



Speech and Language

Useful resources

- Try the free app Bitsboard.
- Visit <http://www.do2learn.com>
- Have a look at the resources on: <https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-materials/>
- Colourful Semantics have a wealth of resources for free to support early language and sentence construction: <https://integratedtreatmentservices.co.uk/our-approaches/speech-therapy-approaches/colourful-semantic-2/>
- The Communication Trust has many links to different resources for parents as well as schools (some free) as well as offering some free training which is very interesting: <https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/>
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- Continue to work on Speech and Language targets set by the Speech and Language Therapist (if already seen).
- Social skills games: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/specialeducationalneeds-sen/specialeducationalneeds-sen-social-emotional-and-mental-health-difficulties/sen-friendship-and-social-skills>

Top Tips

Speech sounds

- Model speech to the children by repeating words back to them correctly.

Understanding:

- Give children time to process what you have asked and respond.
- Use simple language and break instructions down into smaller steps.
- Encourage children to answer questions, such as who, what, where, when and why? When reading their books. Encourage them to tell you the story in their own words.

Expression

- Talk about all your experiences in detail, teaching new vocabulary all the time.
- Discuss vocabulary in books, making sure the children understand the meaning of tricky words.

Social Communication

- Play lots of games with your child to encourage social skills, such as taking turns and winning and losing.
- Use a visual timetable and visual aids to provide structure and routines.