



Speech and Language skills are crucial for wellbeing, success, communication, and building relationships. These skills are also vital for learning, with increasing demands as children progress through education.

Difficulties in understanding language can be easily missed as children may learn to compensate, potentially leading to problems with spoken language, literacy, and behaviour.

All reception children will undergo a brief, computer-based language assessment to ensure appropriate support. If a need is identified, your child will participate in a group language intervention, and you will receive a letter.

Individual speech sound assessments may also be conducted if a teacher notices any difficulties with speech. If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language, please speak to their class teacher initially.

What can I do to help at home?



A vast amount of language learning happens at home and your input can make a big difference.

Information and free resources are available for you on Speech Link's Parent Portal. Visit www.speechandlanguage.info/parents for more information on how speech and language develop and for specific printable activities and resources to try at home.



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Speech and Language UK also have lots of free resources on their website as well as a 'progress checker' if you have concerns about your child's speech and language development.

<https://progress-checker.speechandlanguage.org.uk>