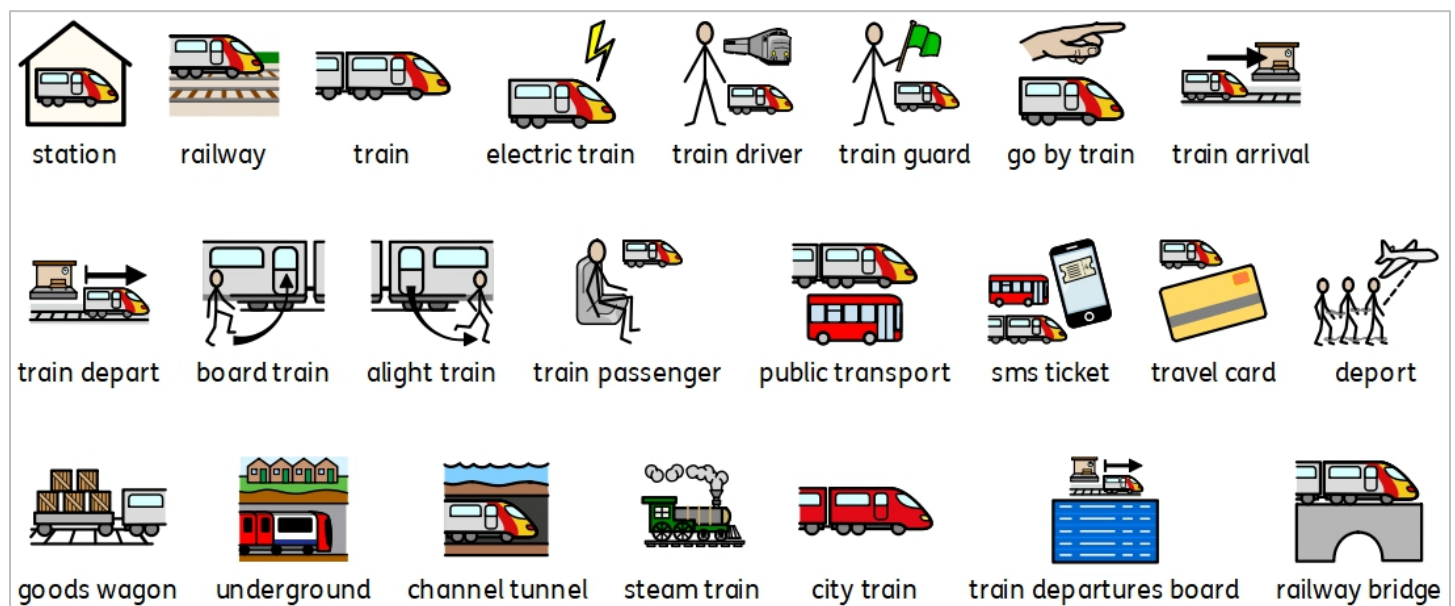
# Train

The train symbols have been updated to reflect a more modern and accurate train as well as visual clarity and consistency throughout the train symbols. Other elements have been updated for visual clarity. The “depart” symbol has had the train replaced with an aeroplane to reflect a more accurate concept.

## Original



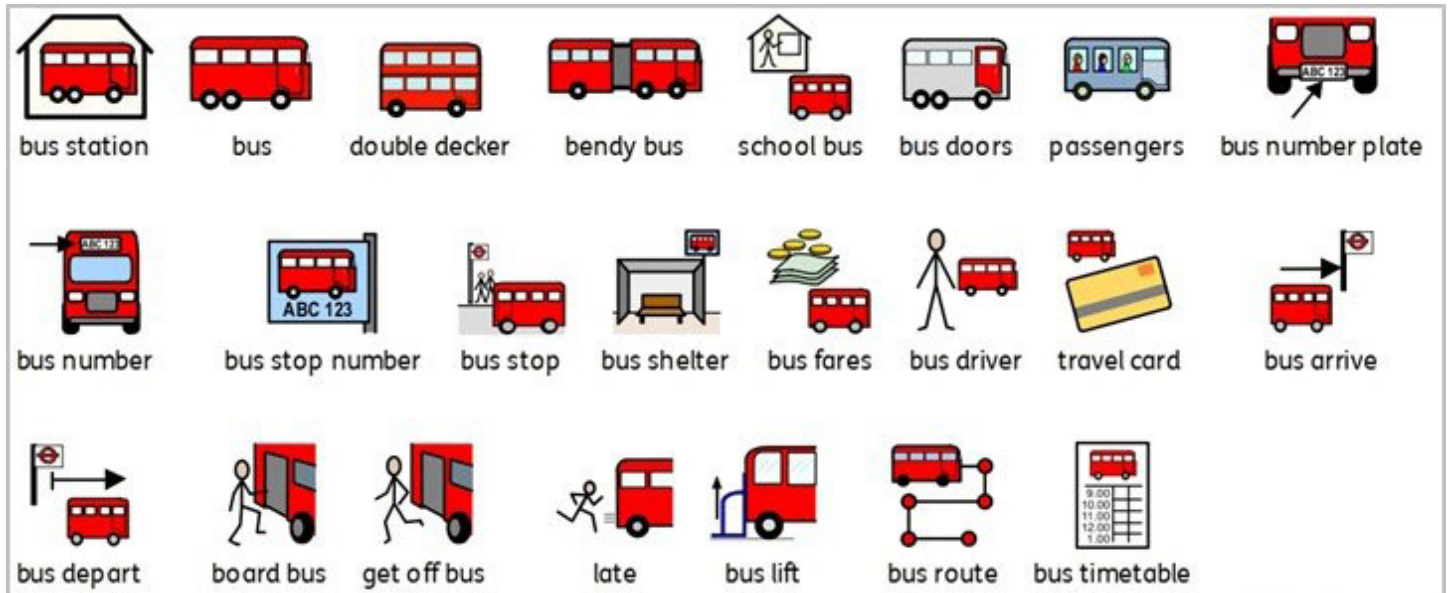
## New



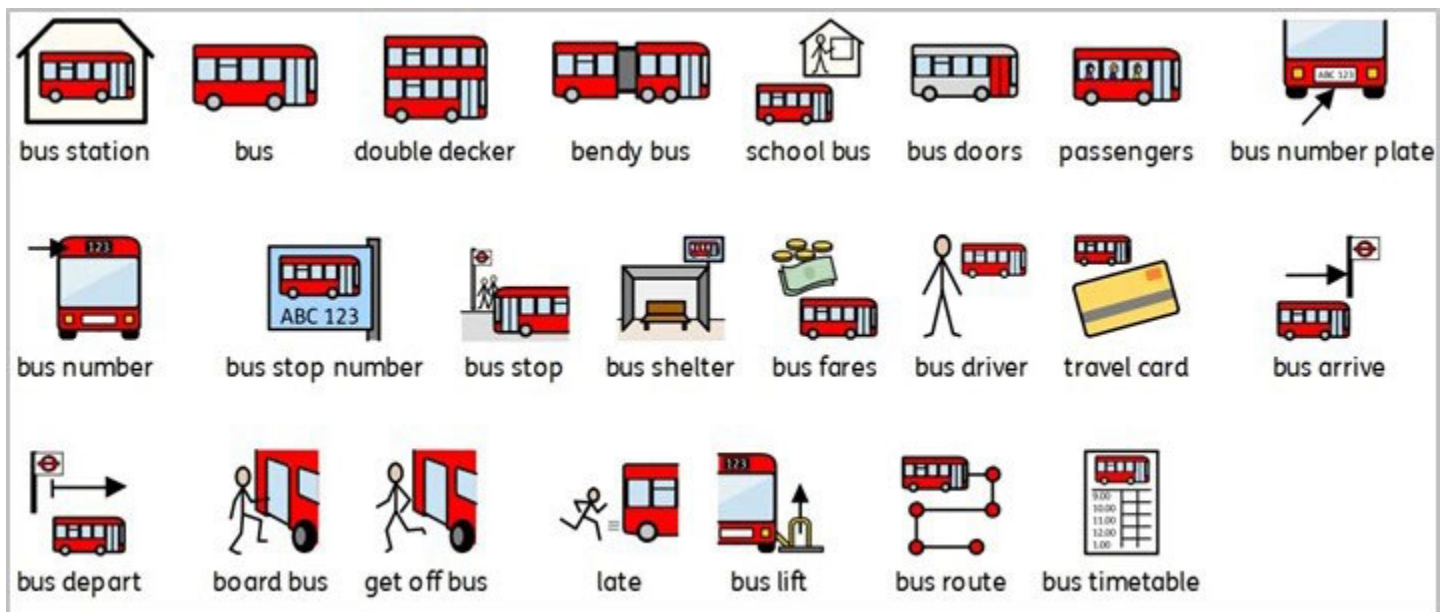
# Bus

The bus symbols have been updated using a new bus drawing to make it more realistic and visually recognisable as well as creating consistency throughout the bus related symbols.

## Original



## New



# Bicycle

The bicycle symbols have been updated for consistency in shape and colour as well as all symbols now facing to the right to make it easier for readers following the left to right direction of text.

Original



New

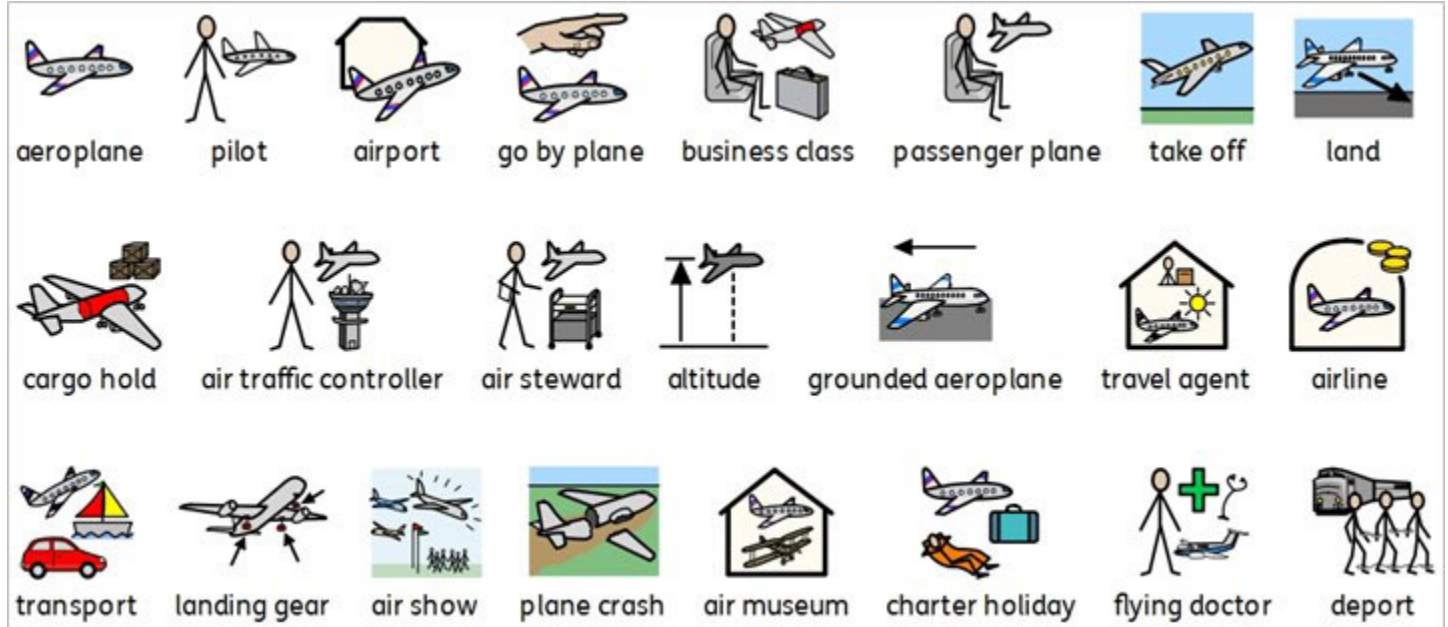




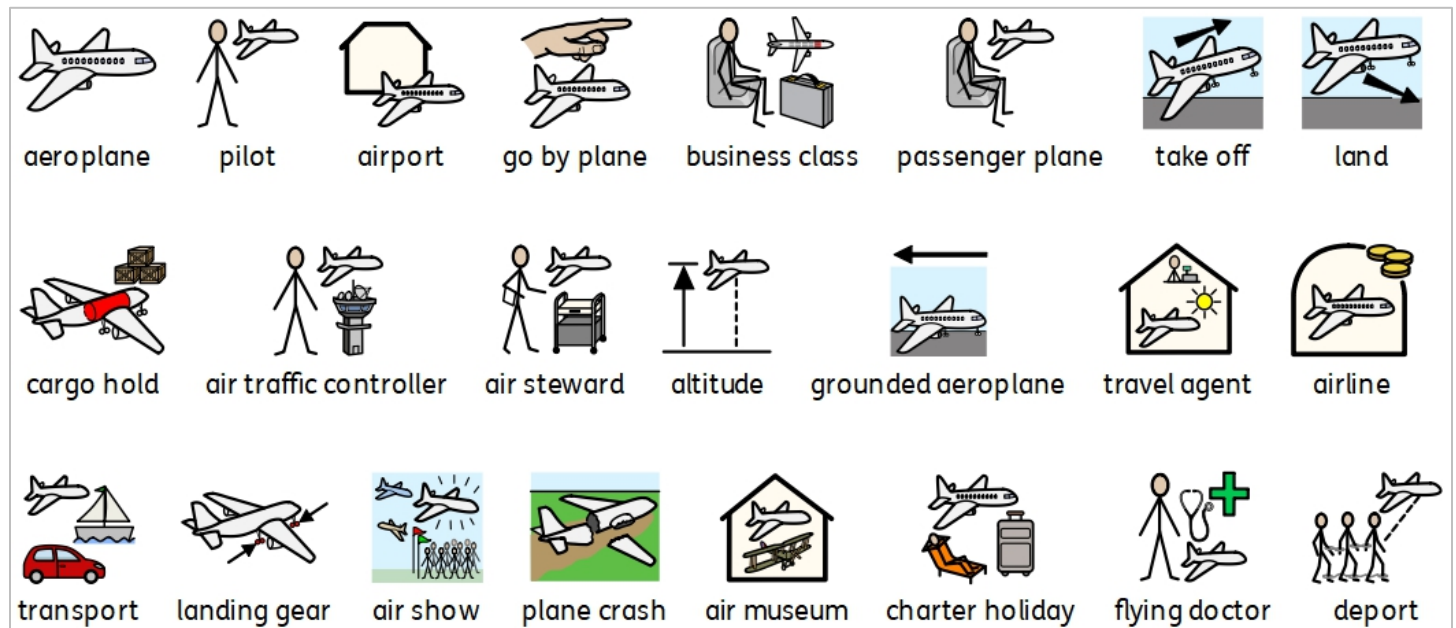
# Plane

The plane/air travel symbols have been updated using a new plane drawing for consistency and visual recognition. The colour of the plane symbols has also been updated for consistency. The “depart” symbol has had the train replaced with an aeroplane to reflect a more accurate concept.

## Original



## New



## Boat & Ship

These boat and ship symbols have been updated for consistency and visual clarity.

Original



New

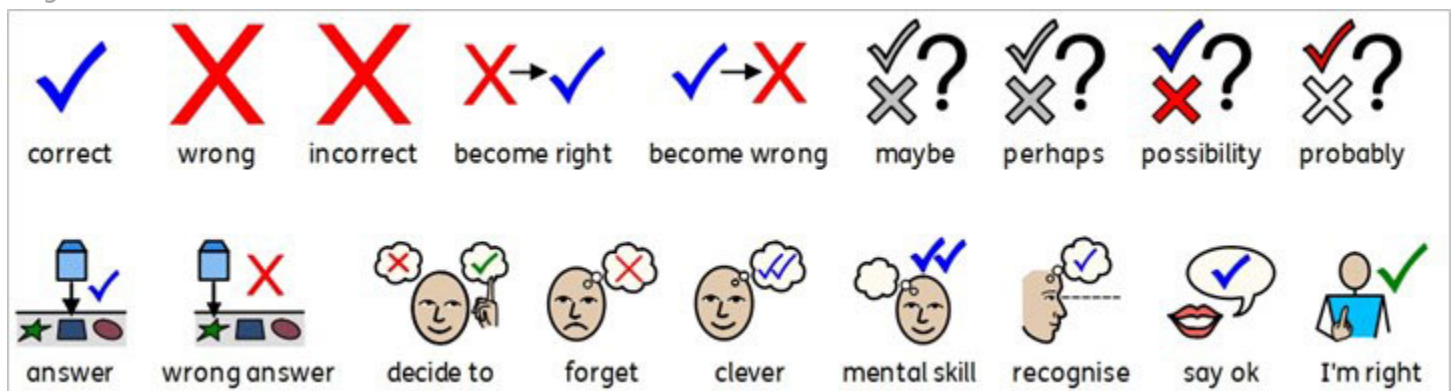


## Knowledge & Communication

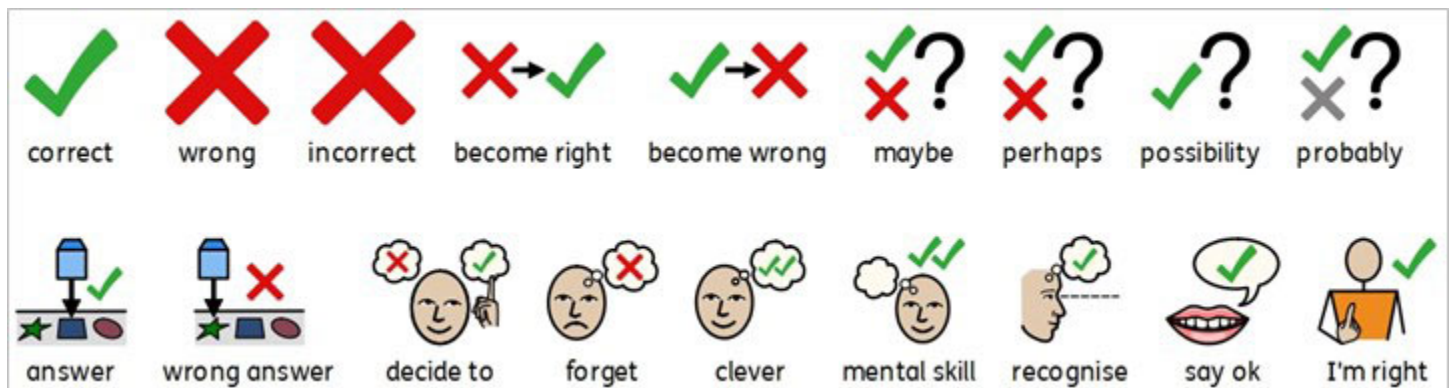
### Tick and Cross

The symbols using ticks and crosses have been updated and been made visually consistent. The colour of the tick has been updated to green as this is universally used in opposition to red to connote positive/correct concepts. The symbols have also been updated into friendlier shapes that work together.

