



South West
Yorkshire Partnership
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Children's speech and language therapy

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)



What is Developmental Language Disorder?

DLD

DLD stands for Developmental Language Disorder.



People with DLD have difficulties with:

Understanding what people say.

Talking, using words and sentences.

Saying speech sounds.



We do not know why some people have DLD.



Some people in your family might have DLD or other difficulties.



We know that around 2 children and young people in a class of 30 have DLD.

More about What is DLD?



Lots of people have DLD. You are not alone.



You can still do great things with DLD and make progress with help.



DLD will look different for every person.
DLD changes as we get older.



DLD is an invisible disability.

This means that other people may not see what our difficulties are.

What people with DLD say they can find difficult



"It's hard to say how I feel."

"Some people don't know about DLD... people may get cross with me."

"At school it's like teachers are talking a different language."

"It's hard to understand what a word means."

"Looking for words can be like searching through a fog."



What people with DLD say can help them



"It helps when people speak slowly."

"It helps me when you give me time to think."



"I want people to know about DLD so my friends can be patient with me so I can understand what they are saying."

How teachers, parents and carers can help



Using pictures, objects and actions to help people with DLD understand.



Repeating instructions.



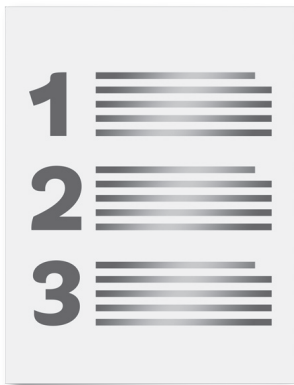
Teaching new words repetitively.



Reducing background noise and other distractions when giving lots of information.

More about

How teachers, parents and carers can help



Breaking down activities into small steps and writing these down (using a task list).



Allowing extra time for talking or answering questions.



Letting someone communicate in the ways that best for them such as pointing, drawing and using actions as well as talking.



Using simpler words that the person would understand.

Learn more about DLD



You can watch videos about DLD on YouTube.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone.



More about Learn more about DLD



You can visit these websites:

Website	What you will find
Afasic https://afasic.org.uk/resources/free-downloads/supporting-young-people/	<p>Information for young people and parents.</p> <p>Videos of young people's individual experiences of DLD.</p>
Raising Awareness of DLD (RADLD) https://radld.org/ www.youtube.com/RADLD	<p>Become an ambassador to raise awareness of DLD.</p> <p>Videos of people's individual experiences of DLD.</p>
DLD and Me www.dldandme.co.uk/	<p>Learn about DLD .</p> <p>Share your own experience of DLD.</p>
This is DLD https://sites.google.com/view/thisisdld/home	<p>Website made by a young person with DLD (Ellen).</p> <p>Learn about how Ellen manages her DLD.</p>

With **all of us** in mind.