

Links Between Early Language and Dyslexia

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See Dyslexia Differently

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFlK2sc>



Early Language

- ▶ Baby cries using vowel sounds from their mother tongue language
- ▶ Vowel sounds get joined to consonants to make babble noises
- ▶ Constant repetition of babble sounds form the building blocks of real words
- ▶ E.g. “*ba ba ba*” → development of “phonological representations”
→ words like *baby*, *bag*, *ball*

Identifiers of Language Delay

- ▶ Not engaging with an adult
- ▶ Not understanding expectation in social situation
- ▶ Saying Fewer words than their peers
- ▶ Repeating what adult say rather than answering

Speech Therapy & Dyslexia

Speech Therapist is called in to see a child when they have difficulty in one of the following areas:

- ▶ Attention and listening
- ▶ Understanding language
- ▶ Expressive language
- ▶ Speech sounds/articulation
- ▶ Social Skills
- ▶ Eating and drinking difficulties

What can helping adults do?

- 1) Lower the language level
- 2) Avoid asking too many questions
- 3) Use the copy and add strategy
- 4) Back up the words you say by using signs

What can helping adults do? (Con't)

- 5) Offer choices to increase their vocabulary even when you know what they want
- 6) Use action songs, nursery rhymes and reading books with repetitive lines
- 7) Exploit every opportunity to bring in repetitive words and phrases during daytime routine and games
- 8) Play anticipation games where children anticipates the word they should say

What can helping adults do? (Con't)

- 9) Give them reasons to talk so that they might have to ask for something to be opened or passed to them
- 10) Take photos of all the important people in child's life and put them into a book
- 11) Ensure 10 minutes "special time" everyday for incorporating at least one of these strategies into your daily life

What can helping adults do? (Con't)

- 12) Don't put pressure on children to talk
- 13) Try to have lots of happy times together with children to learn to talk



Thank You



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