

# 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

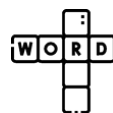


### CHECK THEY'VE UNDERSTOOD

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.com/dld**

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