# Little SPARK: Simple Play Adaptations to Reference for Kids

## Buddy Button Switch

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| **Description:** | **Image:** |
| The Buddy Button is a mechanical wired single switch that requires only the slightest touch of its 2.5-in/6.4-cm surface for activation. | Buddy Button: 5 different colored round buddy buttons |

**Who Might Benefit?**

Those who have motor challenges and need an alternate form of access to engage in activities like adapted toys, speech generating devices, and other battery/electronic devices.

**Why Use?**

Provides an opportunity to access and engage in typical childhood activities through adapted electronic means that are not accessible in the usual way to the child.

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| Instructions for Use: | Adaptation Ideas: |
| **Environmental Considerations*** Used in most environments; avoid water, dirt and sand.

**Positioning & Alternate Positioning*** Place on a flat surface or velcro onto any surface where it can be securely attached and can be activated without moving away from the child.
* Could be attached to a mounted arm or other switch mounting system.

**Basic Play/Use*** Plug directly into the switch port of the device with the switch jack.

**Extended Play/Use*** Various attachments are available to adjust features of the switch, check out the OCALI Lending Library for more.

**Play/Use with Others*** Multiple switches can allow multiple players to do various parts of an activity.

Words to Encourage Play/Use* These words would be primarily dependent on the activity the switch is activating. Switch function words could be helpful as they start learning about the switch.
 | **Build It Up*** Put the switch inside a 3-ring binder to add a bigger surface to activate.

**Stabilize It*** Use Velcro to stabilize to the table or floor.

**Add Sensory Cues*** Add different textures, change the switch button color, or add picture symbols to indicate a specific action/activity.

**Alternative Uses*** Use different types of switches and trial until finding the right fit for the child/activity.
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