

How Great it is to Communicate: Resources for Parents

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“Learning to speak is one of life’s most important accomplishments.”

(Reilly, Mckean, Morgan & Wake)



This short video demonstrates the impact of “invisible” communication disorders and how speech therapy can improve your family’s quality of life:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG50fv-B3Uk>

TALKING POINT is an excellent site with lots of great information on communication, including what to expect at different ages:

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/>

- A quick and easy way to check the progress of your child’s language development:

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/progress-checker>

- Tips for talking with your child:

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/directory/free-resources-parents>



AFASIC

<http://www.afasic.org.uk/>

- What do speech pathologists really mean when they say 'speech', 'language' or 'talking'?

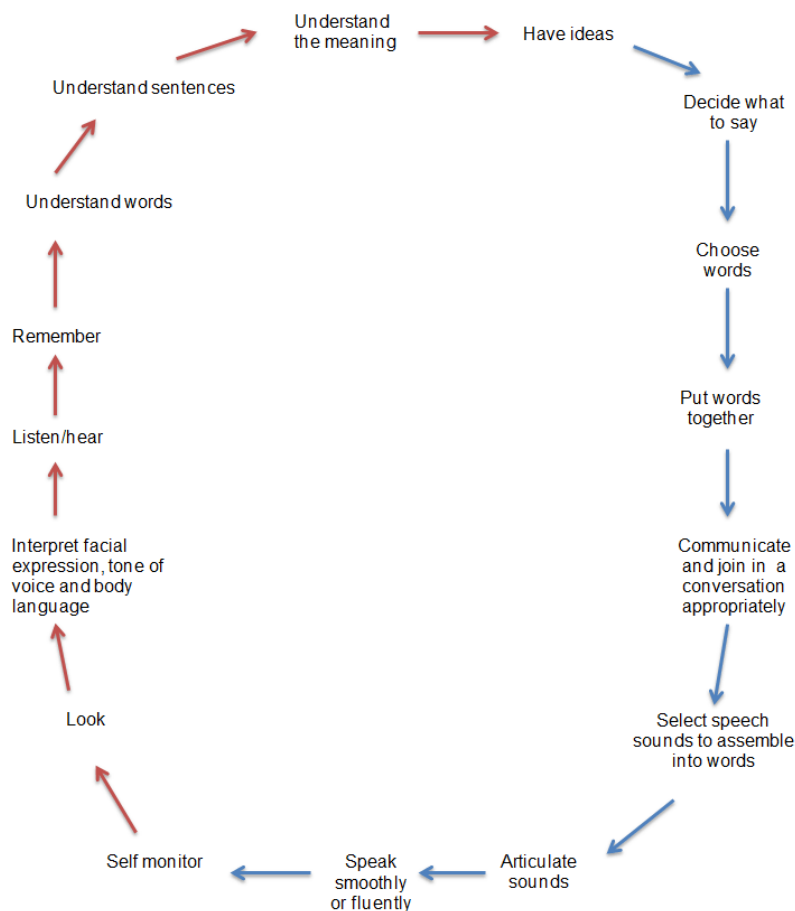
<http://www.afasic.org.uk/about-talking/what-do-we-mean-by-talking/>

- Is your child bilingual? Find out more about assessment and management of communication difficulties when your family speaks more than one language:

www.afasic.org.uk/download/28/

- Ever stopped to consider the number of steps in the communication chain? Look at all the places where it could break down!

<http://www.afasic.org.uk/about-talking/what-skills-are-involved/the-communication-chain/>



WORDS FOR LIFE

- Watch this mother using a 'still face' versus 'expressive face' with her child – it's a fascinating reminder of how crucial it is to respond to your child's attempts at communication:

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/baby/milestones>

- Fantastic tips for grandparents on communicating with grandchildren:

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/communicate-with-your-grandchild>

- Want to learn how to use apps to develop your child's communication skills?

<http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/>



THE BRITISH STAMMERING ASSOCIATION

- Ways to help your preschool child who stutters:

<http://www.stammering.org/help-information/parents/under-5s/bsa-leaflets-parents-under-5s/stammering-preschool-children-how>

- Do you have a bilingual child who stutters?

<http://www.stammering.org/help-information/parents/under-5s/bsa-leaflets-parents-under-5s/stammering-and-bilingual-child>



Mother and daughter talking in kitchen

By Nicola Anglin (Speech Pathologist)

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