

## Whole School Progression in Spoken Language

	EYFS 30-50 months 40-60 months ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 & 6
Listening Skills	<p>To listen to others one to one or in small groups, when a conversation interests them.</p> <p>To focus attention – still listen or do, but can shift own attention.</p> <p>To be able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity).</p> <p>To maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activity.</p> <p>To have two-channelled attention – can listen and do for short span.</p> <p>To understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes and jokes.</p> <p>To follow a story without pictures or props.</p> <p>To listen attentively in a range of situations</p> <p>To give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.</p>	<p>To listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond appropriately.</p>	<p>To listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, e.g. make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group.</p>	<p>To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers.</p>		<p>To listen carefully, making timely contributions and asking questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views, e.g. participate in a collaborative project where they listen to the ideas of others and adapt these to meet the needs of the group.</p>

Following Instructions	<p>To respond to simple instructions, e.g. to get or put away an object.</p> <p>To respond to instructions involving a two-part sequence.</p> <p>To follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.</p>	To understand instructions with more than one point in many situations	<p>To fully understand instructions with more than one point in many situations and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear.</p> <p>To attempt to follow instructions before seeking assistance.</p>	<p>To follow instructions in a range of unfamiliar situations.</p> <p>To recognise when it is needed and ask for specific additional information to clarify instructions.</p>	To follow complex directions/multi-step instructions without the need for repetition.	
Asking & Answering Questions	<p>To begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.</p> <p>To question why things happen and give explanations. Asks who, what, when and how.</p> <p>To comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the natural world.</p> <p>To ask appropriate questions of others.</p> <p>To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.</p>	<p>To begin to ask questions that are linked to the topic being discussed.</p> <p>To answer questions on a wider range of topics (sometimes may only be one-word answers).</p>	<p>To show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions.</p> <p>To answer questions using clear sentences.</p> <p>To begin to give reasoning behind their answers when prompted to do so.</p>	<p>To ask questions that relate to what has been heard or what was presented to them.</p> <p>To begin to offer support for their answers to questions with justifiable reasoning.</p>	<p>To generate relevant questions to ask a specific speaker/audience in response to what has been said.</p> <p>To regularly offer answers that are supported with justifiable reasoning.</p>	<p>To ask questions which deepen conversations and/or further their knowledge.</p> <p>To understand how to answer questions that require more detailed answers and justification.</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Drama, Performance &amp; Confidence</p>	<p>To use intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others.</p> <p>To talk confidently with other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community.</p> <p>To confidently speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions.</p> <p>To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.</p> <p>To speak confidently in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas.</p>	<p>To speak clearly in a way that is easy to understand.</p> <p>To speak in front of larger audiences, e.g. in a class assembly, during a show 'n' tell session.</p> <p>To know when it is their turn to speak in a small group presentation or play performance.</p> <p>To take part in a simple role play of a known story.</p>	<p>To speak confidently within a group of peers so that their message is clear.</p> <p>To practise and rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud.</p> <p>To take on a different role in a drama or role play and discuss the character's feelings.</p> <p>To recognise that sometimes speakers talk differently and discuss reasons why this might happen.</p>	<p>To rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud, taking note of feedback from teachers and peers.</p> <p>To speak regularly in front of large and small audiences.</p> <p>To participate in role play tasks, showing an understanding of character by choosing appropriate words and phrases to indicate a</p>	<p>To use intonation when reading aloud to emphasise punctuation.</p> <p>To practise and rehearse sentences and stories, gaining feedback on their performance from teachers and peers.</p> <p>To take on a specific role in role-play/drama activities and participate in focused discussion while remaining in character.</p> <p>To discuss the language choices of other speakers and how this may vary in different situations.</p>	<p>To narrate stories with intonation and expression to add detail and excitement for the listener.</p> <p>To use feedback from peers and teachers (and from observing other speakers) to make improvements to performance.</p> <p>To combine vocabulary choices, gestures and body movement to take on and maintain the role of a character.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Vocabulary Building &amp; Standard English</p>	<p>To begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because).</p> <p>To use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).</p> <p>To use vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them.</p> <p>To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.</p> <p>To use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.</p>	<p>To use appropriate vocabulary to describe their immediate world and feelings.</p> <p>To think of alternatives for simple vocabulary choices.</p>	<p>To start to use subject-specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail.</p> <p>To suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed.</p> <p>To start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal.</p> <p>To usually speak in grammatically correct sentences.</p>	<p>To use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or the audience.</p> <p>To recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to and begin to try to use these words and phrases in their own talk.</p> <p>To discuss topics that are unfamiliar to their own direct experience.</p>	<p>To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech.</p> <p>To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence.</p> <p>To recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to, building these words and phrases into their own talk in an appropriate way.</p>	<p>To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech.</p> <p>To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence.</p> <p>To recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to, building these words and phrases into their own talk in an appropriate way.</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Speaking for a Range of Purposes</p>	<p>To retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger).</p> <p>To talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.</p> <p>To use talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e.g. 'This box is my castle.</p> <p>To remember and talk about significant events in their own experience.</p> <p>To recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends.</p> <p>To talk about why things happen and how things work.</p> <p>To use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.</p> <p>To link statements and stick to a main theme or intention.</p> <p>To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.</p> <p>To introduce a storyline or narrative into their play.</p> <p>To explain own knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.</p>	<p>To organise their thoughts into sentences before expressing them.</p> <p>To be able to describe their immediate world and environment.</p> <p>To retell simple stories and recounts aloud.</p>	<p>To talk about themselves clearly and confidently.</p> <p>To verbally recount experiences with some added interesting details.</p> <p>To offer ideas based on what has been heard.</p>	<p>To organise what they want to say so that it has a clear purpose.</p> <p>To begin to give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with added details to engage listeners.</p>	<p>To give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with specific details to actively engage listeners.</p> <p>To debate issues and make their opinions on topics clear.</p> <p>To adapt their ideas in response to new information.</p>	<p>To plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and description for the listener.</p> <p>To participate in debates/arguments and use relevant details to support their opinions and adding humour where appropriate.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Participating in Discussion</p>	<p>To initiate conversations, attend to and take account of what others say.</p> <p>To listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion. This is 40-60m not ELG.</p>	<p>To recognise when it is their turn to speak in a discussion.</p> <p>To recognise that different people will have different responses and that that these are as valuable as their own opinions and ideas.</p>	<p>To give enough detail to hold the interest of other participant(s) in a discussion.</p> <p>To engage in meaningful discussions that relate to different topic areas.</p> <p>To remain focused on a discussion when not directly involved and be able to recall the main points when questioned.</p>	<p>To engage in discussions, making relevant points or asking relevant questions to show they have followed a conversation.</p> <p>To take account of the viewpoints of others when participating in discussions.</p>	<p>To engage in discussions, making relevant points and ask for specific additional information or viewpoints from other participants.</p> <p>To begin to challenge opinions with respect.</p> <p>To engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum.</p>	<p>To develop, agree to and evaluate rules for effective discussion; follow their own rules in small groups and whole-class conversations.</p> <p>To engage in longer and sustained discussions about a range of topics.</p> <p>To ask questions, offer suggestions, challenge ideas and give opinions in order to take an active part in discussions.</p>
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