



PODD™ Book Library Frequently Asked Questions

You can trial a PODD™ book from Scope's PODD™ book library with no pressure to buy. This is a great way to try a PODD™ book before you decide whether to customise your own.

1. When is a trial recommended?

We recommend you loan a PODD™ book if one has been recommended by your speech pathologist. If you do not currently have a speech pathologist and would like more information before loaning a PODD™ book, please contact us to arrange a consultation. We have speech pathologists who can provide support to help you get the most out of your trial. We can help you get started, show you how to navigate the language system and locate vocabulary, and know what signs to look for in a successful trial. Email contact@scopeaust.org.au or call 1300 4 72673.

2. How long should I trial a PODD™ book for?

A trial takes 4 weeks. This is to allow enough time for you to try out the PODD™ book in a range of situations and settings to see whether it fits into your lifestyle. If after 4 weeks you feel you need more time, you can chat to our team about extending your PODD™ book loan.

3. How much is a loan and how can I pay?

A PODD™ book loan costs \$75 including return postage. You can pay for the loan with your NDIS plan. Alternatively, you can pay independently through our online shop at shop.scopeaust.org.au. This option is also available for self-managed NDIS participants.

4. What book should I trial?

Your speech pathologist will recommend an appropriate PODD™ book to trial. If you do not have a speech pathologist, we may be able to provide an assessment.

5. What do I need to prepare for a PODD™ book trial?

- **Engage with a speech pathologist**

Your speech pathologist will assess your communication skills, environment, and conversation partners. They will help you understand your requirements and how to get the most out of your PODD™ trial, before and during the loan.

If you do not currently have a speech pathologist, please contact us to arrange a consultation. We have speech pathologists who can provide support to help you get the most out of your trial.

- **Set aside 4 weeks:**

We recommend you spend 4 weeks learning and practicing with the PODD™ book. If possible, it is best to schedule this with minimal disruptions to your normal routine so you can learn how well a PODD™ book supports you in everyday situations. For example, it may be best to avoid special holidays or periods where you may be away from home or school for a significant period.

6. How do I buy a customised PODD™ book?

If you have trialled a PODD™ book and decided it is the right option for you, book a consultation with us to design your customised PODD™ book. Our team will chat through the options with you and provide information about how to fund a PODD™ book in your NDIS plan. If you are paying independently or have a self-managed NDIS plan, we can also guide you through the purchase process.

7. What books are available?

Below is our current list of books. These are added to every month. Get in touch if the book you would like to trial isn't on the list.

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