Original



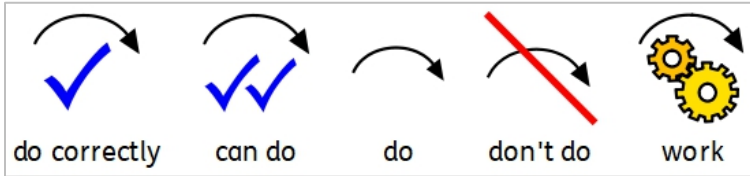
New



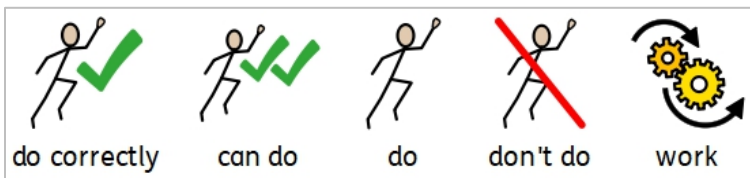
## Do (action)

The do symbols have been redesigned to be less abstract and to try and represent achieving a goal/able to do. The other do symbols have been updated to remove the old do arrow and to try and represent their individual concepts more clearly.

Original



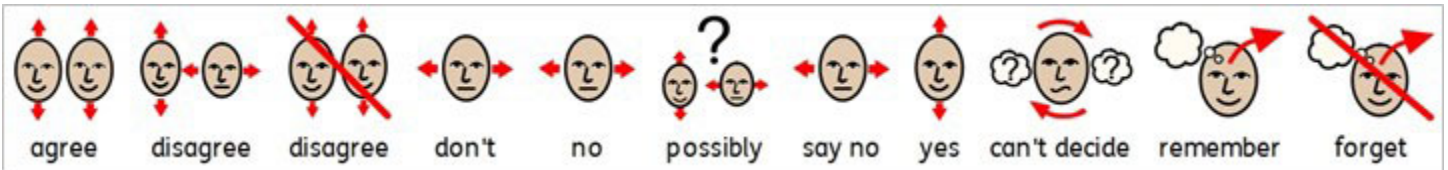
New



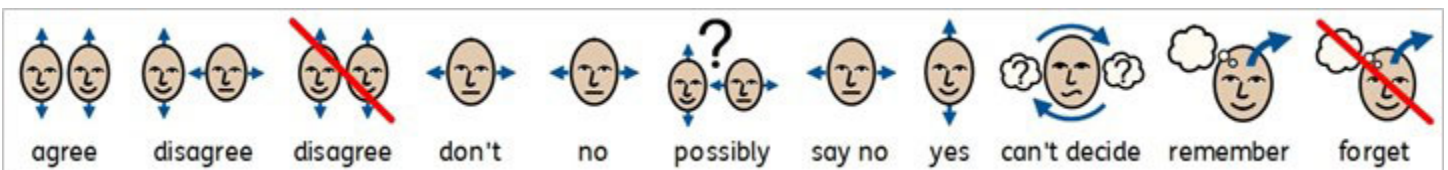
## Expressions

The following expressions symbols have been updated with unique blue arrows. The red colour has been removed to avoid negative connotations.

Original



New



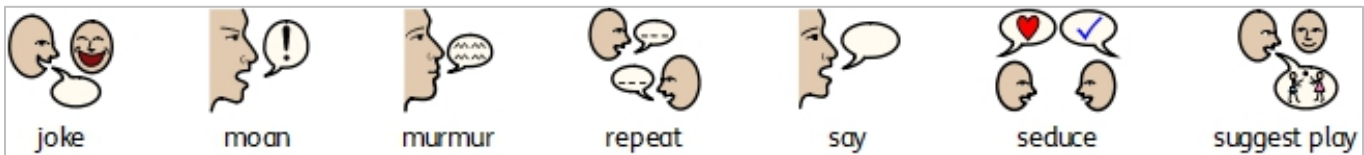
# Speech

The speech symbols have been made more consistent. The bubble colour is now a very pale blue to match other symbol schema relating to breath and air. There are now only 3 types of speech bubble: The source of speech is pointed to below left or right, the source of the speech is pointed to below and the source of speech is pointed to above left or right. The speech symbols have also been updated to use the new mouth symbol and the new sound/speaker element. The way speech bubbles are used falls into 4 main styles:

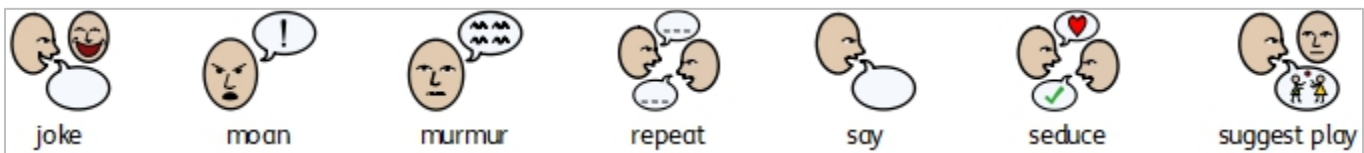
## Speech bubble and heads

Single or multiple heads in one symbol to show interaction or emotion. The heads have been standardised to make the set more consistent throughout.

Original



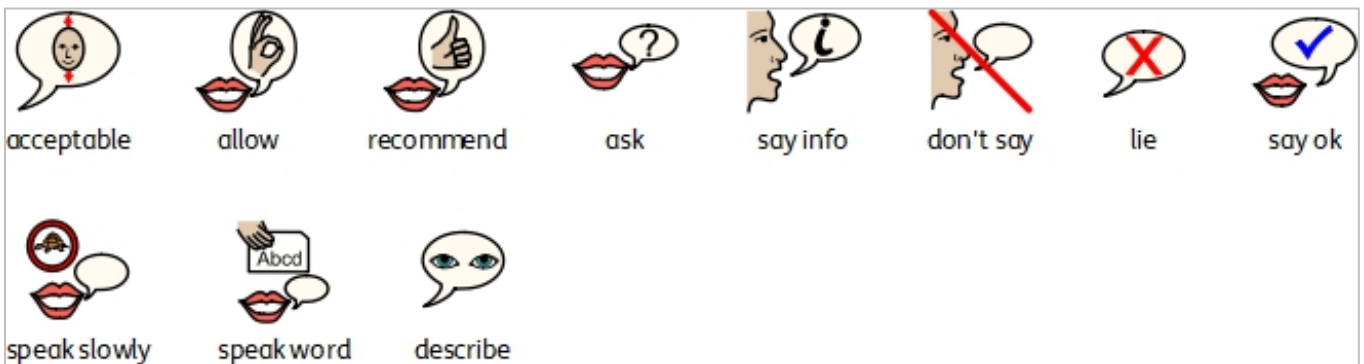
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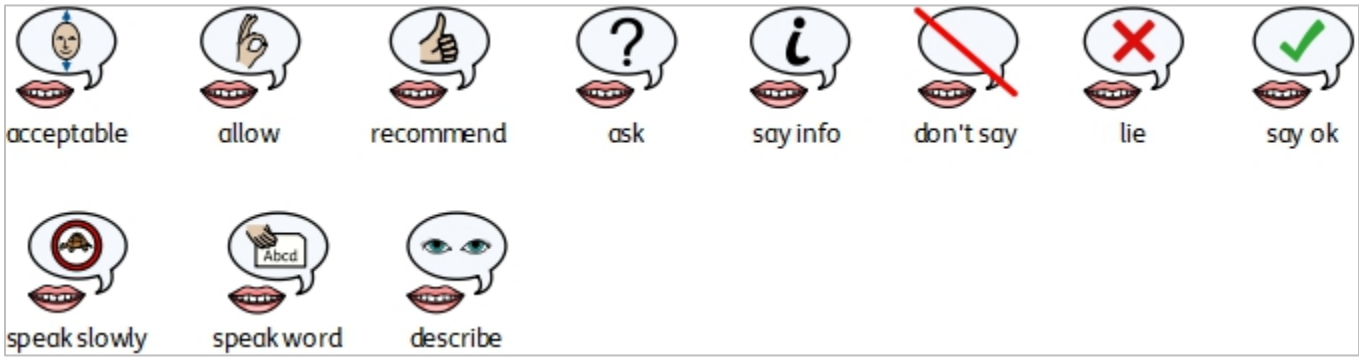
## Speech bubble and mouth

A mouth a large speech bubble to allow maximum space for the subject in the speech bubble.

Original



New



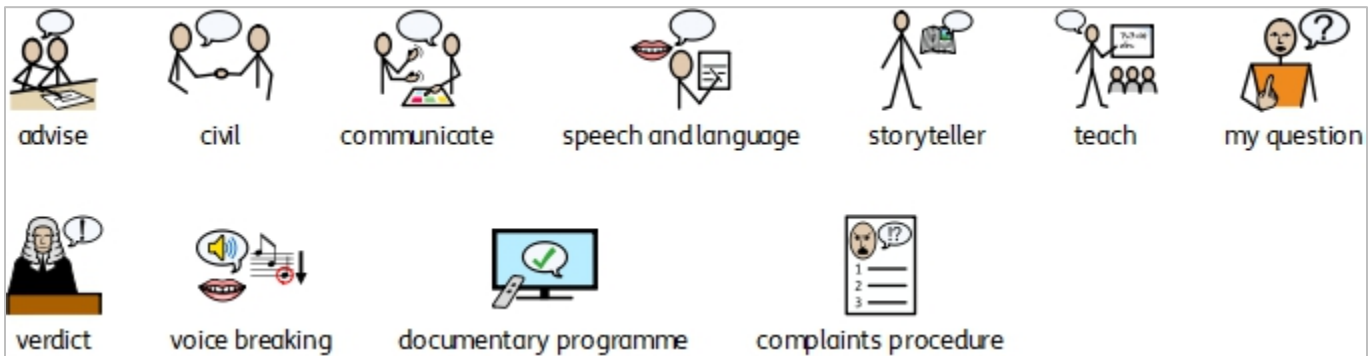
### Speech bubble in general use

The three types of speech bubble can be applied to any symbol when required.

Original



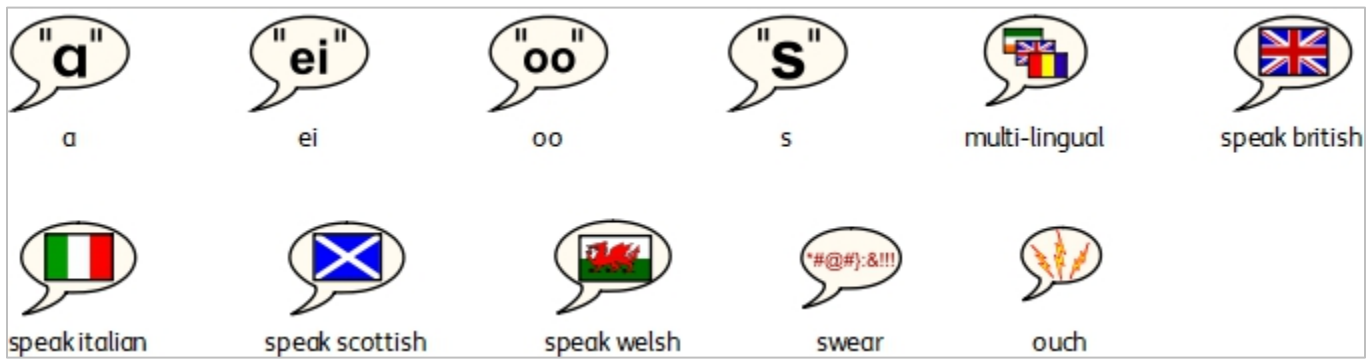
New



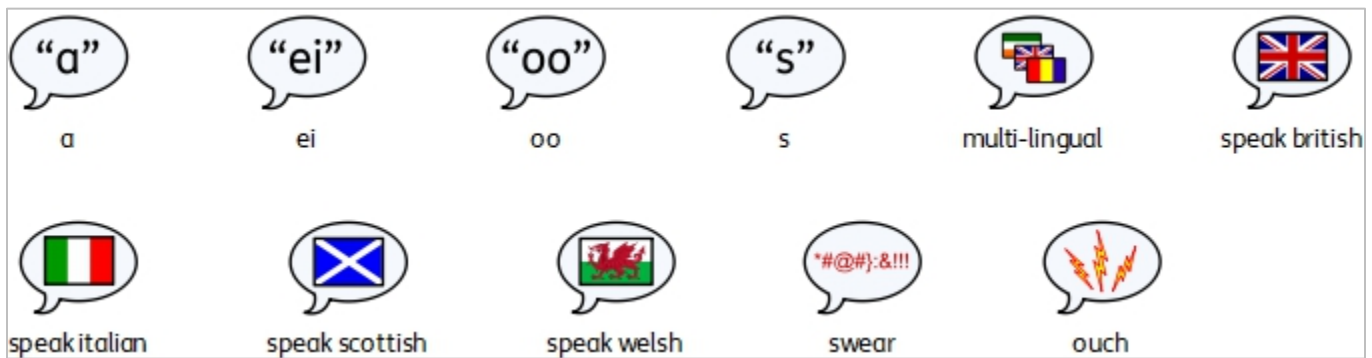
### Speech bubbles only

These symbols tend to show specific sounds or subject matter, such as languages, and have been kept simple for clarity.

Original



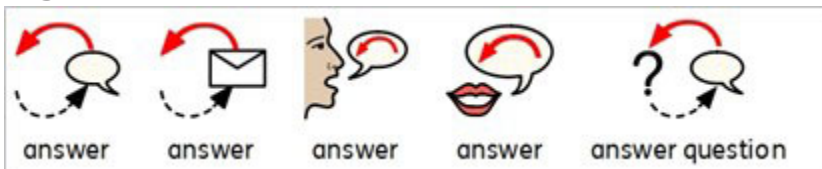
New



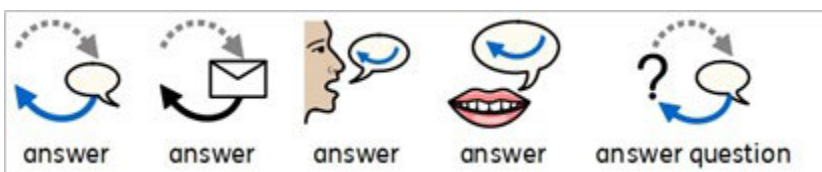
## Answer

The answer symbols have been updated for visual clarity using new colours and clearer arrows to be consistent with other updated symbols such as expressions which also now have blue arrows. The red colour has been removed to avoid negative connotations.

Original



New



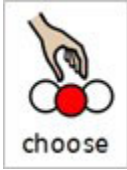
## Choose

The choose symbol has been updated for visual clarity and consistency with other symbols.

Original



New



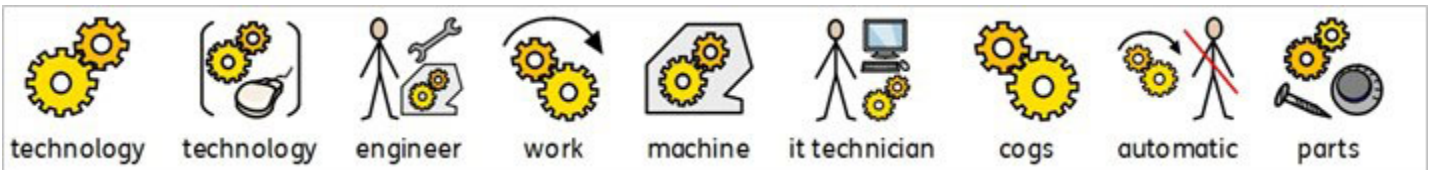
## Information & Communication Technology

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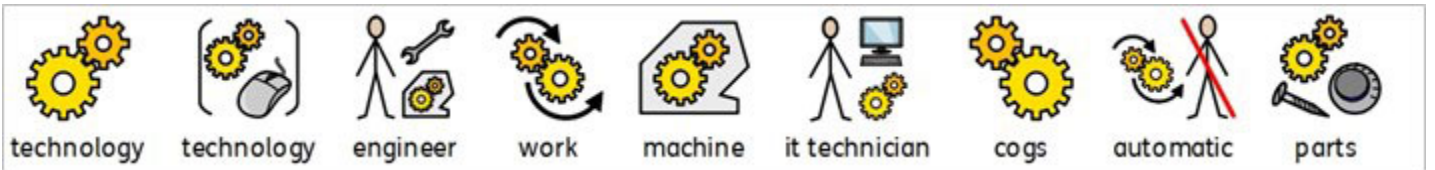
### Technology

The technology symbols have been updated for clarity by redrawing the cog elements of the symbols.

