



Tutor Materials

Understand the speech, language, and communication needs of children and young people with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties

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We support the children's workforce and commissioners to meet the speech, language and communication needs of all children and young people.

We do this by raising awareness, influencing policy, promoting best practice among the children's workforce and commissioning work from our members

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This unit (M/601/2884) is part of the Level 3 Award in Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication.

Undertaking this unit will also support learners towards achieving a full and relevant level 3 qualification. Learners should check with their awarding organisation or training provider to see how the learning in this unit can support with achieving the Early Years Educator Level 3 criteria.

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Introduction

The Communication Trust works to highlight the importance of speech, language and communication across the children's workforce and to enable practitioners to access the best training and expertise to support the communication needs of all children and young people

To help embed crucial skills and knowledge in speech, language and communication within the workforce, The Communication Trust has developed the Level 3 Award in Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication, which consists of six level 3 units of qualification which have been accepted as part of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

To see how the units work together including rules of combination, please refer to relevant documents from your Awarding Organisation.

Materials: an overview

To support the delivery of these units, The Communication Trust has developed materials for tutors and learners. These materials offer information and resources, as well as possible activities to support both learning and assessment for each unit.

The materials have been developed to offer flexibility; tutors could use them as a whole or select information or activities to supplement or complement their own ideas and materials. To facilitate this, they follow a simple structure using a PowerPoint format.

Additional information is included in the notes section of the PowerPoint presentation. We have aimed to include useful notes for tutors, but these are not prescriptive and you may of course change or replace them as you feel appropriate.

At all points please reference The Communication Trust when using parts or all of these materials. Please do not use for commercial use.

Organisation of materials

Each unit has a separate set of materials including tutor and learner materials and a tutor PowerPoint. However, particularly in the delivery of the award, it is appropriate to deliver and assess holistically, following good practice in adult learning and making best use of learning and assessment time. So, similar areas of learning from the individual units would be covered at the same time and activities for assessment may easily cover criteria from across different units, avoiding duplication or unnecessary extra tasks for learners. Tutors are best placed to decide how the units would work most effectively for their learners.

In summary, we have aimed to provide comprehensive information and engaging activities which you can use flexibly or adapt to your own preferences to support learners in their development of knowledge and skills in this crucial area of a child or young person's development.

An overview of each learning outcome and supporting materials

This booklet provides an overview of what is covered in each learning outcome and highlights which activities have associated worksheets for learners. This overview is provided in a table format. Also included in the materials are lists of useful information sources. Where links are referenced we recommend you copy and paste these into your web browser. As new information and resources are frequently being developed and as national and local policies and initiatives change, it is important to update references for your learners on a regular basis.

Evaluating learner confidence in understanding speech, language and communication

If you would like to find out how confident your learners are in children's speech, language and communication, you could support them to use a self-evaluation using a tool called the Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF). This sets out different skills and knowledge needed to support communication development.

Within this framework learners are able to rate how confident you feel regarding different elements of speech, language and communication. This can then give them a profile of where they are confident and areas that would benefit from further development. It may be useful for your learners to do this before they start the unit, as changes in confidence can be shown over time. The SLCF online is also a useful website for finding free resources and further training opportunities to support the knowledge and skills related to speech, language and communication. Please visit **www.talkingpoint.org.uk/slcf**

Understand the speech language and communication needs of children and young people with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties

This unit explores the way in which behavioural, social and emotional difficulties are linked with speech, language and communication and provides effective ways to support the speech, language and communication development of children and young people with behaviour, emotional and social difficulties.

In order to deliver this unit, it is essential for tutors to have a strong understanding of speech, language and communication development, speech, language and communication needs and expertise supporting children and young people with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties.

This unit is worth 3 credits and amounts to around 30 hours of learning.

It is based on a solid understanding of children and young people's speech, language and communication development and skills. This is an optional unit as part of the Level 3 Award, therefore, prior to completing this unit of the qualification, learners must complete the following two mandatory units:

- Support speech, language and communication development (A/601/2872)
- Support children and young people's speech, language and communication skills (L/601/2889)

Again, to see how the units work together within these qualifications, including rules of combination, please refer to relevant documents from your Awarding Organisation.

This unit is a knowledge only unit. Because of this, we have included a significant number of references for tutors to draw upon if they wish. We have also included a possible assignment which could be used to assess learners in this unit.

We have outlined resources that will support these Learning Outcomes which may be referenced in the PowerPoint presentation.

The information and activities are organised into four sections, each one corresponding to one of the four Learning Outcomes for the unit.

