

THE
ULTIMATE

GUIDE TO

SLCN

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PREFACE

Here at Speech Link Multimedia Ltd, we are on a mission to bring Speech and Language Therapy knowledge and expertise to every school in order to help all children reach their full communication potential. We aim to support all school staff – wherever you may be – to identify and support Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) successfully, so that no child is left behind at school or in life.

To this end, we have developed a series of innovative and award-winning support packages for children with SLCN from Early Years Foundation Stage through to Key Stage 3.

As qualified Speech and Language Therapists, who have both worked extensively in schools throughout our careers, we are really passionate about this cause and we have drawn on our own real experience as well as the world of research to pour our expertise into these pages.

We hope you'll join us on our mission - and that's why we've written this book. Inside, you will find an accessible reference guide to help you identify and understand the needs of the children in your classroom, along with practical strategies that you can put in place right now in order to support them throughout their education. We will explain diagnoses and terminology relating to SLCN and attempt to banish some common misconceptions.

To find out more about our packages, see pages 140-143.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The Ultimate Guide to SLCN is designed to help SENCOs, teachers, teaching assistants (TAs) and other staff to support all pupils with SLCN within the classroom.

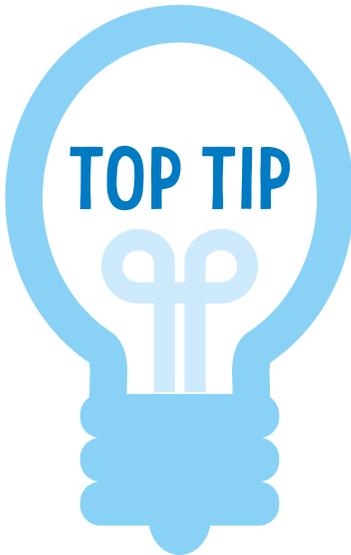
10% of all children present with SLCN and this number rises sharply for students in areas of social disadvantage where as many as 50% of children start school with language and communication needs. It is, therefore, crucial that all school staff have the skills and knowledge to support children with SLCN within the classroom. For existing children in your class with SLCN, or new pupils arriving with a specific diagnosis, you can pick up this eBook for advice on how to support them.

The first part of the eBook is written for all staff working within schools, supporting children with SLCN. This section explains: common terminology related to SLCN, the role of a Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT) and quality first teaching strategies to put in place to support all pupils. There is a checklist to use if you have concerns about a child's speech, language and/or communication skills in your class and guidance on how to become a communication friendly school.

The second part of the book focuses on specific diagnoses that children with SLCN may have. This includes conditions that are diagnosed by a SaLT, such as Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), but also other diagnoses that would not be given by a SaLT but may result in SLCN. Each different diagnosis is outlined including the difficulties the child may experience within the classroom and specific strategies for supporting them. Use this section of our eBook to dip into when you have a child in your class with a diagnosis and want to know where to start.

Enjoy!

Look out for these as you read on...



Our Top Tips will highlight important points to think about throughout the book.

We've done the research for you and fact-checked some common misconceptions to set the record straight.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

We really hope you found Part 1 of **The Ultimate Guide to SLCN** a useful resource for your classroom or setting. If you have concerns about any of your children, we hope Part 1 has helped to make the next steps clear.

Read on and Part 3 will give you more details about our Speech Link and Language Link packages.

What are Speech Link and Language Link?

Our SaLT team have developed these packages to give you the tools you need to identify and support children in your class who have SLCN. The programmes are user friendly, have full training included and our terrific Help Desk and SaLT team to call upon for advice and support. Children love the interventions and resources and their parents/carers are able to continue support at home using the parents' sheets provided.

In the 100 pages of Part 2 you can find out about the specific diagnoses that children with SLCN may have, get top tips for supporting them and set the record straight about some common misconceptions.

How do you access Part 2?

