



# 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.



## What signs should parents/carers look out for?

If your child has DLD, they may struggle with...



### EXPRESSING IDEAS

sharing thoughts and feelings, talking about something that has happened, expressing their needs



### VOCABULARY

learning, remembering and using new words



### FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

understanding and remembering what to do, particularly with non-routine instructions



### CONVERSATION

following and joining in with conversations, especially in a group



### MAKING SENSE

putting words together to make a spoken or written sentence that others can understand



### CONCENTRATION

maintaining attention so may tire easily



### READING & WRITING

making links between letters, sounds, words and meaning for reading and writing



### BEHAVIOUR

managing emotions, which may lead to frustration, avoidance, anxiety and being unusually upset



### FRIENDSHIP & PLAY

making friends, joining in with play, following the rules of a game



### CONFIDENCE

using and understanding language without significant adult support



Further support and guidance for parents can be found at:

[afasic.org.uk](http://afasic.org.uk)  
[moorhouseinstitute.co.uk/dld-training](http://moorhouseinstitute.co.uk/dld-training)

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