

Speech, Language and Communication Progression Tools

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Every child understood

What are the speech, language and communication progression tools?

Support school staff to identify students with possible SLCNs

Enable school staff to track progression over time

Based on theoretical information about typical language development

How were the tools developed?



Profile Chart

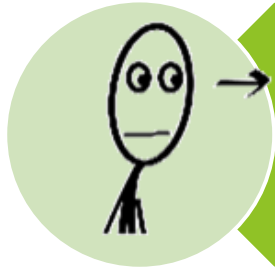
Profile chart

Name:	Date of birth:		Age:	Gender:	Ethnicity:	Completed by:		Date:				
Score	Understanding		Vocabulary		Sentences		Narrative		Speech		Social	
	Questions	Observations	Questions	Observations	Questions	Observations	Questions	Observations	Questions	Observations	Questions	Observations
15												
13												
11												
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How do I use the tools?



Questions to complete one to one with child or young person



Adult to observe child in other natural situation



Adult completes observation section

Practical Session

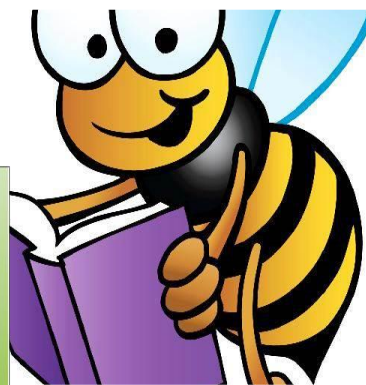
- ▶ Time to try it out the questions sections for yourselves in pairs.
- ▶ Choose a tool to use.
- ▶ Don't write on your master copies or mine please. Write responses down on a separate piece of paper
- ▶ Take some time to look at the scoring guidance.

Top Tips

Photocopy



Read
Practical
steps



Find quiet
space

QUIET ROOM



Record
exactly what
child says



How do the tools link to the National Curriculum

Primary	essential to help schools understand what progression in spoken language should look like from years 1 to 6 so they can develop their own descriptors about progression for each year group. Could be used to show evidence of progress.
Secondary	areas assessed relate well to the objectives for Spoken English at Key stage 3 and 4.
Understanding vs speaking	The tools focus more on understanding of language than NC programmes of study do.

Further Support

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Reminder/Refresher

Training Video

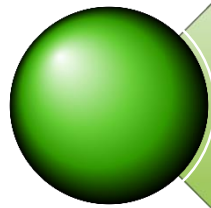
Getting the most out of the tools

Top tips - Primary and Secondary

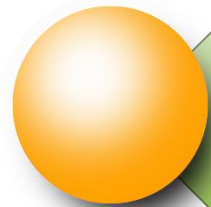
Ages and stages of communication development

Universally Speaking Booklets

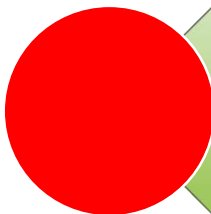
What do I do with the results?



Check appropriate universal strategies are in place in the classroom for all children.



Targeted small group work. Free training available from Speech and Language Therapy service. Published resources also available.



Discuss at termly planning meeting with SLT.

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