Original



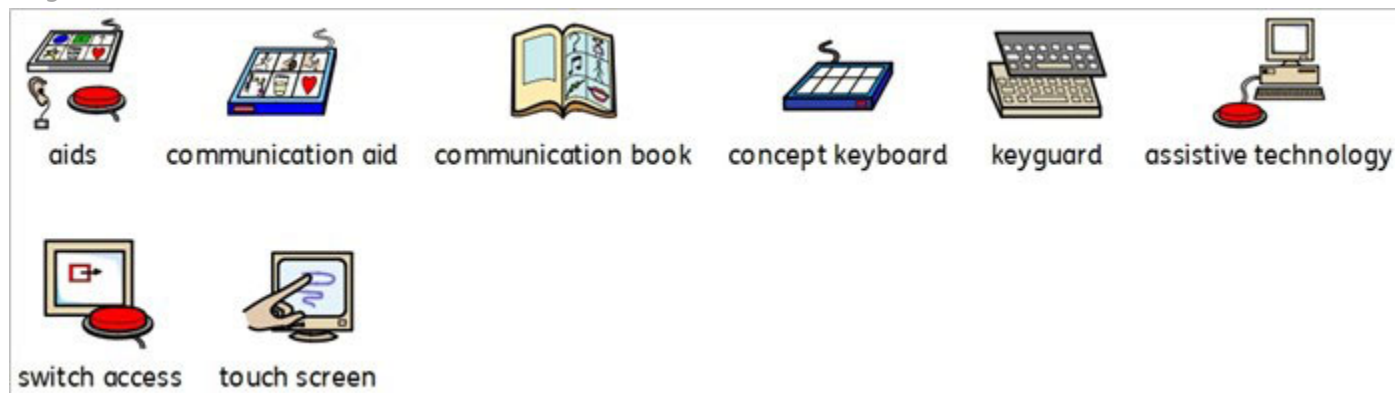
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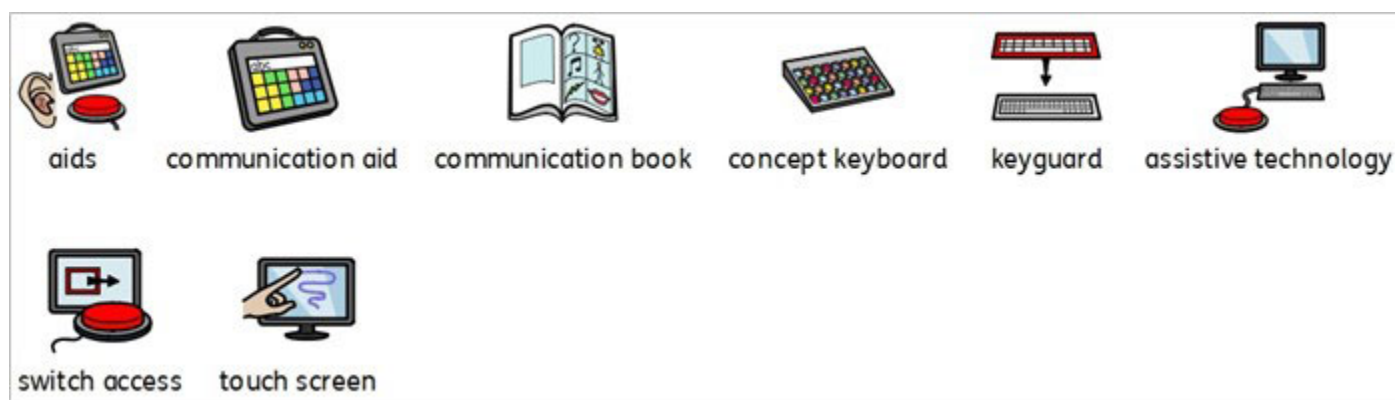
## Communication Aids & Access

The following communication aid symbols have been updated to be more visually recognisable and realistic.

Original



New



## Widgit Go

The Widgit Go symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New

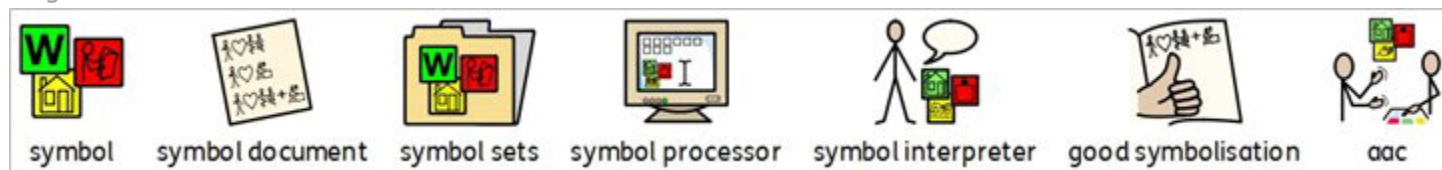




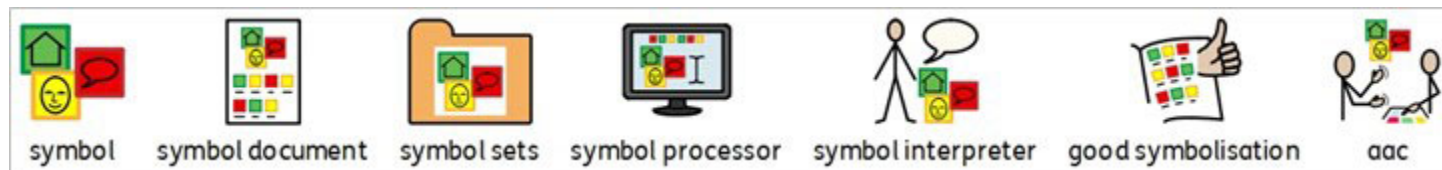
# Symbol

The symbol element within symbols has been updated for visual clarity and consistency. The colours have also been softened.

Original



New



# Telephone / Telephone Call

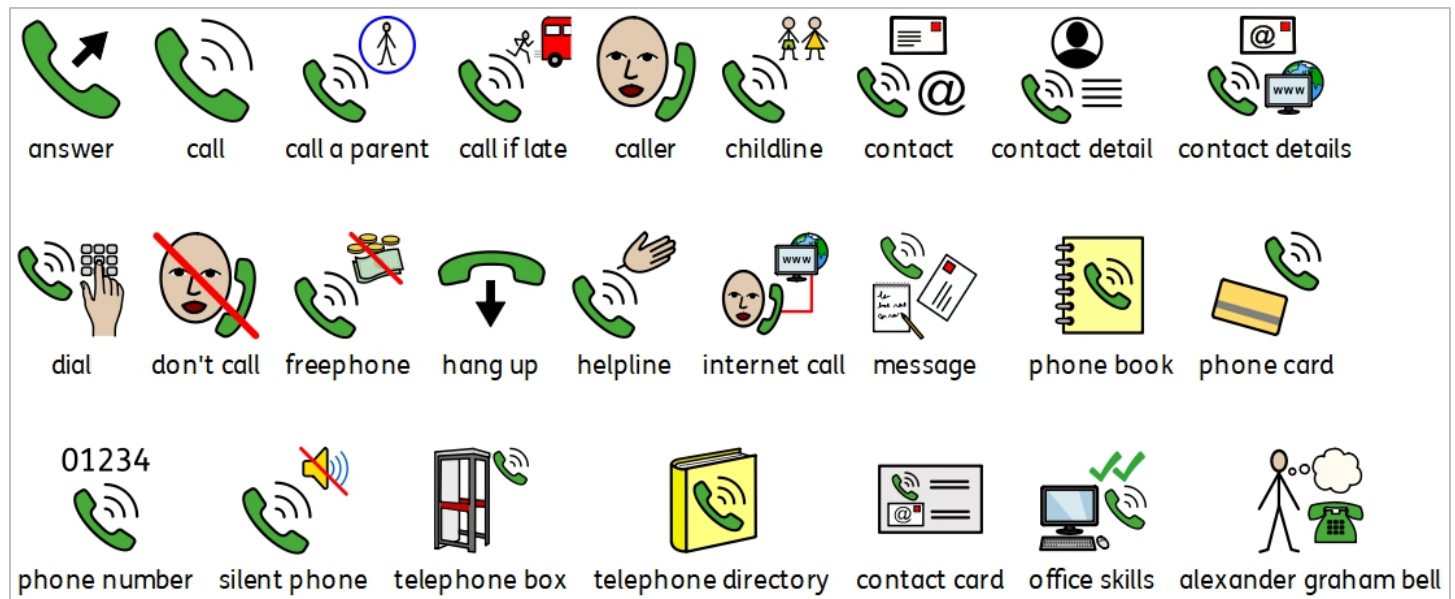
The telephone symbols have been improved for consistency and have been updated where necessary in terms of technology. The receiver component has been kept for certain symbols as this is still culturally recognised.

The call symbols have all been improved for consistency and we now have a single element to represent this instead of some older technology that may no longer be easily recognisable e.g., rotary dial telephones.

## Original



## New



## Emergency Telephone

The emergency telephone symbols have also been updated to more recognisable elements by using the receiver instead of the old telephone style. The colours have also been updated to be consistent with other updated phone symbols. The general emergency symbols have had the telephone element replaced with the warning/careful element to represent emergency more accurately.

Original



New



## Mobile

The mobile phone symbols have been updated in terms of updating the technology used, e.g., smart phones, and to create consistency amongst mobile phone symbols.

Original



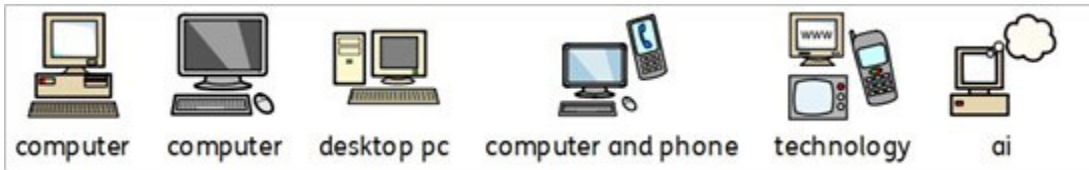
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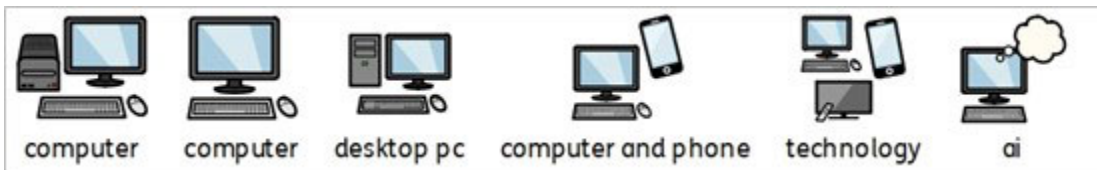
# Computer

The computer symbols have been modernised to reflect modern computers and updated for consistency and visual clarity. Other elements have also been updated to reflect modern technology.

Original



New



# Computer Laptop

The computer laptop symbols have been modernised to reflect modern laptop computers and updated for consistency and visual clarity. Other elements have also been updated to reflect updated technology.

Original



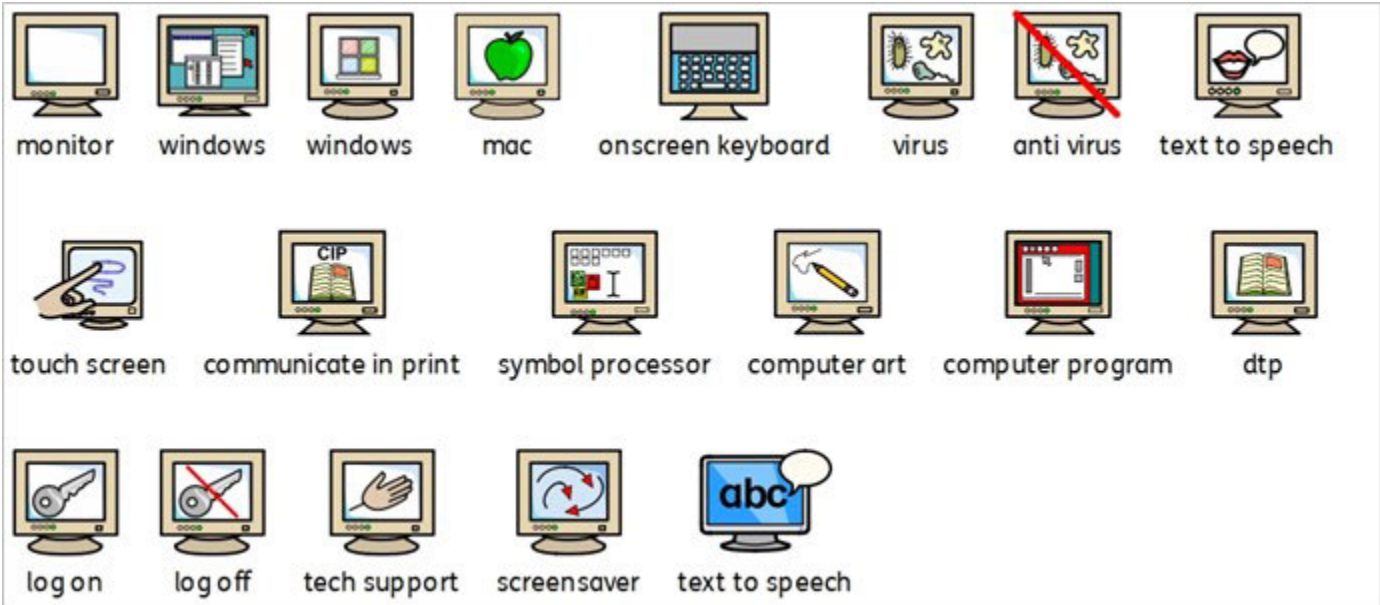
New



# Computer Screen

The computer screen symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency. Elements of the symbols have also been updated to reflect modern technology.

## Original



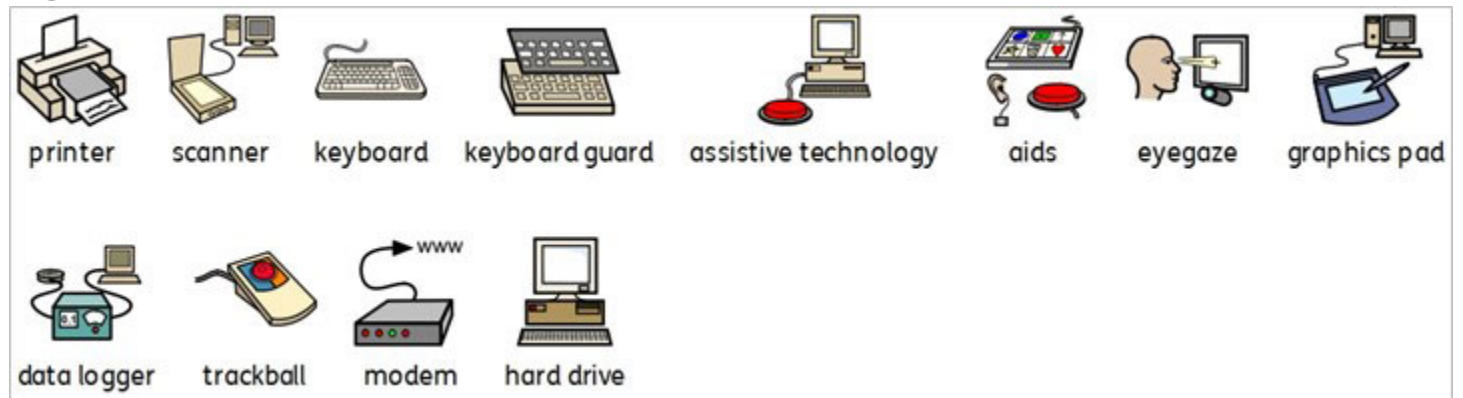
## New



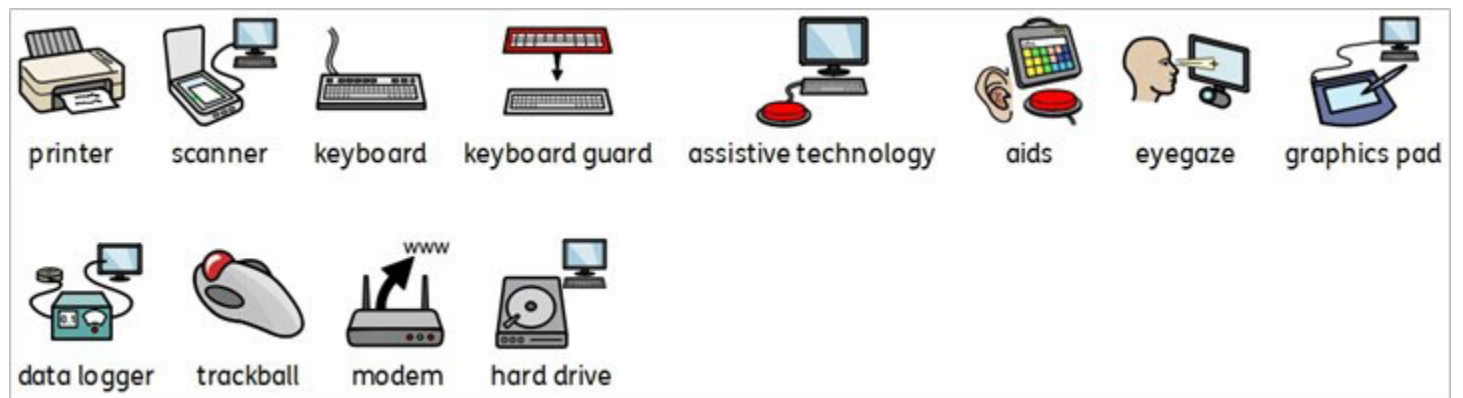
# Computer Peripherals

The computer peripheral symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency. Elements of the symbols have also been updated to reflect modern technology.

