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How to create a bilingual 'button' using GoTalk Now

GoTalk Now offers a quick and easy way to create bilingual targets by creating two text lines for the target label (one in each language) and digitized recording for bilingual voice-output. This is an excellent option for AAC users with complex communication needs whose primary language is not English or whose communication partners speak a different language.

Step 1. Select Page Editor
Step 2. Select a button target to edit
Step 3. Select "Button Text"
- Type your target label in Language 1 (in this example, we start with English)
- Select "Done"
- Click the "image" icon within the "Button Text" pop up menu. *This icon is located on the top right. Selecting the image icon will create a picture-image of your typed text. Move this text to your desired location within the button target.*

Step 4. Translate your initial target label in Language 2.
- Select Button Text from the bottom menu OR double-click the original text label to initiate the Button Text popup
- Type the translated text for your target label in Language 2 (in this example, Language 2 is Spanish)
- Select the "Globe" icon on your keyboard to switch languages.
- Select "Done"

Step 5. Select "Action" to record your bilingual message.
- Select "Start recording" and record your target message. *It is recommended to record the user's primary language first, followed by Language 2. Close the communication loop by ensuring that both the user and the communication partner can understand the selected message.*
- You can 'crop' your recording to erase any unused recording space by sliding the Start and End arrows. *This may save time and create a more natural flow of conversation.*

Step 6. Select DONE on the bottom right of your button editing screen.
Step 7. Repeat for all bilingual targets. When finished editing your pages, slide 3 fingers up to return to the GoTalk Now start page.

*Remember, you can also take advantage of GoTalk Now's other editing features to further enhance ease of use for the AAC user. For example, you can change the size, color, or font of Language 1 and Language 2 text within the Button Text pop up menu for users with literacy skills.