# DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

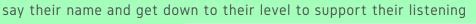
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Children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) have significant, on-going difficulties understanding and/or using language which can affect their behaviour and progress at school.



# How can I support my child's communication?

#### **GET THEIR ATTENTION**







### **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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