



DLD Awareness Day

15th October 2021



What is developmental language disorder?

- ▶ **Developmental Language Disorder** is called **DLD** for short.
- ▶ **Developmental** means ‘something you grow up with.’ It is something a person has always had.
- ▶ **Language** means talking and understanding what others say.
- ▶ **Disorder** means when something doesn’t work the way it should.



developmental



language



disorder

- ▶ So '**DLD**' means when a child grows up having difficulties with understanding and/or talking. When you look at someone, you can't see that they have DLD - it's a hidden difficulty.
- ▶ Click on the picture to find out more.



What might be difficult if you have DLD?

- ▶ Here are some of the things that people with DLD might find tricky:
 - Understanding what other people say
 - Remembering what people say
 - Working out the right words to say
 - Putting ideas into sentences and stories.



What else might be difficult if you have DLD?

EMOTIONS

Having difficulties talking or understanding can make you feel angry, sad and lonely.

SCHOOL WORK

Many children with DLD need extra help with reading and writing. It can be tricky learning new words.

FRIENDSHIPS

Having DLD can make it hard to make and keep friends. It can be difficult to understand jokes or the rules of a game.

An activity....

Have a go at some activities to help you understand what it is like to live with DLD.



What can we do to help people with DLD?

Now you know more about DLD, have a go at answering these questions in pairs.

- ▶ What could you do if someone hasn't understood what you have said?
- ▶ What could you say if you didn't understand someone because they have trouble speaking clearly?
- ▶ How could you help someone who seems lonely in the playground?

Finally...

- ▶ Can you think of 2 facts to tell your family about DLD?
- ▶ Have a go at entering the Word Aware Competition to make a new word.
- ▶ Thank you!



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