

Speech Link



What is Speech Link?

Speech Link is an innovative multimedia package for **mainstream schools**, which empowers and supports;

- teachers,
- SENCOs,
- teaching assistants

to manage developmental speech difficulties in children aged between 4 and 8 years.

Benefits of Speech Link

It is designed to work alongside Speech and Language Therapy Services to:

- screen for developmental speech difficulties;
- offer schools support with managing straightforward speech difficulties by implementing therapy programmes;
- prioritise children who need referral for speech and language therapy;
- enhance partnership working between Local Authorities and PCTs.

“Speech Link and Language Link have opened up partnership working”

County Advisory Teacher for speech and language, Durham



Speech Link Evaluation



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The Speech Link Evaluation

The evaluation takes less than 15 minutes to complete with an individual child. It consists of around 38 engaging, easily recognisable pictures. The child names the picture and the supporting adult enters the response. The results recommend age appropriate speech programmes with a suggested order of work. Strategies to support the child in the classroom are also included. If the child has a complex difficulty, discussion with the speech and language therapy service is recommended.

The Website

Features on the website include:

- the online Speech Link evaluation,
- a full range of speech sound programmes,
- a set of printable pictures for use with each of the speech sound programmes,
- interactive games to develop listening skills,
- information about the development of speech with ideas to help generalise sounds to everyday speech and links to literacy development,
- support materials for parents,
- an online password-protected discussion group, monitored by the local speech and language therapists,
- video showing speech and language therapists modelling therapeutic approaches and activities.



Interactive Listening Games



Printable Picture Resources

"I can't imagine a world without Speech Link.. It's fantastic!"

SLT Manager, Kent

