

HOW CAN WE HELP IN SCHOOL? KS1 & KS2



Strategies to Support Expressive Language Skills

- Allow the pupil thinking time to formulate their responses to questions
- Provide models of target sentence types
- Provide the pupil with forced alternatives i.e. ask them to choose between the grammatical form and an incorrect version
- Respond positively to all attempts at verbal communication
- Encourage the pupil to use gesture to support communication
- Consider using the Colourful Semantics approach or Sentence Stacking to develop expressive language
- Use a visual stimuli to elicit expressive language
- Teach specific functions or purposes of language (e.g. to greet, describe, comment, request)
- Name and teach specific grammatical structures
- Encourage pupils to share their news and express their thoughts and opinions
- During circle time ask children to talk about a particular topic e.g. their favourite food, TV programme or pet
- Encourage children to remember something that another child has said and then feed it back to the group, e.g. “Sophie likes chocolate”, “Ben likes fluffy dogs”

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