## Original



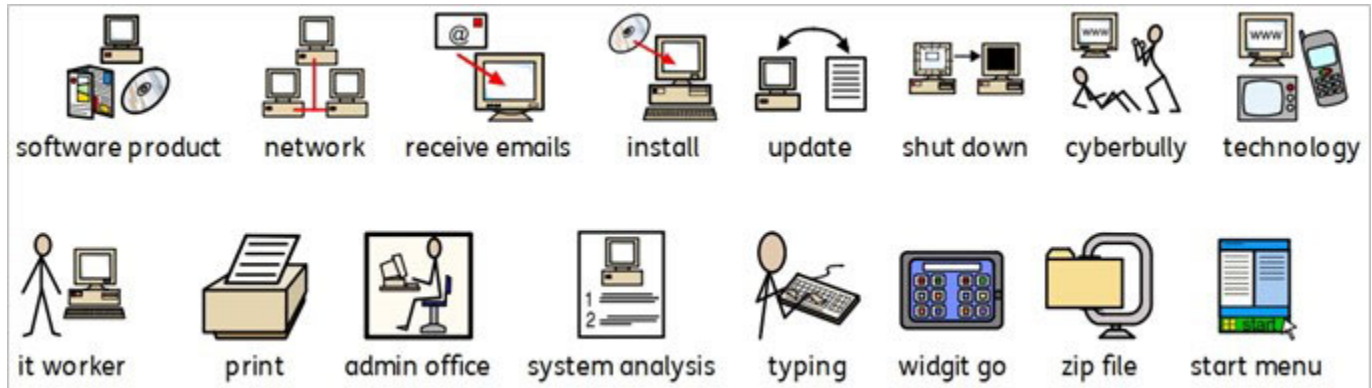
## New



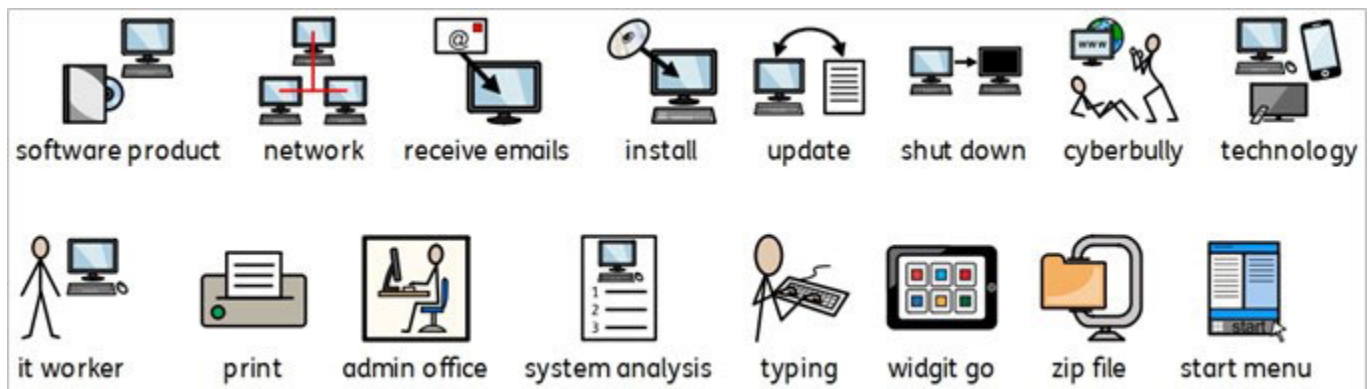
# Computer General Vocab

The general computer vocabulary symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency. Elements of the symbols have also been updated to reflect modern technology.

Original



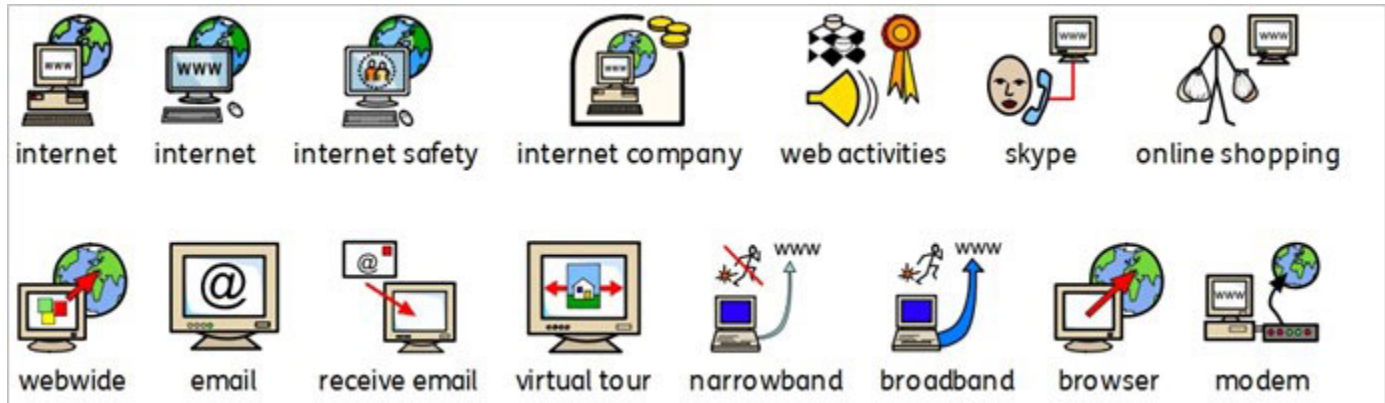
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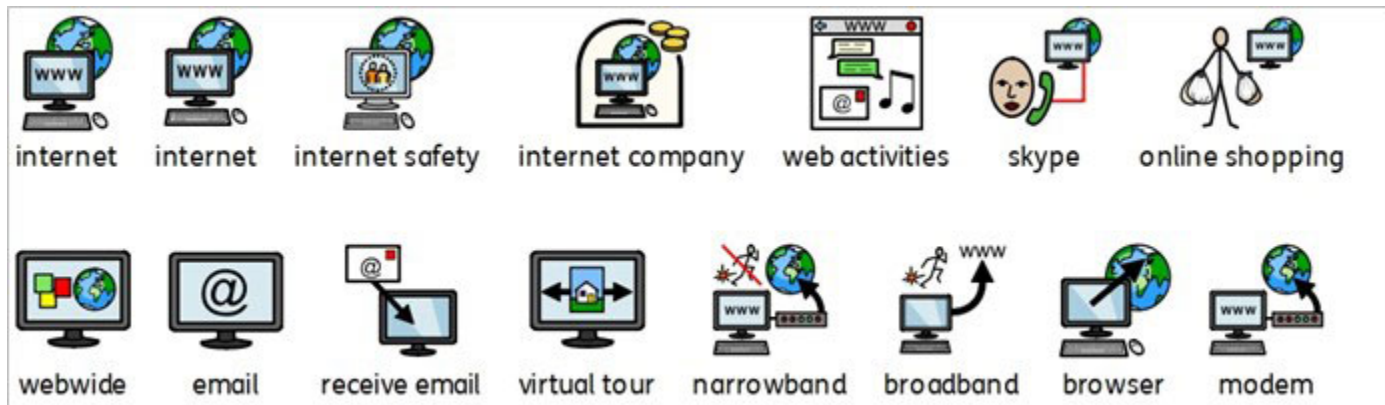
## Computer/Internet

The computer/internet symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency. Elements of the symbols have also been updated to reflect modern technology.

Original



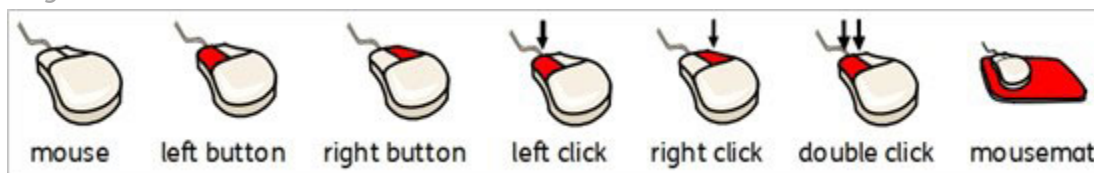
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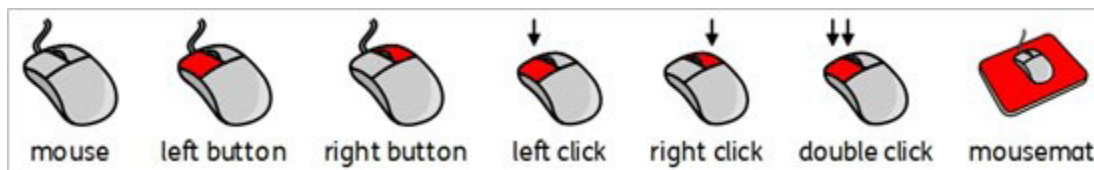
## Computer Mouse

The computer mouse symbols have been updated for visual clarity and to reflect modern technology.

Original



New

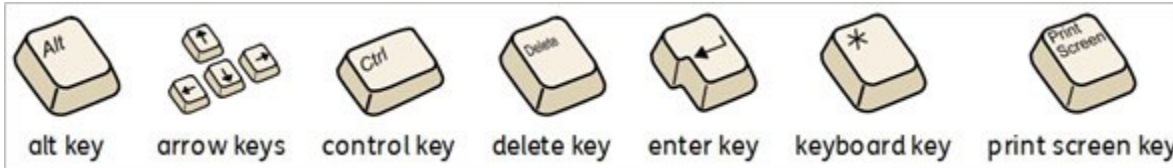




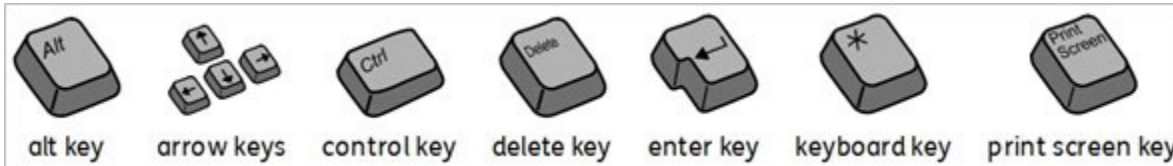
## Computer Keys

The computer keys symbols have been updated to reflect modern keyboard colours.

Original



New



## Spell Check

The picture/spell check symbols have been updated with the new tick style, font and the new cat element.

Original



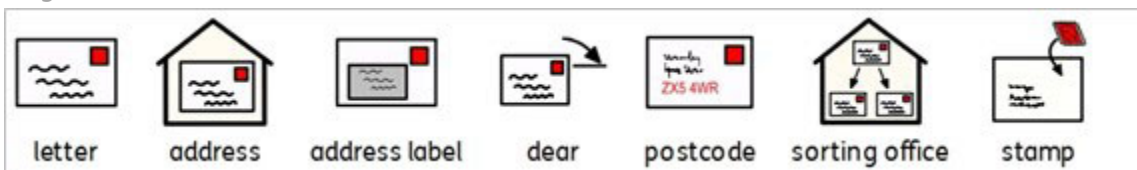
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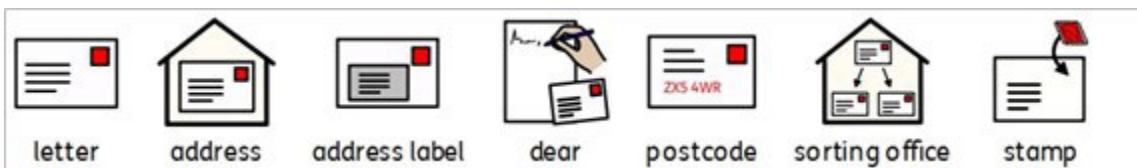
## Letters/Addresses

The letters/addresses symbols have been updated for visual clarity. The address lines have been simplified to straight lines for visual clarity and consistency also.

Original



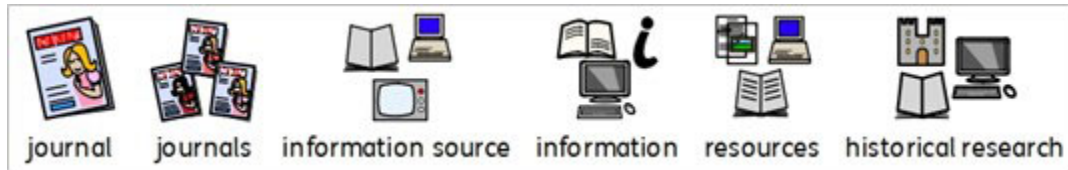
New



## News & Information

The journal symbols have been updated to be gender-neutral and more visually recognisable. The smaller elements have been updated for consistency.

Original



New



## Education & Office

### Places

The places symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency amongst other updated symbols and elements.

Original



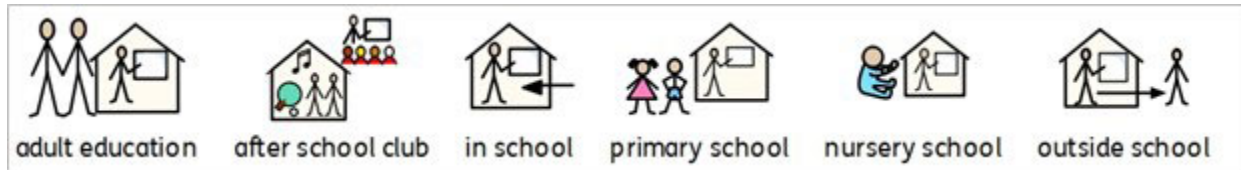
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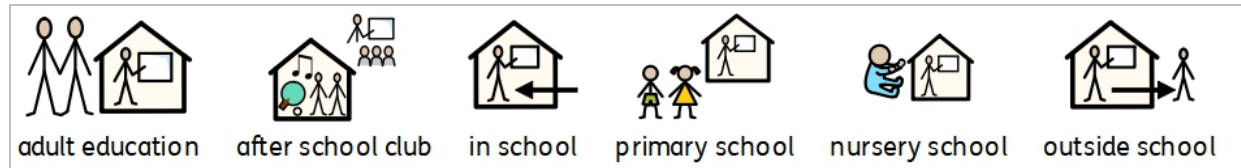
## School (Line Thickness)

Certain school symbols have had their building components' line thickened for visual consistency amongst other symbols.

Original



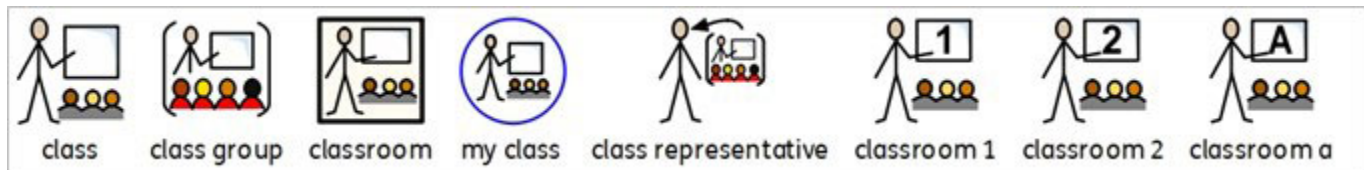
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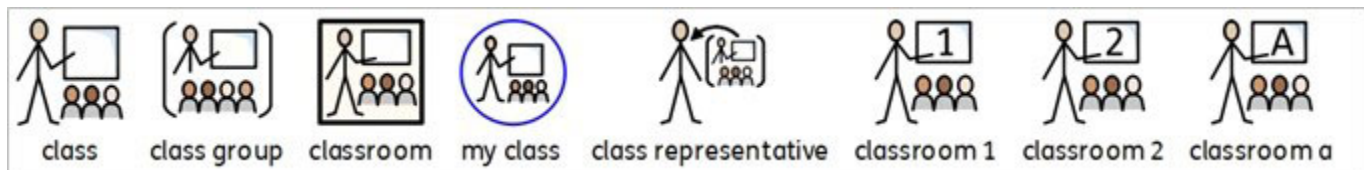
## Class

The class/education symbols have been updated for consistency and for visual clarity the pupils have been made more distinct.

Original



New



## School Year

The school year symbols have been updated to avoid being confused with class numbers and to represent the year with the calendar qualifier.

Original



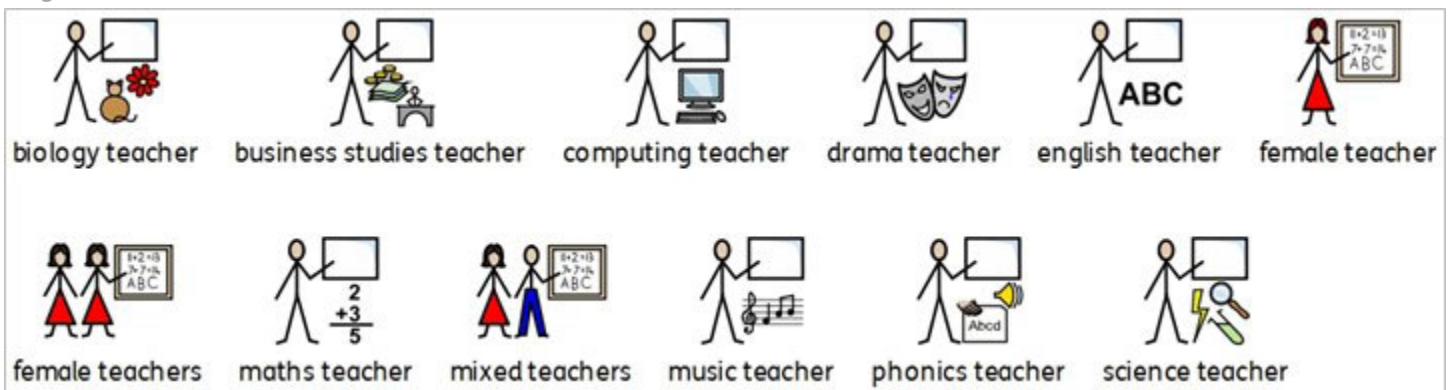
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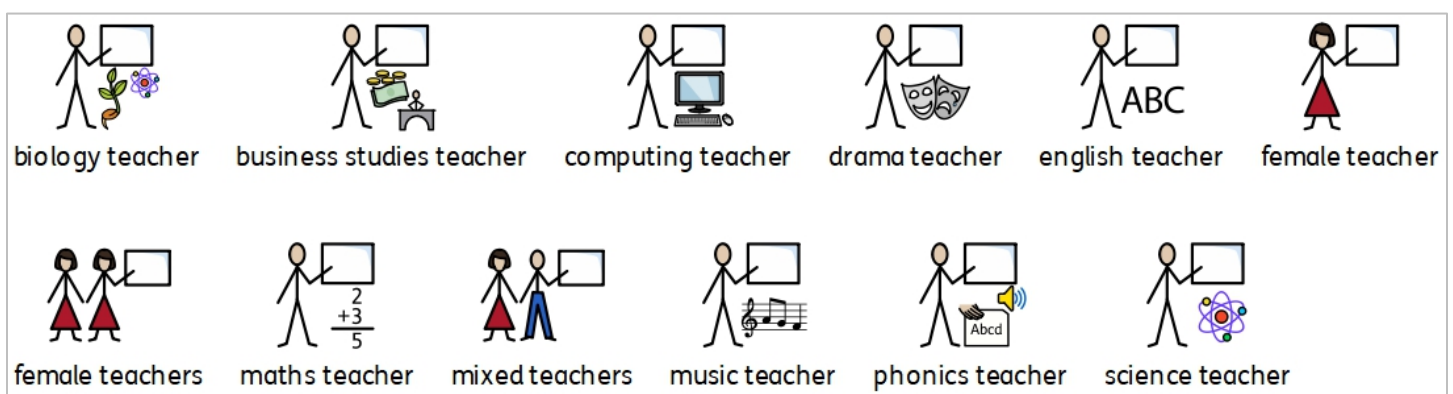
## Teacher

The teacher symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



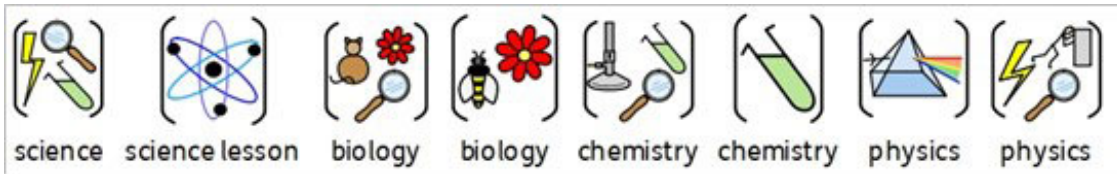
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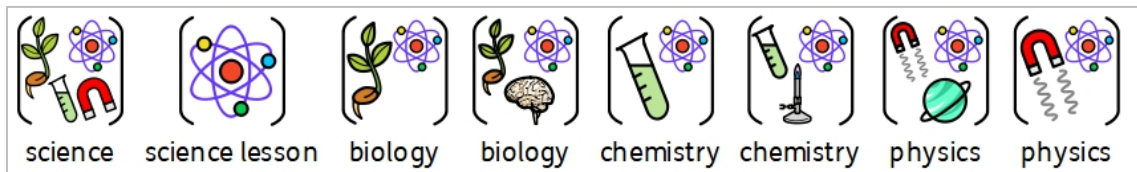
# Subjects Science

The science subjects' symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency amongst other updated symbols and elements.