Learning Outcome 1

Understand the links between language, behaviour, emotional and social development difficulties

Assessment criteria

- 1.1 Explain why behaviour can be seen as a means of communication
- 1.2 Explain, with examples, how speech, language and communication needs may affect behavioural, emotional and social development in children and young people
- 1.3 Review and report on relevant research about the incidence of speech, language and communication needs and behavioural, social and emotional difficulties in children and young people
- 1.4 Describe the range of behavioural, emotional and social difficulties that children and young people may experience and how they can affect speech, language and communication development

Information sources and references

1. ***Misunderstood and Don't Get Me Wrong***

The Communication Trust website has a range of booklets for example *Don't Get Me Wrong* which present SLCN clearly and offers greater understanding of what SLCN may look like within your setting. These booklets also consider individual case studies. To download these or look at other Communication Trust materials please visit: www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/publications or www.hello.org.uk/resources

2. **Ages and stages of speech language and communication posters and leaflets**

This can be found via the Hello website;

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/universally-speaking.aspx

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/primary-school-poster.aspx

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/secondary-school-poster.aspx

3. **Further information on BESD and mental health issues can be found here**

www.idponline.org.uk/psbesd/fscommand/launch.html

A publication entitled: Primary and Secondary: Teaching and supporting pupils with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BESD) is available to download at the website.

4. **YoungMinds: www.youngminds.org.uk**

YoungMinds is the UK's only national charity committed to improving the mental health

and emotional well-being of all children and young people. The website has lots of information on mental health issues which affect children and how to offer support.

5. Mental Health and Growing Up

www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/parentsandyounginfo/mhgpfactsheetsindex.aspx

Factsheets for parents, carers and anyone who works with young people. The aim is to provide practical and up-to-date information about the emotional and psychiatric disorders which can affect children and young people

6. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

<http://publications.nice.org.uk/lgb12>

NICE guideline on social and emotional well being for children and young people

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Overview

Learning Outcome 1	Power point presentation slides, with associated notes	Related assessment criteria	Learner sheets
Information/ revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech, language and communication – a reminder 		
Pre-session activity:	Ages and stages of language development	1.3	✓
Information/ revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN)? 		
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are behaviour, social and emotional difficulties? • They may have a diagnosis 	1.4	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associations between SLCN and BESD 	1.2	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How SLCN may affect behavioural, emotional and social development in children and young people 	1.2	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people with SLCN are at risk of developing BESD 	1.2	
Activity 1a	Children and young people with SLCN are at risk of developing BESD	1.2	✓
Activity 1b	How could difficulties with the social use of language impact on interactions?	1.2	✓
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLCN can appear to be BESD 	1.2	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is behaviour a form of communication? 	1.1	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people with BESD are more likely to have SLCN 	1.3	
Activity 1c	How many have BESD+SLCN in your setting?	1.3	✓
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How behaviour difficulties can affect speech, language and communication development 	1.4	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP with BESD might be particularly likely to have difficulty with social communication skills 	1.4	
Activity 1d:	The effect of behaviour, social or emotional difficulties on speech, language and communication development	1.4	✓
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associations between BESD and SLCN 	1.4 2.1	
Activity 1e	CYP with SLCN may develop BESD	1.4	✓

Learning Outcome 2

Understand how to support positive speech, language and communication development for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties

Assessment criteria

- 2.1 Identify key barriers to behavioural, social and emotional development that are experienced by children and young people with speech, language and communication needs
- 2.2 Explain effective strategies to overcome barriers to support the speech language and development of children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties
- 2.3 Explain how adapting adult language and interactions can support a child's behaviour, emotional, social skills, as well as support their communication development
- 2.4 Explain how positive changes to the communication environment can support communication development for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties

Information sources

1. www.talkingpoint.org.uk

Talking Point has a wealth of information about the ages and stages of children's speech, language and communication development from birth to 17 years. It also includes ideas on how to support children's development at each stage. There are also a number of factsheets available which have been translated into a number of different languages.

Talking Point also has information specifically for different professional groups including people working in the Early Years, teachers, health visitors, GPs and Speech and Language Therapists. There is also a section for young people.

2. Social emotional aspect of learning (SEAL)

The social emotional aspect of learning (SEAL) approach can be used to develop pupil's social and emotional skills. Downloadable resources are available and can be found at the below links:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110809101133/http://nsonline.org.uk/node/66363?uc=force_uj

www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DFE-RB049.pdf

3. Communication Friendly Settings

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/communication-supporting-classroom-observation-tool.aspx

Information and guidance on communication friendly environments.

4. www.autism.org.uk/living-with-autism/strategies-and-approaches/visual-supports.aspx
This shows how visual support can be useful for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorders; the same strategies can also be useful for children and young people with SLCN.
5. **The Inclusion Development programme (IDP)**
The IDP includes some information on strategies and the environment. This IDP has now been archived but many of the resources can be found at: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110202093118/http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/node/161358>

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Learning Outcome 2	Power point presentation slides, with associated notes	Related assessment criteria	Learner sheets
Activity 2a:	SLCN barriers to learning behavioural, social and emotional skills	2.1	✓
Activity 2b:	Positive interactions?	2.2 2.3	✓
Information	• Effective adult strategies to develop communication, behavioural, emotional and interaction skills	2.2 2.3	
Information	• Developing communication skills in children with BESD		
Activity 2c	Developing communication skills in children with BESD- How could you put these into practice?	2.2 2.3	✓

