



...is a **UNIQUE** language system which has been specifically designed for people who cannot speak and who use a speech generating device to communicate. It is keyboard generated and delivers text & voice output. It is only licensed to run on PRC/Liberator devices.

***Minspeak is for individuals of all ages, abilities, and languages.  
The ability to learn and use Minspeak is possible for all individuals who are unable to communicate through spoken language.***



### **Minspeak uses pictures – called icons**

A Minspeak icon is just a picture – a simple, easily recognized picture. Icons are chosen for a Minspeak system because they communicate a wide range of common ideas and topics. Pictures are used before, during and after a person learns to spell or read.



### **Minspeak systematically uses multi-meaning icons**

Pictures and icons naturally evoke multiple ideas. For example, the word bed can be used to express the idea of a *bed*, whereas the picture or icon of a bed can express not only the word *bed*, but also the idea of *sleeping*, *living*, being *tired*, *furniture*, saying *goodnight*, *underneath*, and maybe even the little word *but* (like in “get your butt out of bed”). Minspeak systematically uses the multiple meanings associated with a single picture.

**Icons are combined into short sequences to code vocabulary.**

Minspeak icons are combined in 2 or 3 part sequences in order to say all the different ideas that the picture codes. Say *drink* by sequencing JUICE with VERB (Mr Action Man). Say *thirsty* by sequencing JUICE with ADJECTIVE (. This is the way Minspeak makes systematic use of multi-meaning icons.



## Minspeak vocabulary codes follow rules and patterns.

Minspeak systems are developed with rules and patterns for organizing and coding vocabulary. The person using a Minspeak system learns a small set of pictures – usually less than 100 – then learns the rules for combining those icons into short sequences. As the person learns the rules and patterns, a Minspeak system becomes easier and easier to use.