Once you have completed your **FREE TRIAL** of Speech Link and Language Link completed the feedback form we will send you and in return we will send you the complete version of The Ultimate Guide to SLCN (including Part 2) absolutely free.

The complete eBook really is The Ultimate Guide to SLCN, and we like to think it's the best free speech and language resource available!

*"It's great for early identification of speech and language needs. It takes the guess work away and selects the appropriate intervention for you to support the children with. It's a **super weapon** to add to your wave 1 assessments, it helps you to identify speech and language needs early and rapidly."*

K. Bennet, SENCo, St Dunstan's Primary School





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OUR PACKAGES

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Written by speech and language therapists, our award winning online packages combine standardised assessments, targeted evidence based interventions with measured outcomes and over 500 resources for teachers and parents. This specialist knowledge provides clear advice for teachers when deciding whether a child needs to be seen by a SaLT or supported with a programme in class and helps ensure no-one is missed or misdiagnosed.

Speech Link and Language Link are established in 4,000 primary schools throughout the UK. 150,000 assessments have been completed this year. That's a lot of data for inspection reports. And that's not all! Our dedicated help desk of SaLTs, teachers and teaching assistants are there to support schools every step of the way.

What results can schools expect?

Children made on average 5 months' extra progress, beyond what would be expected due to maturation, after following 12 weekly half-hour Language Link group intervention sessions. 93% of staff surveyed (sample 962) reported using Language Link had made a positive difference to their children with 71% reporting they had changed the way they worked with the children.

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"This initiative has had a very positive impact on the language and communication of Braeburn children... Early years GLD outcomes improved by 50% from 2016 to 2018."

V Logan, Exec HT,
Braeburn Primary, Scarborough

THE JUDGES SAID:

"Highly impressed - the platform not only offers opportunities to track and trace student progress, but also provides well-designed suggestions and strategies for teacher intervention."

**Behaviour,
literacy or
language?**

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*"We love Language
Link and don't think
we could do without
it. [It] makes our lives
easier"*

Teacher, Kindergarten,
Australia



SpeechLink

This innovative, easy to use package takes the stress out of identifying and working with children who have developmental speech difficulties. Children with speech problems are at greater risk of developing literacy difficulties making early identification essential. Traditionally seen as 'specialist' intervention, Speech Link demystifies speech helping support staff work effectively with a child's common speech errors.

Assessment

The quick, engaging screen is used to identify the speech sounds that need support and will also alert staff to children who may need more specialist help from Speech and Language Therapists.

Intervention

21 age appropriate speech programmes with over 500 resources are included. Each programme comes with clear instructions for support staff and materials for parents to encourage for home practice.

Training

Two online training modules cover how sounds are produced and show examples of Speech and Language Therapists working through speech programmes.



Help support early phonics with Speech Link's five interactive online graded listening activities.

"I can't imagine a world without Speech Link; it's fantastic."

SLT Manager, Kent

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Secondary Language Link is a unique and comprehensive support package for SLCN. This innovative online resource combines a standardised assessment, targeted interventions with measured outcomes and a teacher training package. It enables schools to identify and effectively support the language and communication needs of Key Stage 3 students aged 11-14 years to boost attainment and improve life chances.

Teacher Toolkit

Two online training modules showing the impact of SLCN and how to support them in the mainstream classroom.

Talk Fitness Intervention

Planned small group intervention for developing cross-curricular functional speaking, listening and social skills.

Standardised Assessment

Identifies students with difficulty accessing the curriculum and those at risk of social exclusion.

"The intervention programmes have been effective with our students and their website is easy to use."

Teacher, Basingstoke

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The Ultimate Guide to SLCN is brought to you by Speech Link Multimedia Ltd. Our mission is to help you to identify children with SLCN, unpick their needs, and put effective support in place so that all of the children in your classroom will meet their potential.

This handy reference book has been written by qualified Speech and Language Therapists to explain key terminology, diagnoses and misconceptions – and it's packed full of tried and tested strategies for your classroom!

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