Directions For
The Step-by-Step Communicator To Operate As
Voice Output And Access Switch
With the AbleNet Powerlink

Most times an access switch can be used to operate any appliance or electrical device through the AbleNet Powerlink. However, assistants can often increase the interaction between the special needs student and his/her classmates by adding conversational questions regarding the activity to the voice output device (e.g. Step-by-Step Communicator). The Step-by-Step Communicator will need to be programmed differently to act as both a voice output device and a switch to turn on the equipment. It may be best to set up the Powerlink to operate on a timed basis to accommodate the more frequent use of the voice output device. The following is a list of directions for programming the Step-by-Step Communicator to also activate the AbleNet Powerlink.

Using the Toy/Appliance Feature

1. Turn the Step-by-Step Communicator "on" by turning the volume control to the right until you hear a "click".

2. Press the "Repeat/Record" button twice (within one second) and release.

3. Press and hold the top surface of the Step-by-Step and record your message.

4. After you have spoken the message you want to pair with a reinforcer, and while the top surface is depressed, press and release the "Repeat/Record" button once.

5. Release the top surface briefly.

6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for each message you want to pair with the Toy/Appliance feature. (Note, when recording a message that you do not want to pair with a reinforcer, simply do not press the "Repeat/Record" button while the top surface is being depressed).

7. When all of the messages have been recorded, press the "Repeat/Record" button once when the top surface has been released to end recording.

8. Plug one end of a connector cable into the "Toy/Appl." jack of the Step-by-Step.

9. Plug the other end of the cable into the battery device adapter or pre-adapted toy or appliance if using a battery operated device, or into the switch jack of the Powerlink control unit if using an electrically controlled device.