



DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

Children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) have significant, on-going difficulties understanding and/or using language which can affect their behaviour and progress at school.



How can I support my child's communication?

GET THEIR ATTENTION

say their name and get down to their level to support their listening



USE SIMPLE LANGUAGE

keep sentences short; use simple words; repeat if necessary

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS SHORT

say exactly what you want them to do; give one instruction at a time



SLOW DOWN

talk calmly and slowly; give them time to respond

HELP THEM SEE IT

use gestures, facial expression, pictures and symbols to help them understand what you say

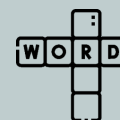


CHECK THEY'VE UNDERSTOOD

ask them to repeat what you have said; if needed, say it again and show them

LET THEM CHOOSE

reduce the number of choices; show them or point to the options



FOCUS ON WORDS

talk about new words; explain their meaning and use them often in play and shared activities

STOP AND LISTEN!

make positive comments; repeat what they say with correct grammar



ENJOY TIME TOGETHER

model language while you play; practise taking turns and listening to each other; have fun!

Further support and guidance for parents can be found at:

afasic.org.uk
moorhouseinstitute.co.uk/dld-training

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