## Google Action Blocks
### to Enhance Communication

**WHO:**
- non-verbal, austistic children and adults
- individuals using a communication device

**WHAT:**
- free Google application
- templated and custom buttons to transform a cellphone into an communication device using picture communication symbols
- Multi-lingual: English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, and Japanese

**WHY:**
- cellphone provides a mobile and quick way to communicate
- a device you already own

### NOW LET'S LEARN HOW...

*Only Compatible with **Android/Google Devices***
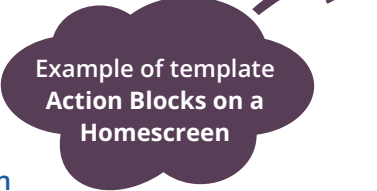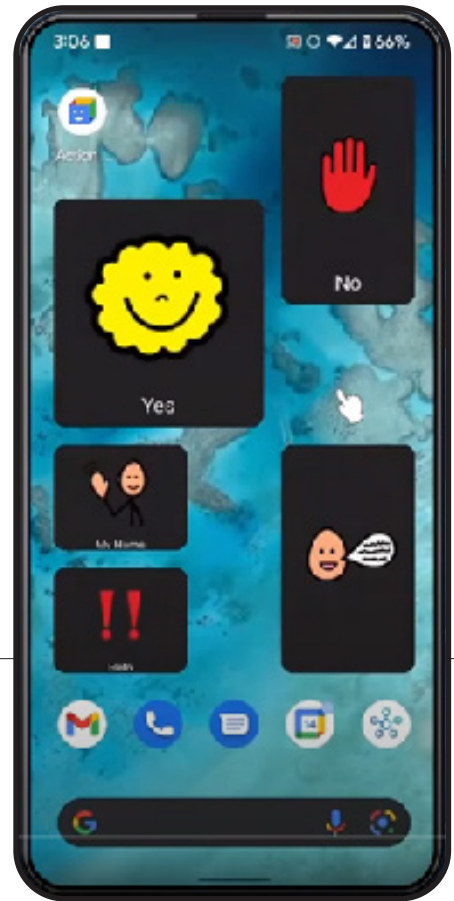
## Getting Started
### Creating Block from the Template

*Example of template Action Blocks on a Homescreen*

**BEFORE WE BEGIN...**

- Ensure you have Android 5.0 or later:
  [Learn how the check your Android version](#)

- Ensure you have Google Assistant activated:
  [Learn how to set up the Google Assistant](#)

- Ensure you have Google App 10.73 or later:
  > More ⋯ > Settings > About > Under "Verison"

**#1** Open the Google Play Store App

**#2** Search "Action Blocks" and Install the app, then open the app

**#3** Let's make blocks with some basic commands... to create your first Action Block, click "Create Action Block"

**+ Create Action Block**

**#4** Select the action you would like preformed from the common actions (to see more actions, choose "More Actions" at the bottom of your screen)

∨ More actions

**#5** Tap "Choose Image" to add a picture or symbol to the Action Block. Images can be photos, emojis, or Google Symbols. Choose one.
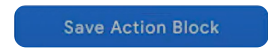
**Save Action Block**

**#6** Type what title you would like the block to have on your homescreen.

**#7** Press "Save Action Block".

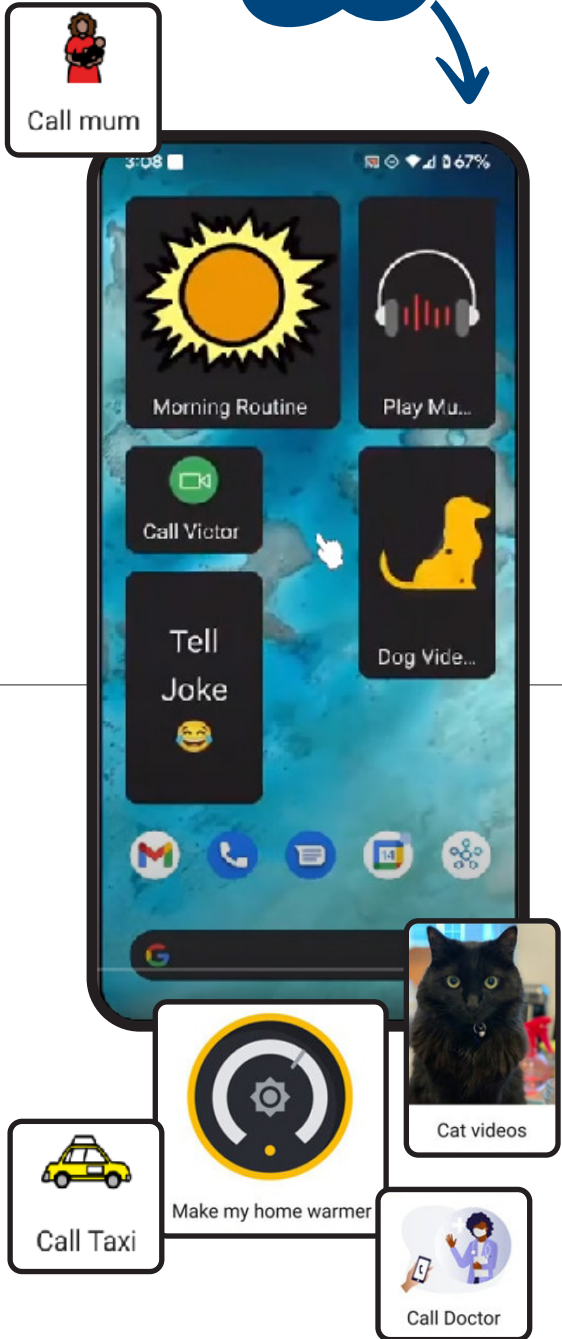**#8** Tap "Next" and then "Add Automatically".

Your block will now appear on your homescreen.

### YOU HAVE MADE YOUR FIRST ACTION BLOCK!

*Want custom blocks? See the back!*

**Example of Custom Blocks on Homescreen**

Call mum

Morning Routine

Play Mu...

Call Victor

Tell Joke 😂

Dog Vide...

Cat videos

Make my home warmer

Call Taxi

Call Doctor

# Building Custom Blocks
*Blocks Designed to Fit Your Needs*

## BLOCKS TO SAY SOMETHING OUTLOUD

**#1** Click "Create Action Block"  `+ Create Action Block`

**#2** Select "Say Something out loud"

**#3** Choose a common phrase from the list or select "Create custom phrase", then choose a voice to speak the phrase, and selection "Next"

**#4** Tap "Choose Image" to add a picture or symbol to the Action Block. Images can be photos, emojis, or Google Symbols. Choose one.

**#5** Type what title you would like the block to have on your homescreen.

**#6** Press "Save Action Block".  `Save Action Block`

Your block will now appear on your homescreen.

## BLOCKS TO OPEN A WEBPAGE

**#1** Open the App you want the Webpage to open in, such as Chrome or YouTube

**#2** Tap the link to the webpage in the address bar at the top of the app

**#3** Select "Share", then "Action Blocks"

**#4** Tap "Choose Image" to add a picture or symbol to the Action Block. Images can be photos, emojis, orGoogle Symbols. Choose one.

**#5** Type what title you would like the block to have on your homescreen.

**#6** Press "Save Action Block".

Your block will now appear on your homescreen.

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