Original



New



# Subjects General

The school symbol subjects have been updated for clarity and consistency with other updated elements. Some of the symbols have been redrawn to be more precise and/or more accurate.

## Original

archeology	business studies	communication	drama class	economics	english	food technology	horticulture	
it	justice	life skills	living skills	maths	media studies	music	music and drama	phonics lesson
phse	phse	sex education	sign language	technology lesson				

## New

archeology	business studies	communication	drama class	economics	english	food technology	horticulture	
it	justice	life skills	living skills	maths	media studies	music	music and drama	phonics lesson
phse	phse	sex education	sign language	technology lesson				

## Equipment

The equipment symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New



## Folders

The folder symbols have been updated to appear more visually recognisable.

Original



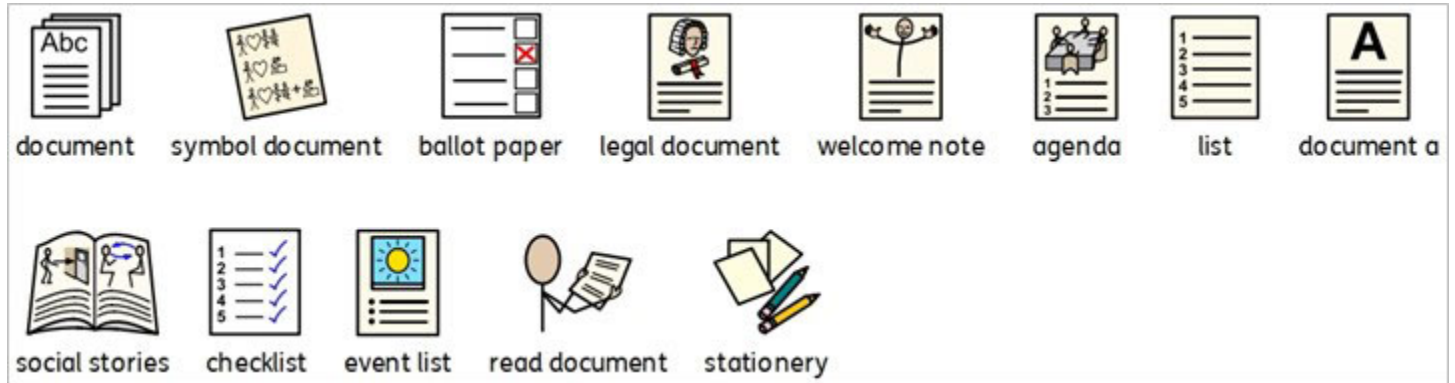
New



## Paper Shape & Colour

The symbols with paper as an element have been updated for consistency by making the paper white instead of a muted yellow. The paper shape has also been updated to be more visually recognisable in terms of ratio, e.g., an A4 ratio which is a common international standard.

Original



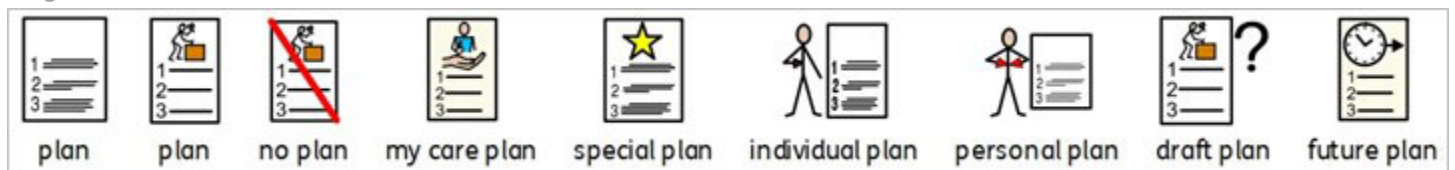
New



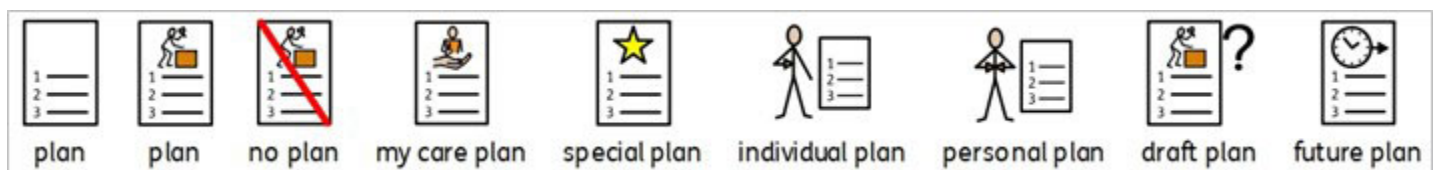
## Plan

The plan symbols have been updated for consistency. All the document elements are now white and the same size as well as updating the font used for legibility.

Original



New





## Grammar

The grammar symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



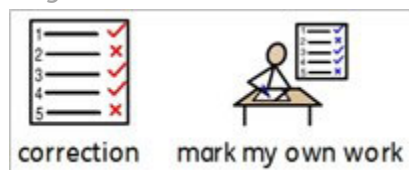
New



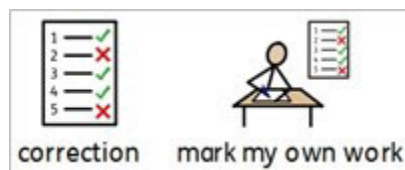
## Assessment

The assessment symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency with updated elements and paper shape and size.

Original



New



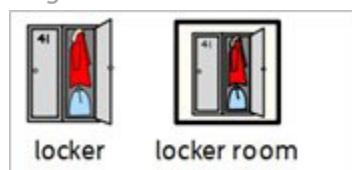
## Community & Social

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### Locker

The locker symbol has been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



## Government / Vote

The government vote symbols have been updated for consistency and modernisation.

Original



New



## Rosette

The rosette symbol has been updated for clarity.

Original



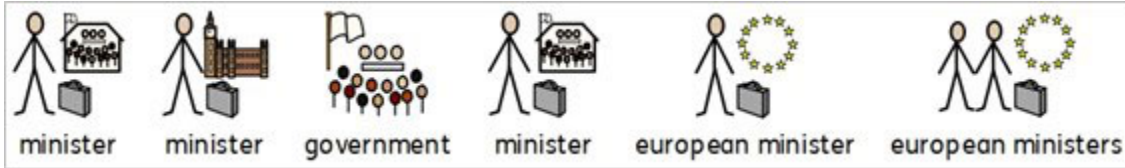
New



## Minister

The minister symbols have been updated for visual consistency. The briefcase element has been removed and replaced with the parliament element. The British ministers which have the Houses of Parliament as a qualifier have just had the briefcases removed.

Original



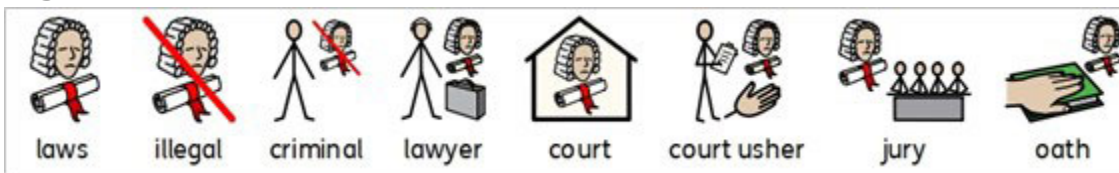
New



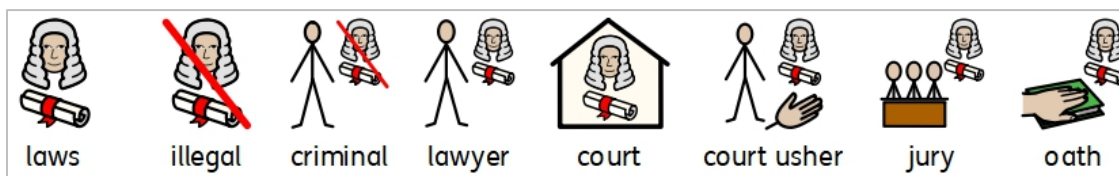
## Law

The law symbols have been updated for consistency and visual clarity using new more clearer symbol elements.

Original



New



## Rights

The rights symbols have been updated for visual consistency by using a new consistent qualifier, legal scroll and green tick.

Original



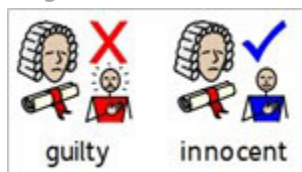
New



## Innocent / Guilty

The innocent/guilty symbols have been updated to reflect the new symbol elements. The tick/cross qualifiers have been replaced with the good/bad thumb element. The open/closed handcuffs have replaced the “feeling” element.

Original



New



## Act / Law

The act/law symbols have been updated for visual consistency with the new legal scroll qualifier element.

Original



New



## Judge / Justice / Barrister

The judge/justice/barrister symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency by using the new symbol elements found in other legal/law symbols.

Original



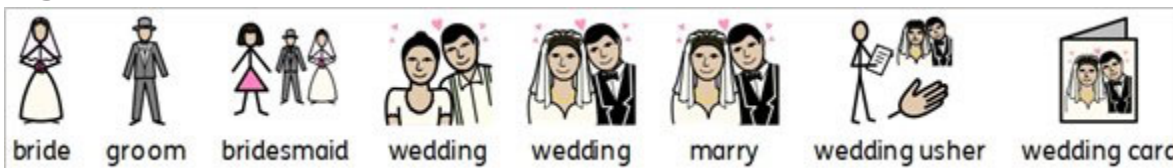
New



## Weddings

The wedding symbols have been updated for clarity and to be non-gendered to better represent all marriages and weddings.

Original



New



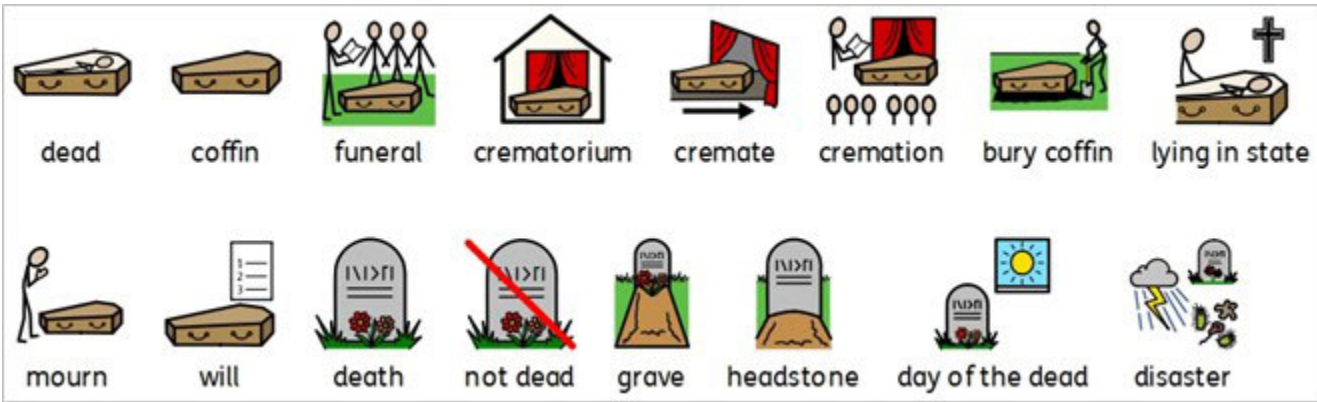
## Funerals

The funeral symbols have been updated for consistency.

Original



New



## Celebrations & Greeting Cards

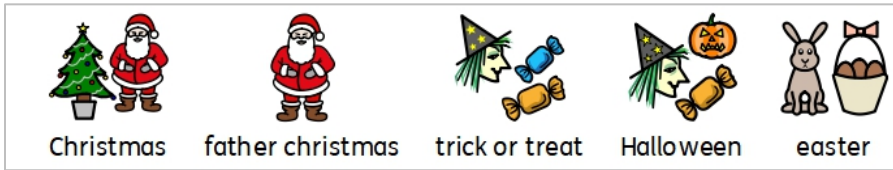
### Events

The event symbols have been updated for visual clarity using new and updated elements.

Original



New



### Celebrate

The celebration symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency.

Original



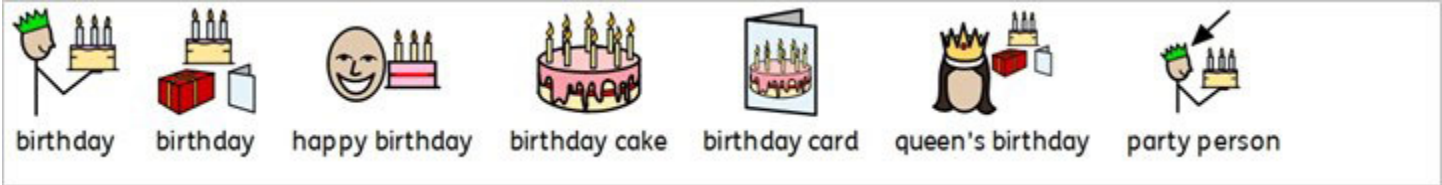
New



### Birthday

The birthday symbols have been updated with the new cake symbol component for clarity and consistency.

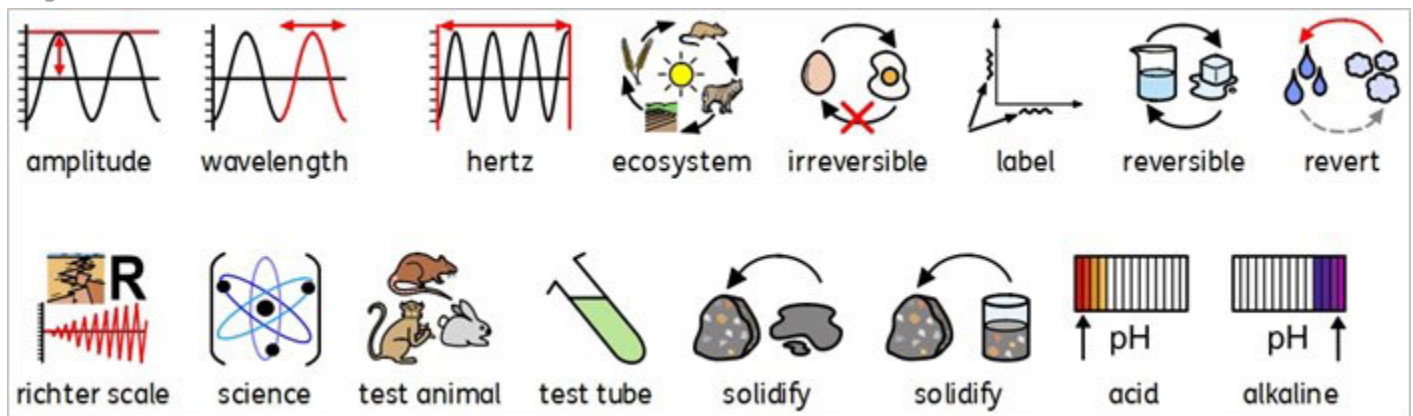
Original



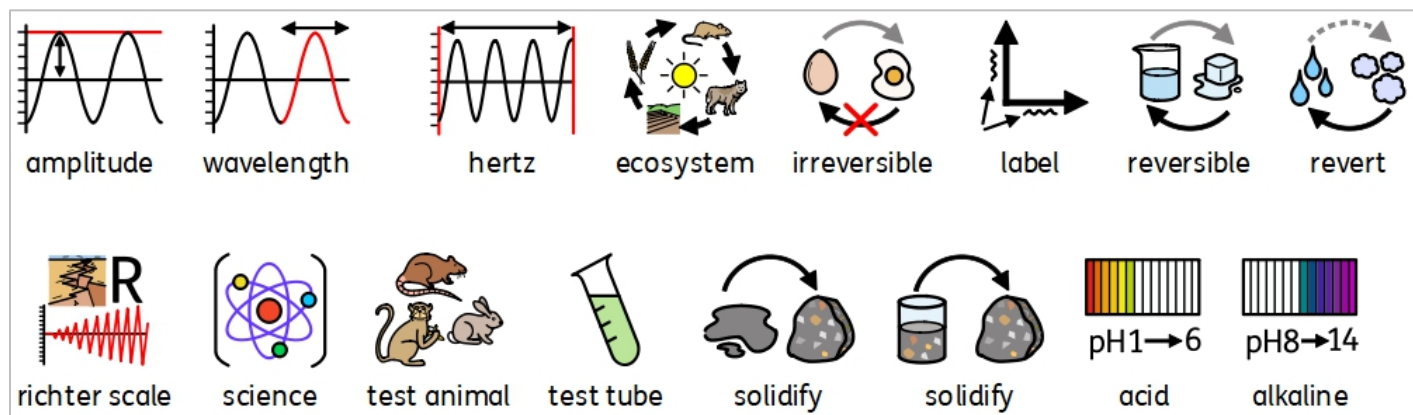
## General Science Terms

Some of the general science terms have been updated for visual consistency, this includes direction of event (left to right), new arrow schemes for arrows in different contexts, updated consistent colours, updated font and updated elements such as the rabbit for visual clarity.

