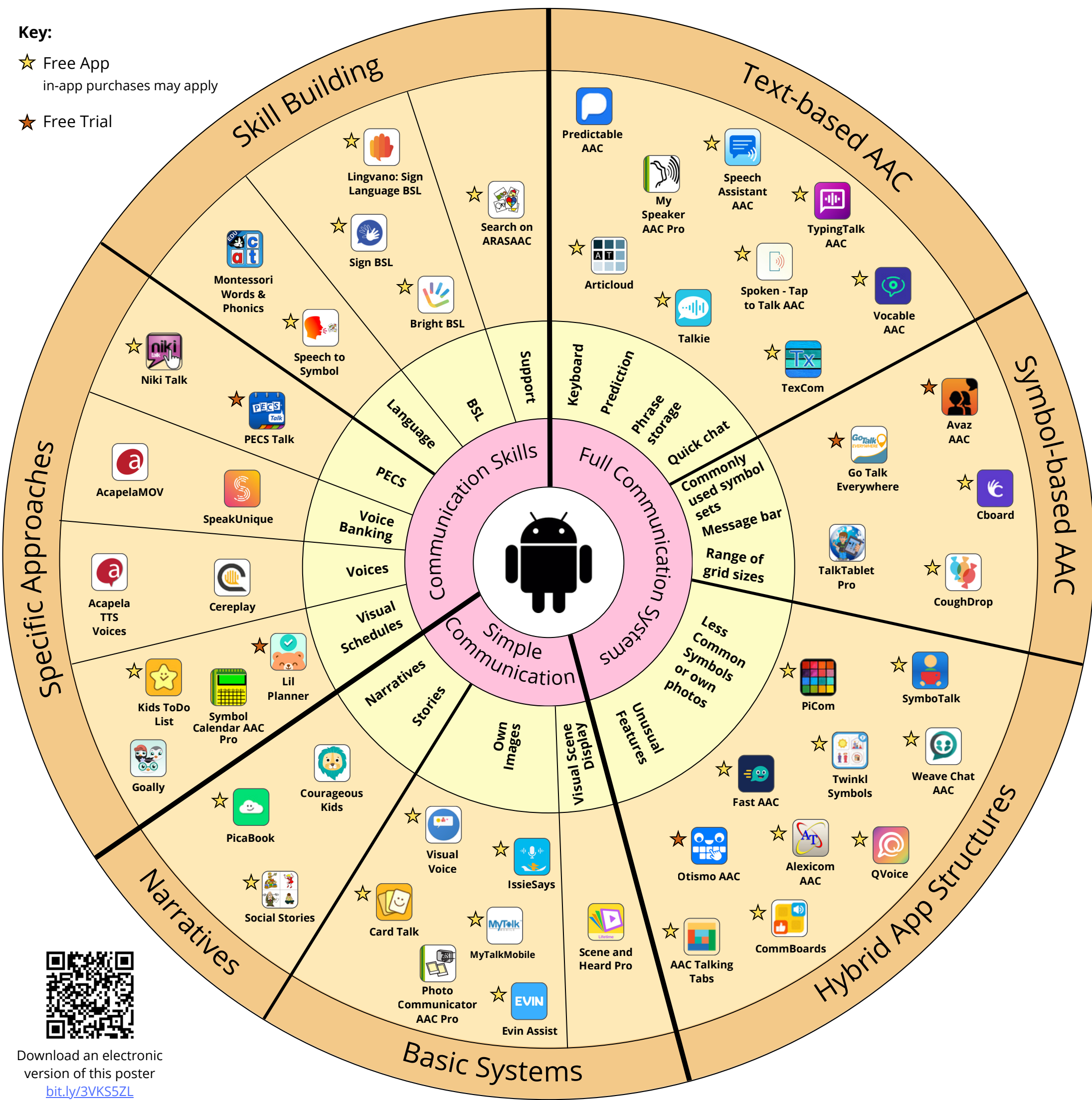


Android Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Key:
 ★ Free App
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iPad vs Android
 The iPad is a well-established communication tool, but Android tablets and smartphones are increasingly used at home and worth considering:

- Android tablets are generally cheaper than iPads.
- Android's Operating System (OS) is less restricted than iOS, allowing features like text-to-speech voices to work across apps, unlike iPads where voices must be downloaded per app.
- iPads offer a wider range of AAC apps.
- Android devices vary greatly; some have custom OS versions or app stores, therefore there is no guarantee that every AAC app will work on all devices/ operating systems.

Identifying Suitable Apps
 This list is not comprehensive; it highlights apps relevant to AAC and groups them by their primary communication function. A few have been tested, but most details come from independent reviews and developer descriptions. We welcome suggestions for future additions: call.scotland@ed.ac.uk

Alternative Access
 Some users may require switch access, using a USB or Bluetooth switch interface with switches tailored to their needs. Few apps in the wheel are designed specifically for switch access, but Android OS 5+ includes built-in Accessibility settings that support one or two external switches, screen-based switches, or head-movement control. Apps such as Switchify also support alternative access methods and offer both free and subscription options: switchifyapp.com

More Information
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