

PalmChat for ChatPC

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PalmChat is a word-based vocabulary program that has been designed for the *ChatPC*. It uses high-frequency core words that have been arranged to facilitate quick and easy sentence generation. Included in the program are frequently used nouns and adjectives that are organized into logical categories. All grammatical word classes have been included. Spelling and word prediction are also available. A “Grammar” key is included to provide morphological endings for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Literacy skills are necessary to use *PalmChat*, as picture support has only been provided for picture producing words.

PalmChat is included as a default vocabulary with the *ChatPC*. To load the vocabulary, choose **File, Vocab File, Load Vocab File**, and select **PalmChat**.

Color coding has been used to highlight the various word categories on the main page:

- Yellow People and Pronouns
- Light green Helping Verbs
- Dark green Verbs
- Grey Question words
- Violet Determiners
- Orange Negatives

The best way to learn the program is to begin talking. Here are some practice sentences to help you get started.

1) I want help.

* Use the blue period on the bottom row to complete your sentence.

2) Stop it. Don't do that.

3) That's not good. That's not bad.

* Notice that when you choose "that," the key changes to "that's." Find "good" and "bad" in the ADJ group.

4) I like to read.

5) I need to go to the mall.

* Find "mall" in the PLACES group.

6) I want to go to the movies.

* Find "movies" in the PLACES group. Use the Grammar key to pluralize "movie."

7) I am going to stop.

8) I am going to eat pizza and French fries.

* Choose THINGS and FOOD/DRINK and LUNCH to find foods.

9) I went to the park.

* Find "park" in the PLACES group.

- 10) **I feel really hungry. I feel very thirsty. I am feeling excited.**
- 11) **I will do that tomorrow.**
* Find "tomorrow" by selecting THINGS and TIME.
- 12) **I want my red shirt and black shorts.**
* Choose THINGS and CLOTHING and COLOR.
- 13) **You can do anything you want.**
*Choose FUNCTION WORDS to find "any."
- 14) **Please come at 6:30.**
*Access numbers by selecting the "ABC 123" key on the main page, or THINGS and 123.