



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.co.uk/dld-training

Moor House Research & Training Institute, Mill Lane, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 9AQ