

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
moorhouseinstitute.com/dld

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