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Lingraphica Introduces the **SmallTalk**

It Goes Wherever You Go



It's here! The **SmallTalk** mobile accessory from **Lingraphica** that allows you to take favorite icons, phrases, and videos with you anywhere. Incredibly portable and light, it fits easily into a pocket or purse. The **SmallTalk** is the result of a year-long intensive design project on the part of our developers; the goal ... to take the key capabilities of the **Lingraphica** and compress them into a convenient handheld device that gives you a voice when you need it most, on the go. We think you'll like it.

The **SmallTalk** is ideal for use in everyday situations such as shopping, doctor's

appointments, phone conversations, or emergencies—anywhere that playing a pre-loaded word or phrase will help you to quickly get your point across. You can also use it to cue yourself to speak; just put on the earphones and play the phrases so that only you can hear them. With so many people carrying iPods and cell phones these days, a **SmallTalk** user will fit right in with the crowd.

Although it comes with a pre-loaded set of useful icons and videos, the **SmallTalk** is designed so you can easily load it with your own favorites from your **Lingraphica**. And you can change your selections as often as you like.

"The release of the **SmallTalk** takes us to the next level in our comprehensive approach to aphasia," says **Lingraphica** CEO Andrew Gomory. "Adding the benefits of portability to the unlimited communication and practice opportunities that the **Lingraphica** offers is an important part of our ongoing mission to improve the lives of our users. We're proud to be able to present it."

The **SmallTalk** is sold as an accessory to the **Lingraphica**. If you already own an iPod touch or an iPhone, you can download the **SmallTalk** application with a starter set of icons from Apple's App Store for free.

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Carl and Rosa Soriano



When Rosa Soriano gets ready to go food shopping, she always asks her husband Carl what he would like to eat. Using his **Lingraphica** to click on food icons, Carl lets her know: hamburger, French fries, ribs. “All the foods that are bad for you!” says Rosa. Then they both laugh. This is how it goes on a typical morning at the Soriano household.

Carl, who had a stroke in April 2007, hasn’t lost his sense of humor, just his ability to speak. He clicks on the icon for “My wife Rosa” and groans at the photo they have entered. “I know, I know,” she says. “It’s an ugly picture of me.” With the **Lingraphica**, Carl is back to making Rosa laugh.

An avid traveler in his younger days, Carl loves to use the **Lingraphica** map to show friends all the places he’s been. He traces a line across the country from his home state of New Jersey to California to let a visitor know that he once made a cross-country drive. He also enjoys going into his “Me” page and clicking on the phrases that Rosa has entered for him. Now, without her help, he can tell people that he was a store manager at Syms. He can ask, “How are you?” and he can tell callers, “Rosa is not at home.” The investment she has made in entering phrases and pictures for him has more than paid off in his increased independence in communicating with friends and family.

Speech therapist Penny Blumsteen comes to the house once a week to work with Carl on his **Lingraphica**. They use the phoneme videos to help him pronounce the initial sounds of the names of objects she shows him on picture cards. Carl has apraxia, which makes it almost impossible for him to say what he wants correctly and consistently, even if he knows what the word is. “The phoneme videos really help him with that,” says Penny. Then Rosa chimes in, “And the fact that it’s repetitive. He can practice words over and over on his own as much as he wants.”

Congratulations, Carl and Rosa. Together with the **Lingraphica** you make a great team.

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