

The Seven Stages of Switch Development

Assessment tool

How to use the assessment tool

- The stages of switch development are not mutually exclusive, so progress can be made across multiple stages simultaneously
- Once a step is completed, mark it off and add the date
- The assessment tool can be used for goal setting, where helpers can add target dates and change the text/box colour accordingly
- The comment box can be used to provide short notes or assessors initials
- There is a stream for assessing cognitive and physical skill development, divided into four steps for each stage
- Assessors should consider the cognitive and physical skills required for each level
- This additional stream can help identify areas that may require additional support and highlight strengths and weaknesses for targeted interventions



Switch user name

Start date

Other info (e.g. class, DOB, age)

Proficient step							
Consolidating step							
Emerging step							
Emerging – Developing – Consolidating – Proficient (cognitive, physical skill required for each stage)							
Physical	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P
Cognitive	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P	E D C P

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<p>Stage 1 Exploring Egbert</p> <p>Learning by experience - single switch</p>	<p>Stage 2 Journeying Jiao</p> <p>Making something happen - single switch</p>	<p>Stage 3 Growing Gareth</p> <p>Playing with two switches</p> <p>Making two things happen</p>	<p>Stage 4 Budding Brayton</p> <p>Two switches one activity</p>	<p>Stage 5 Flourishing Fatima</p> <p>Switch scanning - failure Free</p>	<p>Stage 6 Succeeding Saffi</p> <p>Switch scanning - finding the right one</p>	<p>Stage 7 Celebrating Syed</p> <p>Independent in functional switch use</p>
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