

Strategies to support children with speech, language and communication needs (September 2011)

The first strategy to use with any child with a speech and language delay is to consider your own interaction with the child as this is the basis for helping children to develop speech, language and communication skills. See Early Language Builders chapter 2.

Then consider specific strategies relating to the Child's needs. The following resources may help you to identify and implement strategies.

1. ELCC Support Sheets (available from the ELCC Team)

2. Early Language Builders Book

This book is provided to Practitioners who attend the Eklan training. Each chapter gives practical suggestions about how to support children with specific areas of development.

Play	Chapter 3
Attention	Chapter 3
Vocabulary	Chapter 4
Understanding	Chapters 5,6 and 7
Talking	Chapter 7
Social Communication	Chapter 8
Speech Sounds	Chapter 9
Stammering	Chapter 10

3. Encouraging Children with Speech and Language Difficulties in the Nursery

This pack of information contains practical strategies to support children in the Nursery setting with:

- Listening difficulties
- Understanding difficulties
- Expressive language (talking) difficulties
- Speech sound difficulties
- Social communication difficulties
- Speech fluency difficulties (stammering)
- Reluctant speaking

The pack also contains **language group** ideas to promote language and communication. **Consider including the Child in a language group.**