Original



New



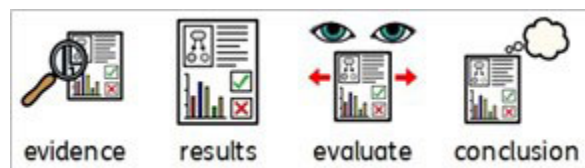
## Investigation

The investigation symbols have had their paper colour updated to white and the correct and incorrect (tick and cross) symbols have been updated as components within these symbols.

Original



New

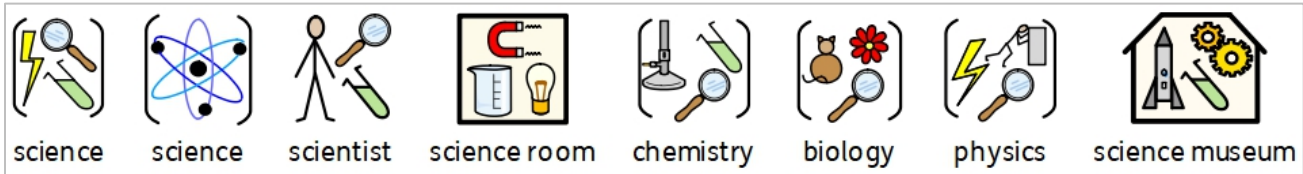




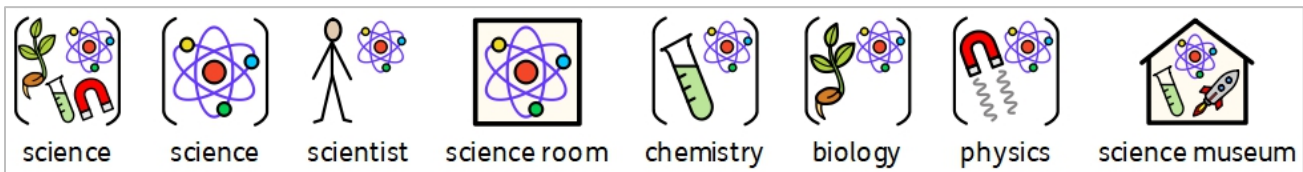
## Science

Science symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency by using a consistent updated science element/qualifier.

Original



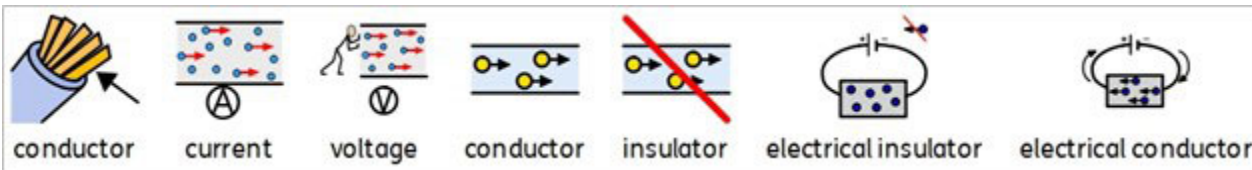
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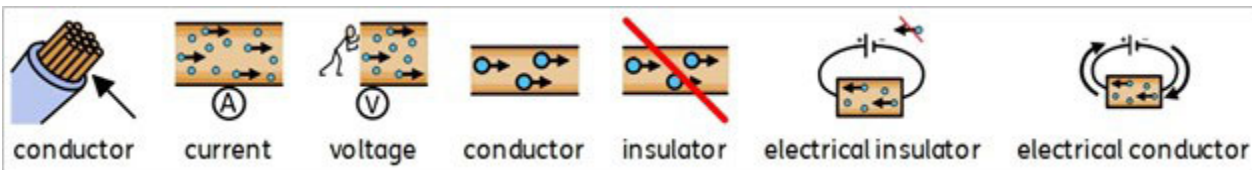
## Physics

The conductor symbols have been updated for visual clarity.

Original



New



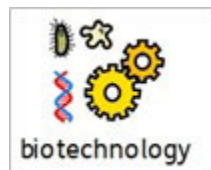
## Biotechnology

The “biotechnology” symbol has been updated to show more scientific elements reflecting the nature of this subject.

Original



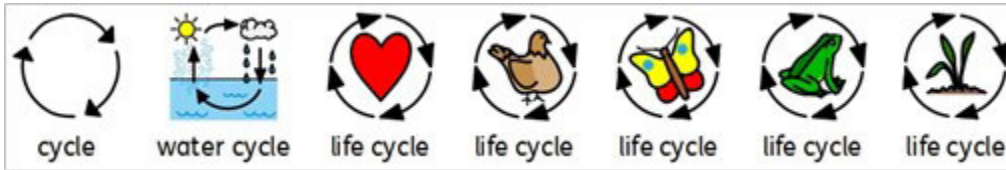
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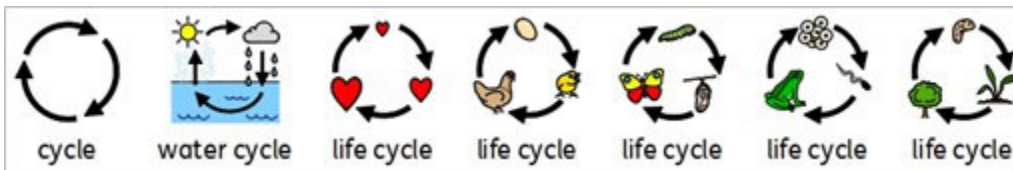
## Life Cycle

The “life cycle” symbols have been updated to distinguish them from the “repeat cycle” symbols which also had 4 arrows indicating repetition. The use of 3 arrows instead allowed space to include the stages of life represented individually.

Original



New



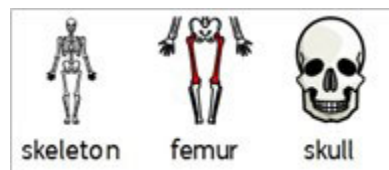
## Skeleton

The skeletal symbols have been updated for clarity and anatomical accuracy.

Original



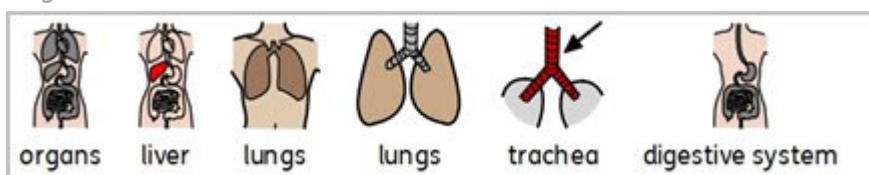
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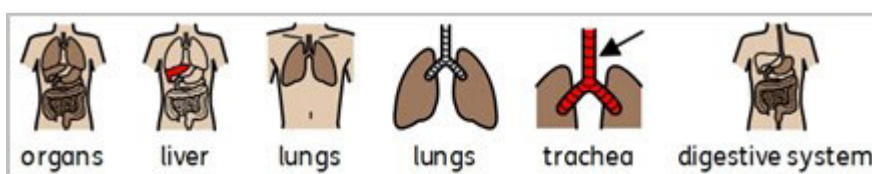
## Main Body Parts

The “digestive system” symbol was redrawn to be more accurate in terms of biology and clearer for the user to see. The “liver” and “lung” symbols have also been updated for consistency and anatomical accuracy.

Original



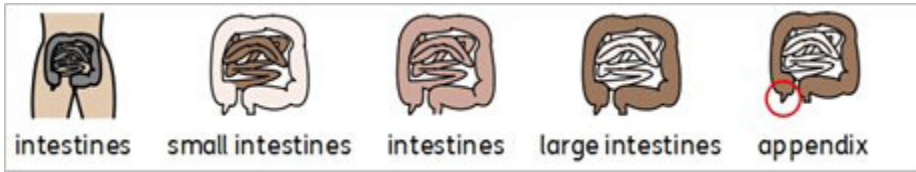
New



## Intestine

The intestinal symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency, more so visually with other internal organ symbols.

Original



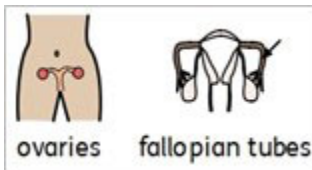
New



## Female Reproductive System

The “fallopian tubes” symbol was updated to be clearer and more accurate as part of the female reproductive organs that have been redrawn for the same reasons.

Original



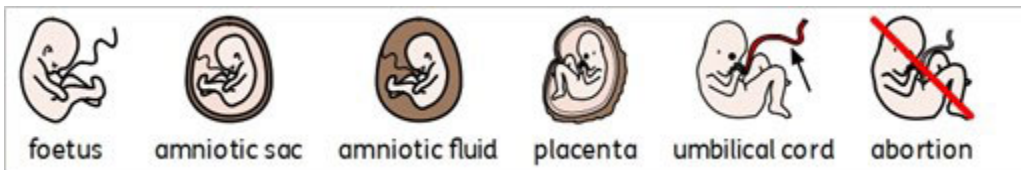
New



## Foetus

The foetal symbols have been updated for clarity and consistency. The foetus is now consistent in all these symbols.

Original



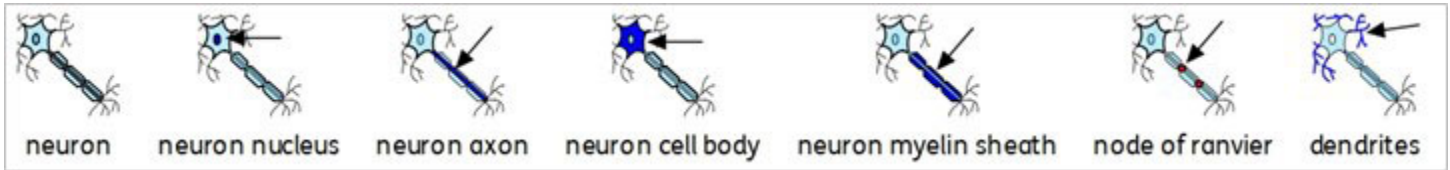
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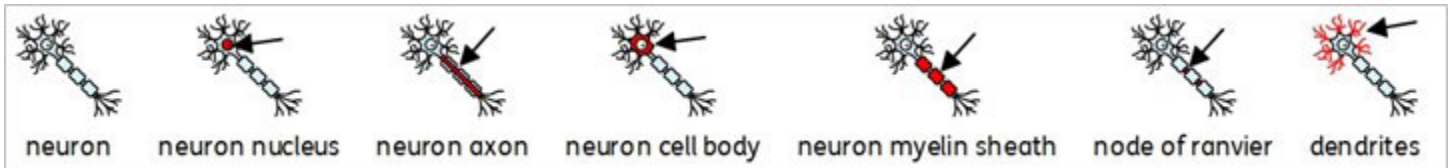
## Neuron

The “neuron” symbols have been updated for consistency and clarity. Red highlights have also been added for clarity.

Original



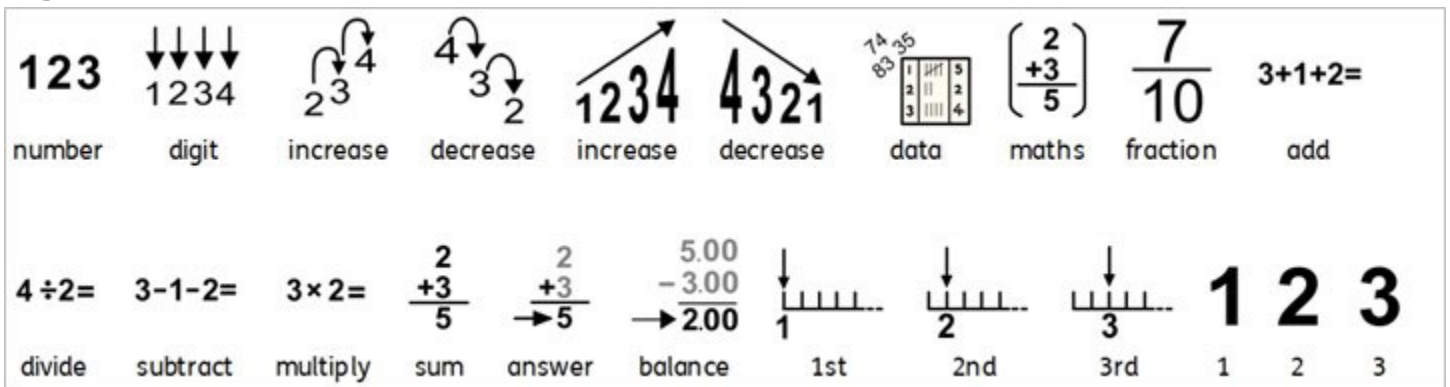
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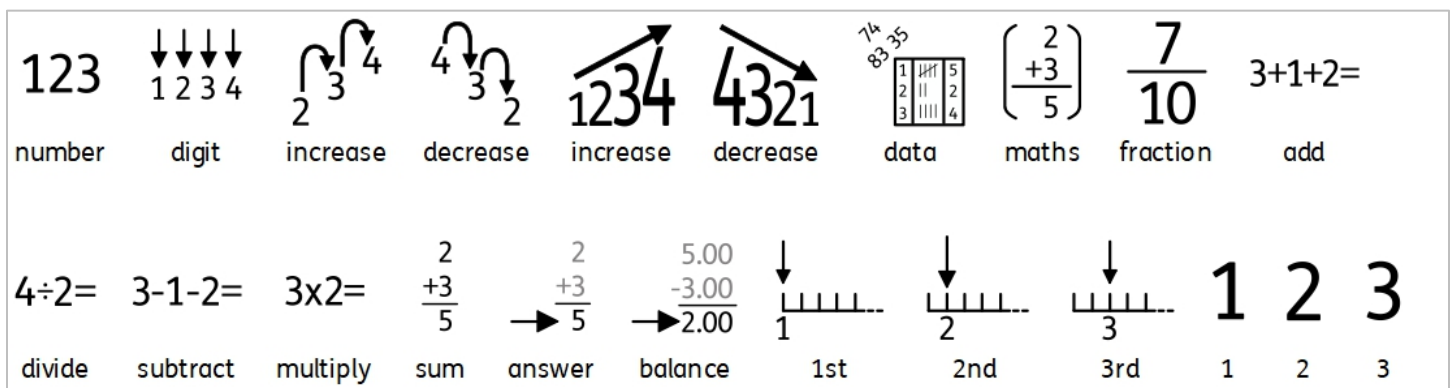
## Numbers

The letters used in all symbols have been updated to the FS Me font which is proven to be much more legible for users.

Original



New



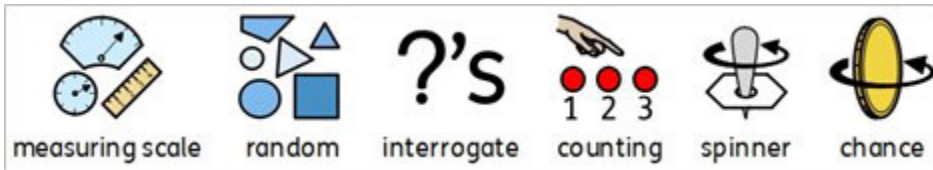
## Maths General Vocabulary

These symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency with other updated elements such as colour, font, arrows etc.

Original



New



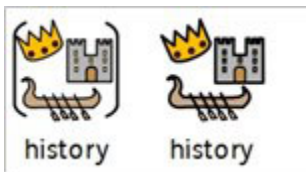
## History

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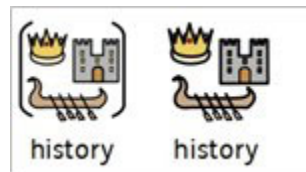
### History

The history symbols have had the crown element updated for visual clarity.

Original



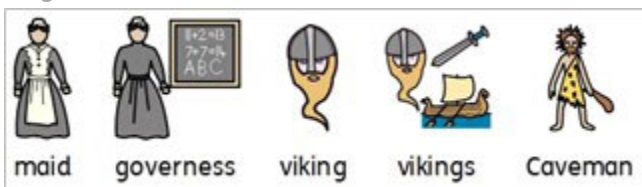
New



### Historical Characters

The historical character symbols have been improved for visual recognition and consistency.

Original



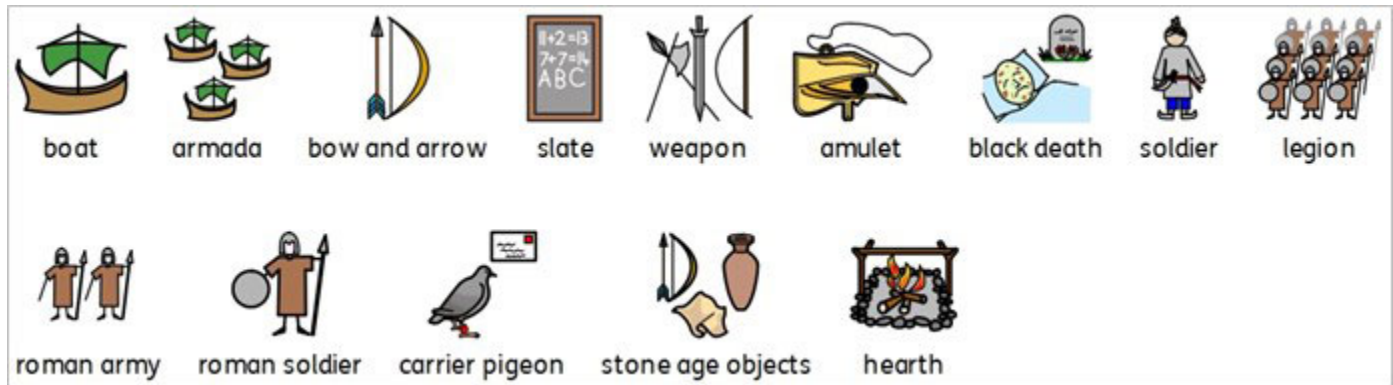
New



# History General Vocabulary

The history symbols have been updated for visual clarity as well as updating symbol elements for consistency across all symbols. The boat has been updated to look more generic historically and for it to be used in more contexts.

Original



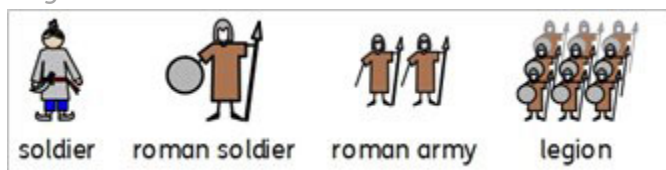
New



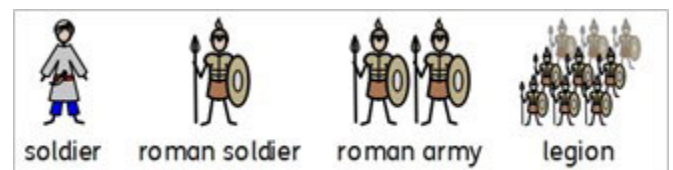
## Soldier

The soldier symbols have been updated to improve the drawing and consistency.

Original



New



# Religion

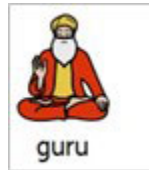
## Guru

The “guru” symbol has been updated to reflect the concept more accurately.

Original



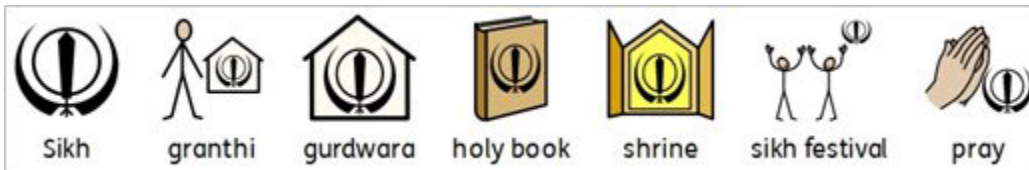
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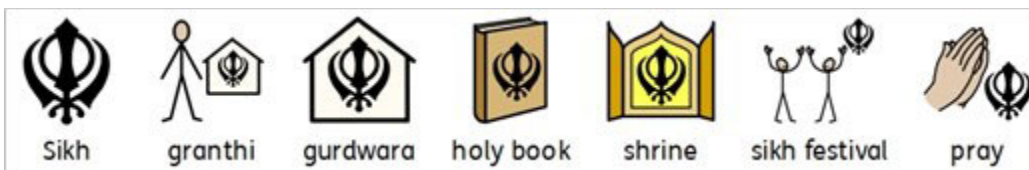
## Sikh (Symbol)

The Sikh symbol has been updated to be more accurate.

Original



New



## Jewish

The Jewish/Judaism symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New



## Hindu

The Hindu symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



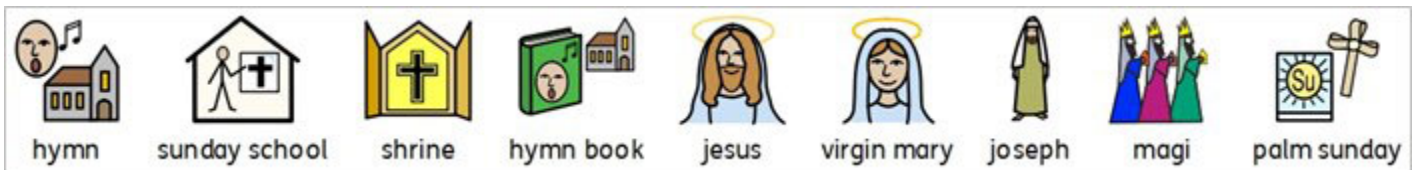
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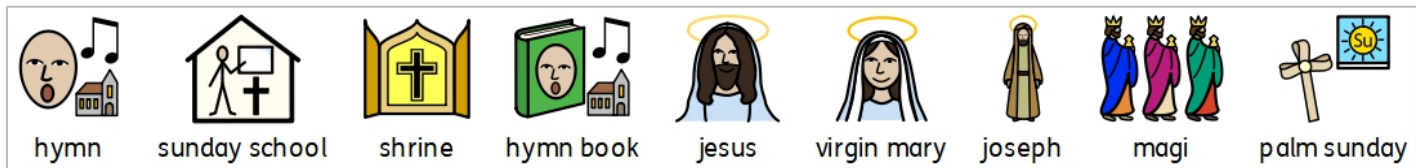
## Christianity

The Christianity symbols have been updated for visual clarity and consistency.

Original



New





# Abstracts & Miscellaneous

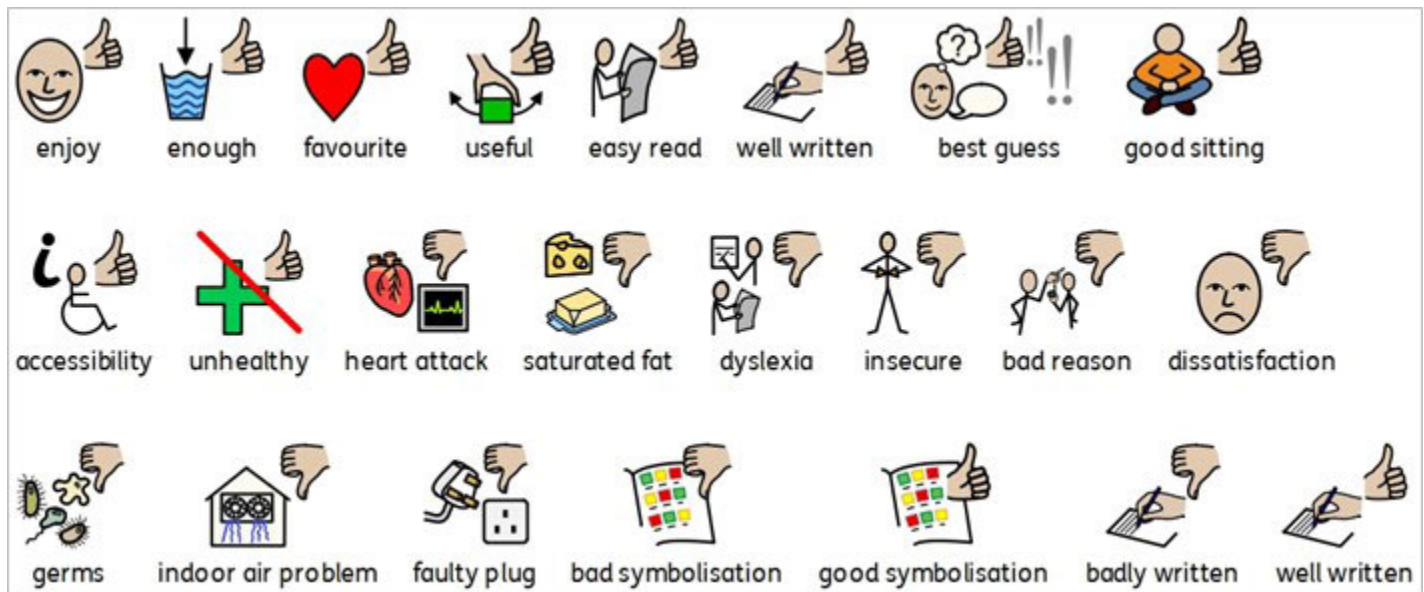
## Thumbs Up / Down

The symbols using thumbs have been updated for consistency in terms of their positioning of the thumb within the symbol and as a qualifier it now appears consistently in the top right area of each symbol.

### Original



### New



## Feelings / Actions / Attitudes

The following symbols have been updated for visual consistency by using a single colour for the person's clothing, therefore removing any positive/negative connotations that could be associated with the previous colours used. This is also now visually consistent with clothing colours used in other symbols.

Original



New



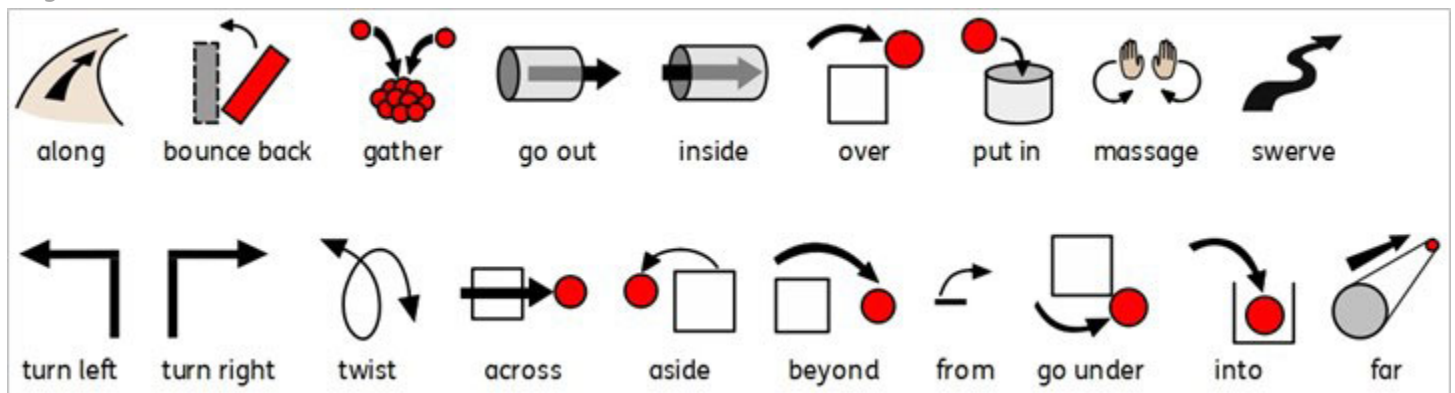
# Arrows

The arrow elements within symbols have been updated to increase consistency and also introduce different style arrows for different contexts, e.g., the arrows depicting an actual movement will be tapered from thick to thin, direction arrows are now thicker straight lines and the arrows pointing to elements within a symbol remain the same. All arrowheads are now also consistent in ratio.

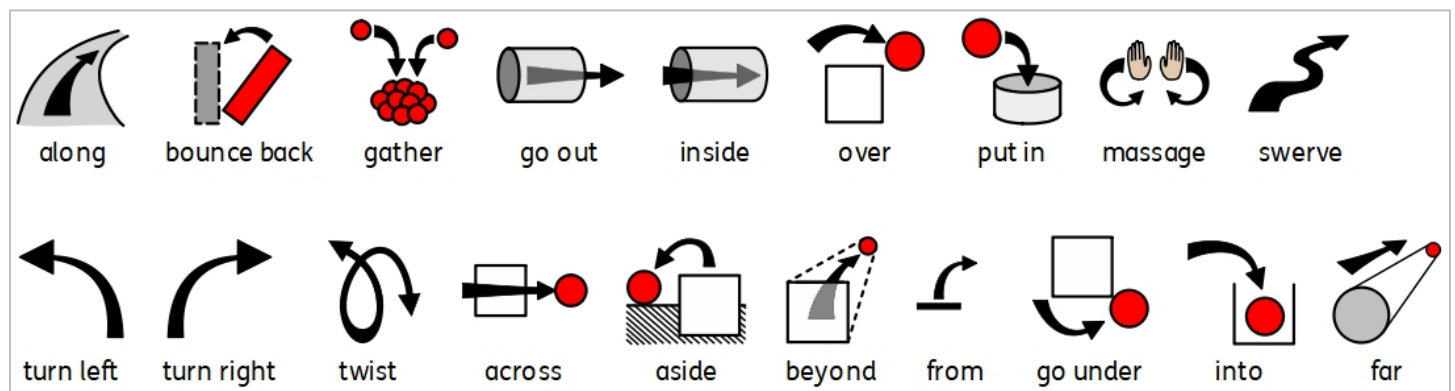
## Movement Arrow

The movement arrows have been updated by using a new individual style to show travel. The arrow denotes movement by using a stem that is thicker at the base and thins along the direction of movement. This is also to distinguish it from other types of arrow, e.g., arrows indicating direction.

Original



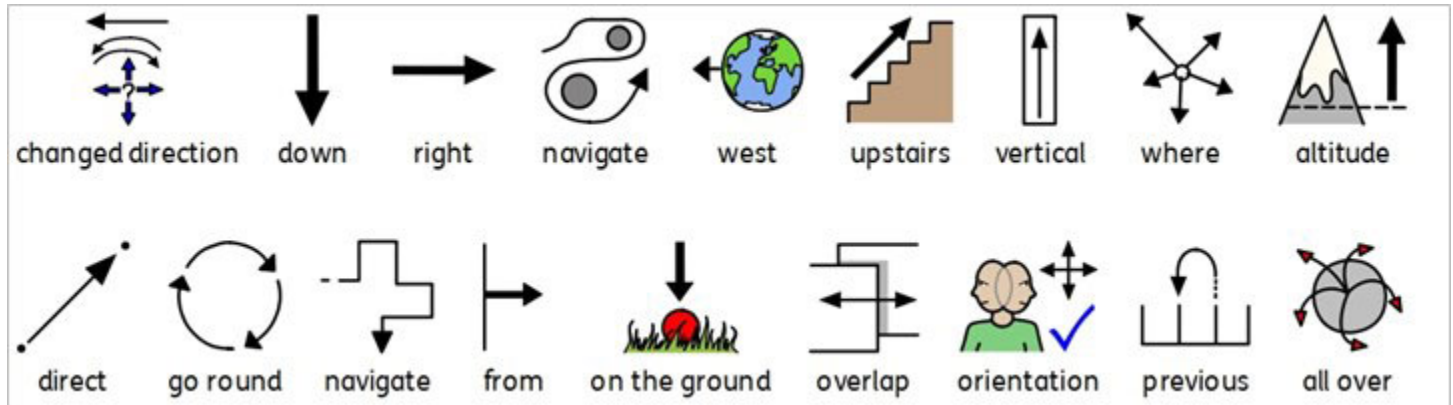
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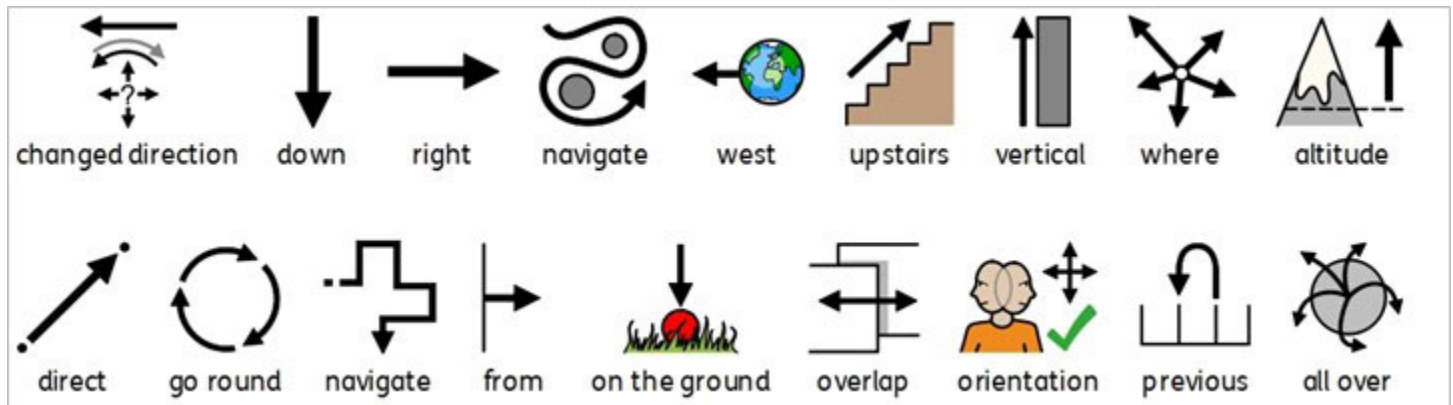
## Direction Arrow

The direction arrow has been thickened to denote a direction and to separate it from the “at” arrows. This is to avoid confusion with the new “movement” style of arrow and the new standardised “at” arrows.

Original



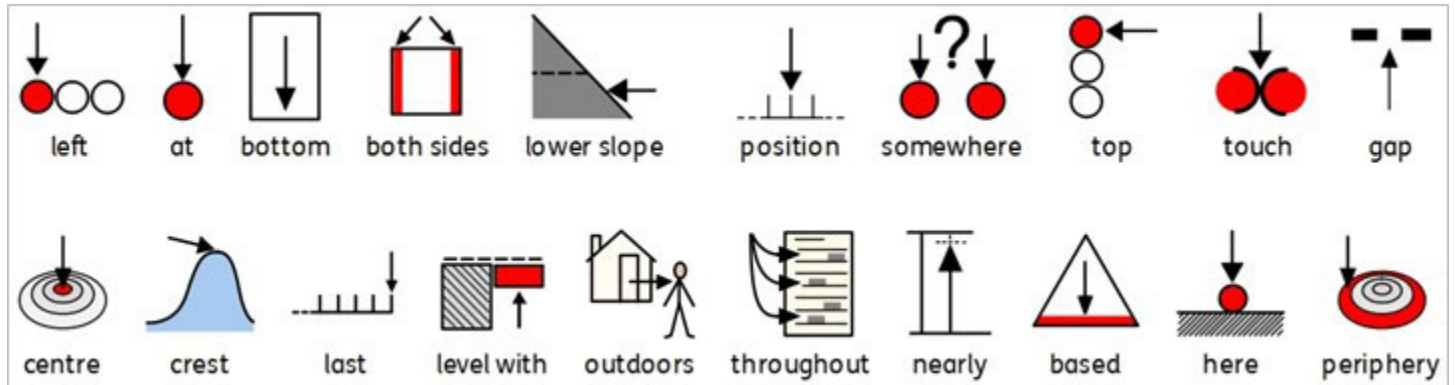
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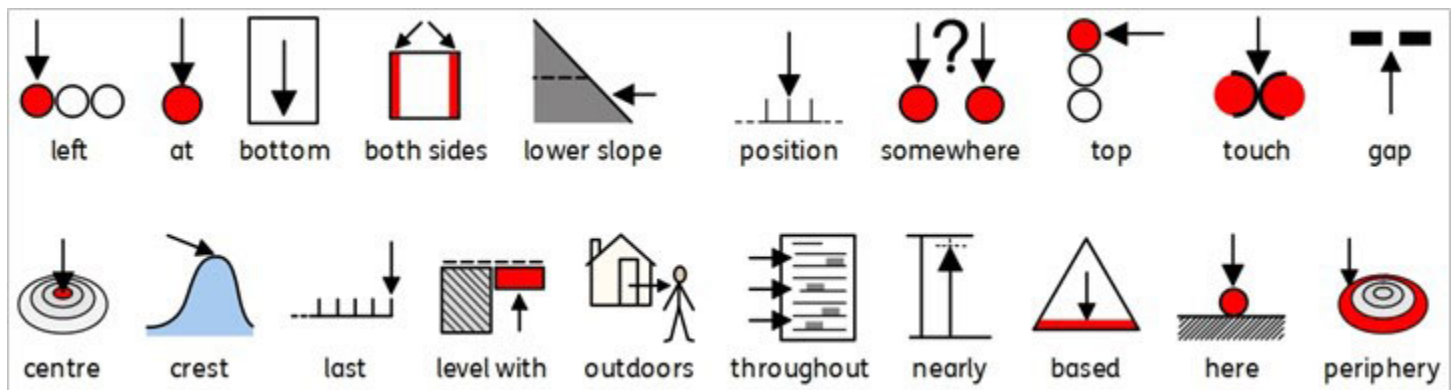
## At Arrows

The “at” arrow has been standardised in terms of the size of the arrowhead and using the same ratio throughout.

Original



New



## Compass Arrows

The compass direction symbols have been updated by changing the arrow style to a compass style.

Original



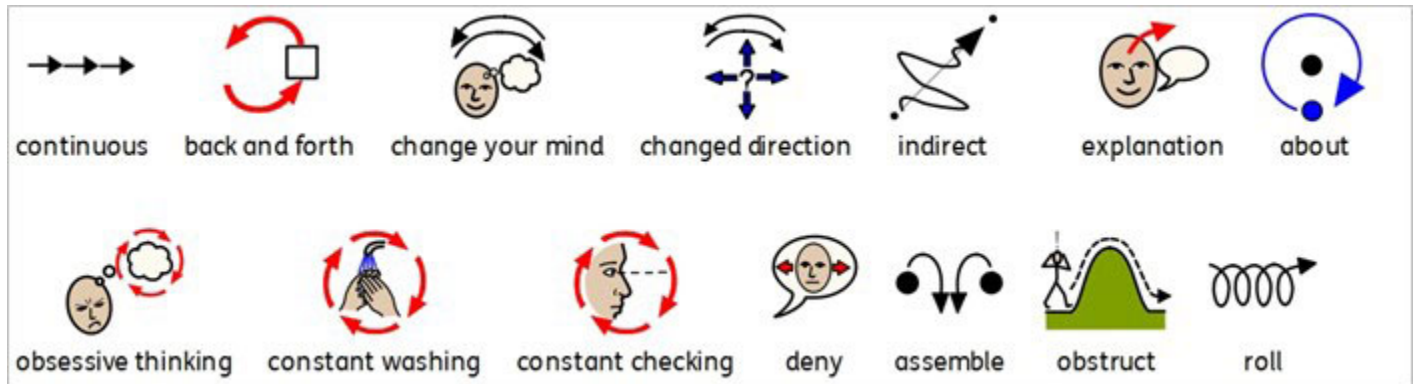
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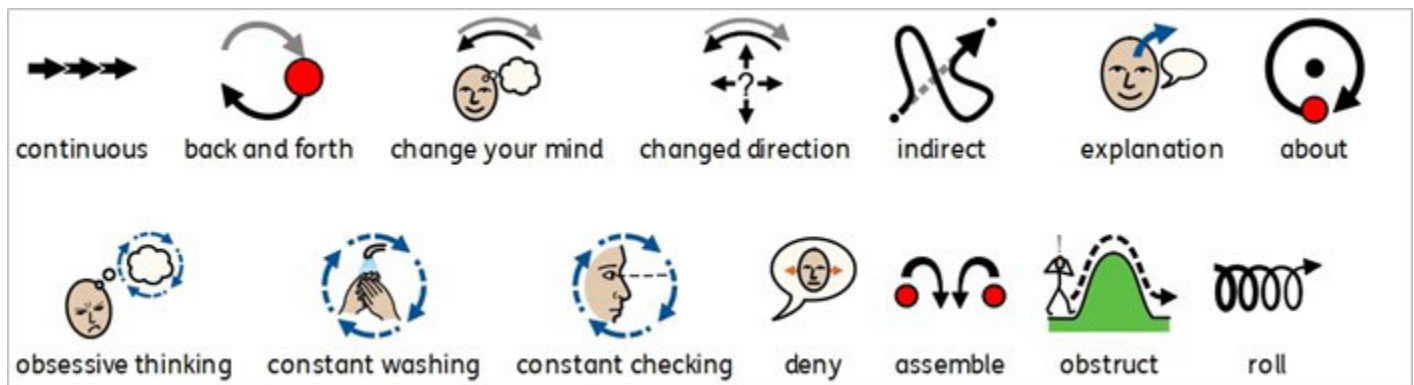
## Arrows New Styles

Some new styles of arrows have been introduced to represent different actions, e.g. for “back and forth”, a grey and black arrow is used to distinguish both actions and not to appear like a cycle arrow such as life cycle. The continuous arrow has been updated to appear more “continuous” instead of repetition. Any arrow involved with thoughts or speech has now been coloured blue to distinguish it from other arrows and therefore make it easier to recognise.

Original



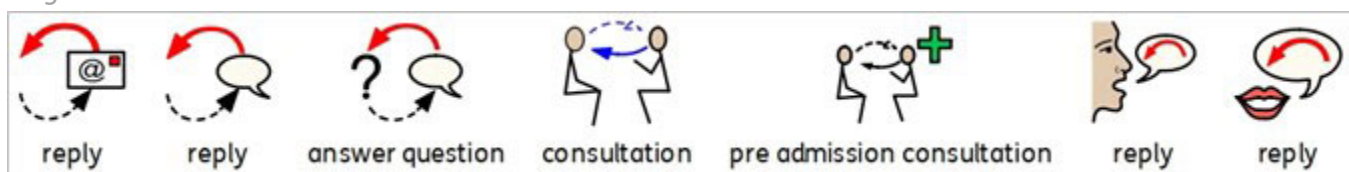
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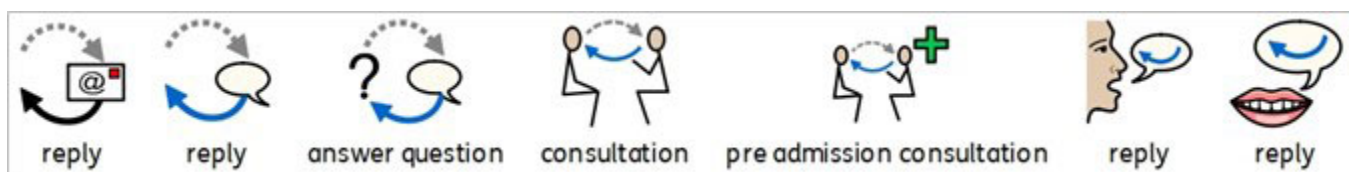
## Arrows Talking

The talking/discussion arrows in symbols have been updated to grey and black/blue arrows instead of red arrows to remove any negative connotations. Also, the elements are now in consistent positions, e.g. the reply arrow is always in the same position.

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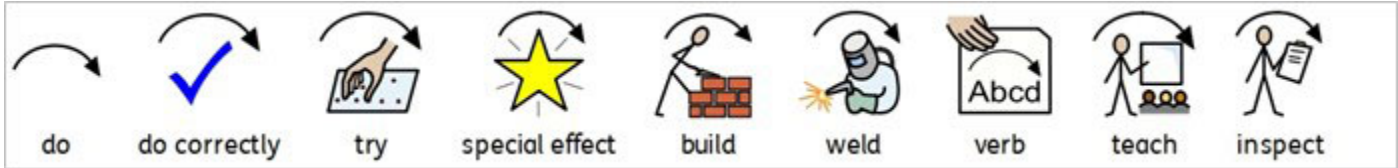
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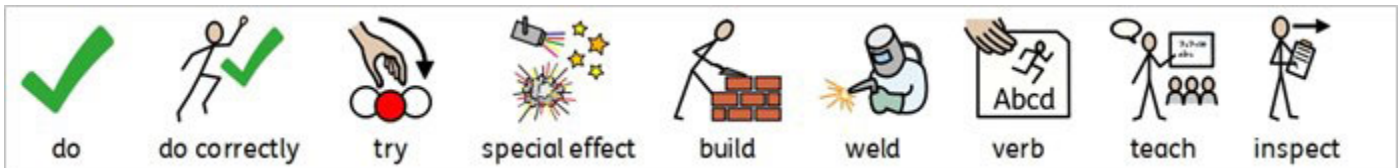
## Arrows Doing

The do/doing arrows in symbols have been updated by removing the arrow as this was deemed not necessary. The “do” and “do correctly” symbols have been updated to be consistent with the new tick element and to represent the concept in a less abstract way.

Original



New



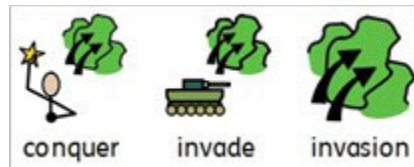
## Invade / Conquer

The “invade/conquer” symbols have been updated with new arrows to be consistent with the new arrow styles.

Original



New



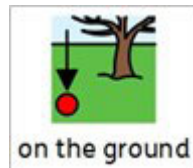
## On the ground

The “on the ground” symbol has been updated for visual clarity.

Original



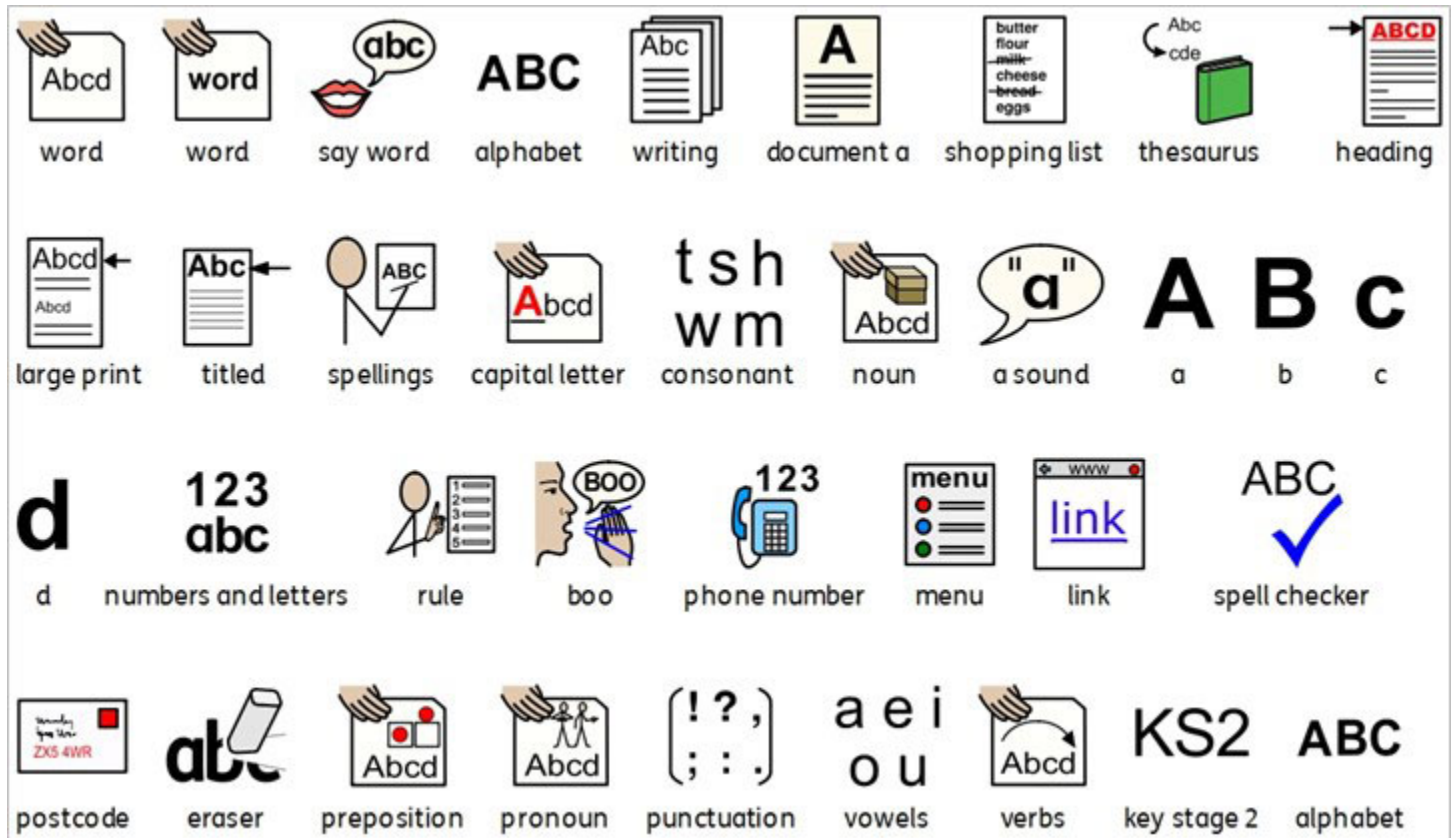
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# Font - FS Me

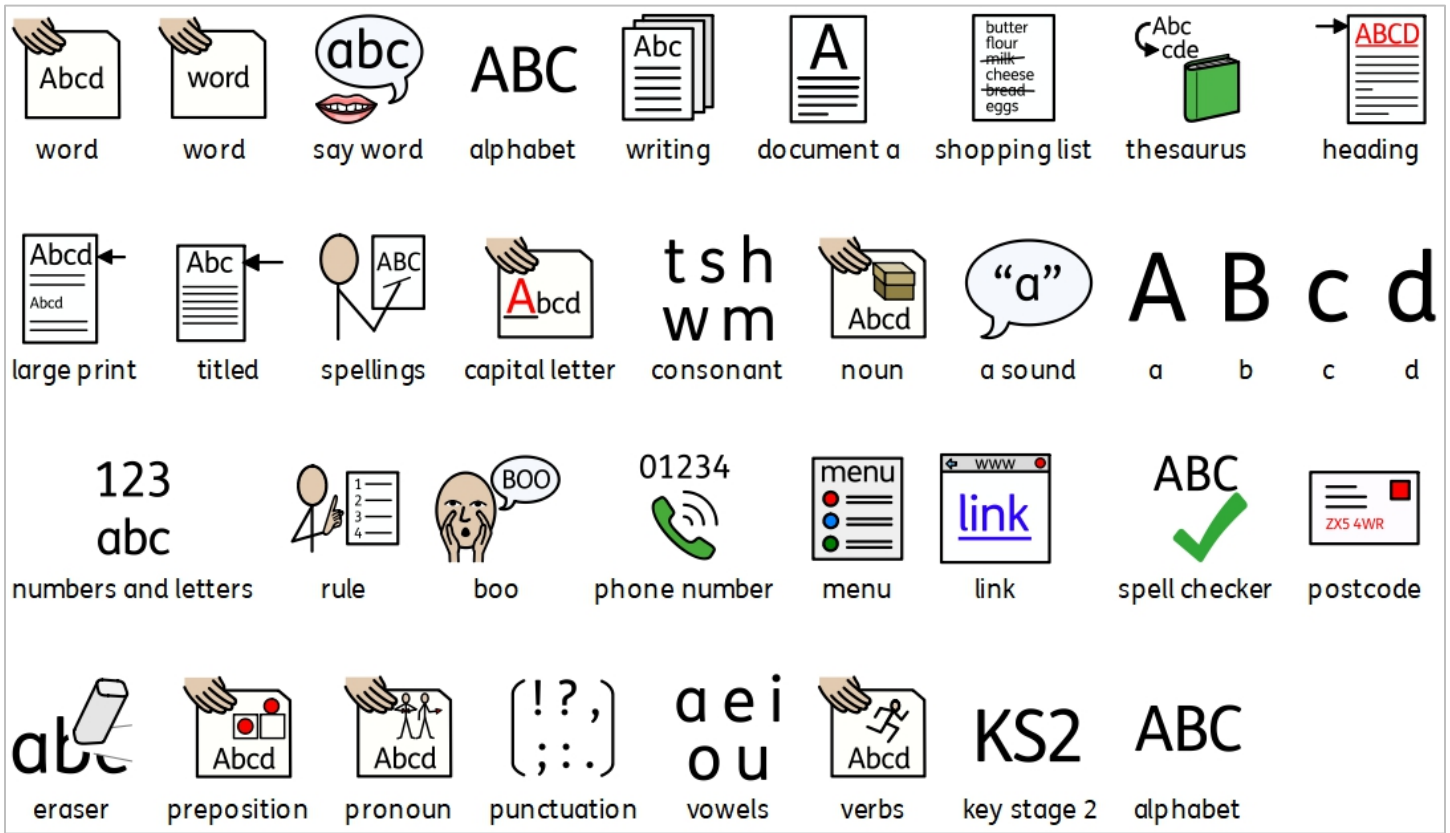
The font used within all symbols has been updated for consistency but mainly for legibility by using the FS Me font, which was researched and developed by FontSmith in collaboration with Mencap. FS Me has been specifically designed for legibility for people with learning disabilities. Every letter of FS Me was tested for its appeal and legibility with a wide range of learning disabilities.

Original





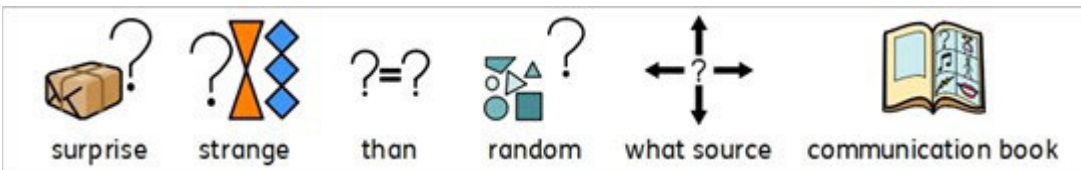
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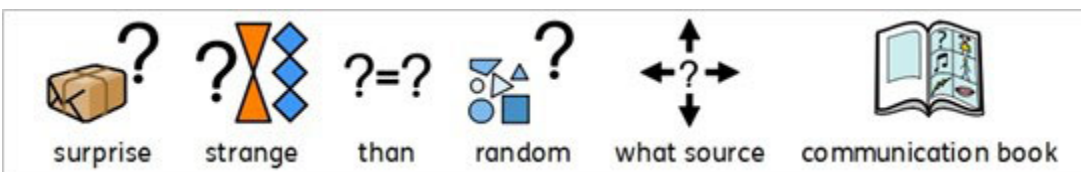
## Question Mark

The symbols with question mark elements have been updated for visual clarity by using a clearer font.

Original



New



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