Information	• Helping children and young people learn how to interact with each other	2.2	
Activity 2d:	Communication friendly? True or false?	2.4	✓
Activity 2e:	What happens in your setting to support CYP with SLCN and BESD?	2.2 2.3 2.4	✓
Transfer into practice	Reflect on learning from this outcome		

Learning Outcome 3

Understand how to adapt strategies and approaches to behavioural, emotional and social development to meet speech, language and communication needs

Assessment criteria

- 3.1 Identify and explain current evidence based approaches to understanding children and young people's behaviour
- 3.2 Explain how setting wide strategies to promote positive behaviour and emotional and social development can be adapted to support children and young people with speech, language and communication needs
- 3.3 Explain, using examples, how individual strategies to promote positive behaviour and emotional and social development can be adapted to support children and young people with speech, language and communication needs

Information sources

1. Targeted Mental Health in Schools Project

www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationdetail/page1/DCSF-00784-2008

The document summarises existing knowledge about effective interventions to help children with mental health problems.

2. Nurture group information

This free guide supports the strategic integration of all agencies involved in the delivery of child and adolescent mental health services (including schools) so that they can work together to deliver flexible, responsive and effective early intervention mental health services.

www.nurturegroups.org

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Learning Outcome 3	Power point presentation slides, with associated notes	Related assessment criteria	Learner sheets
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective approaches to BESD/mental health difficulties 	3.1	
Activity 3a:	Effective approaches to BESD/mental health difficulties	3.1	✓
Activity 3b:	How are the needs of CYP with BESD+SLCN reflected in....	3.2 3.3	✓
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can adult communication contribute to BESD? 	3.2	
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach clarification skills.... 	3.2	
Activity 3c:	Managing behaviour	3.3	✓
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the CYP had SLCN these might have helped 	3.3	
Transfer into practice	Reflect on learning from this outcome		

Learning Outcome 4

Know how to work with others in order to support the speech, language and communication development of children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social development needs

Assessment criteria

- 4.1 Explain ways to work with parents and families in supporting children and young people's speech, language and communication needs that also promotes positive behaviour
- 4.2 Explain the roles of other professionals who may be involved in joint or integrated working to promote positive behaviour and emotional and social development needs of children and young people

Information sources

1. **Families at risk review**

<http://dera.ioe.ac.uk/7603/>

Reaching Out: Think Family Analysis and themes from the Families at Risk Review (2007). This report details stresses that exist in families at risk.

2. **Stress and resilience factors in parents with mental health problems and their children**

<http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/briefings/briefing23/index.asp>

SCIE Research briefing 23: Stress and resilience factors in parents with mental health problems and their children. This briefing focuses on factors contributing to either stress or resilience in families where one or both parents have mental health problems.

3. **Language and Social Exclusion Issue 4. I CAN Talk Series**

www.ican.org.uk/What_is_the_issue/I%20CAN%20Evidence.aspx

This publication summarises for the first time, the links between speech, language and communication and social exclusion. The report identifies speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) as the missing link in the social exclusion chain.

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Learning Outcome 4	Power point presentation slides, with associated notes	Related assessment criteria	Learner sheets
Activity 4a	List the stresses there might be on a family with a CYP who has BESD+SLCN	4.1	✓
Information	• Working in collaboration with families	4.1	
Activity 4b	Who does what?	4.2	✓
Information	• Many others could also be involved...	4.2	
Activity 4c	Increasing collaboration?	4.2	✓
Transfer into practice	Reflect on learning from this outcome		✓

Assignments

	Assessment criteria
Task A	1.1,1.2,1.3,1.4,2.1,2.2,2.3,2.4

Produce briefing notes or a report for an induction presentation aimed at new workers in a children and young person's setting

Section 1: Introduction to highlight why it is important for anyone working with children and young people to understand the links between BESD and speech, language and communication (SLC). To include:

- An overview of the links between language, behaviour, emotional and social difficulties and how the worker can support positive speech, language and communication developments for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties. This will be a summary of the key points of the following sections.

Section 2: Explain why behaviour can be seen as a means of communication. Describe:

- The range of behavioural, emotional and social difficulties that children and young people may experience
- How these difficulties can affect speech, language and communication development.

Section 3: Explain how speech, language and communication needs may affect behavioural, emotional and social development in children and young people. Give examples of different aspects of speech, language and communication needs and how they might impact on a child's;

- Behavior
- Emotional development
- Development and use of social skills.

Support explanations with evidence from relevant research.

Section 4: Review and report on relevant research about the incidence of speech, language and communication needs and behavioural, social and emotional difficulties in children and young people.

Section 5: Identify key barriers to behavioural, social and emotional development that are experienced by children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

Section 6: Explain a range of strategies that could be used to overcome these barriers. Include explanations of:

- How adapting adult language and interactions can support a child’s behaviour, emotional, and social skills, as well as support their communication development
- How positive changes to the communication environment can support communication development for children and young people with behavioural, emotional and social needs.

	Assessment criteria
Task B	3.1,3.2,3.3

Write a leaflet for staff that explains how strategies and approaches to behavioural, emotional and social development can be adapted to meet speech, language and communication needs.

The leaflet should cover the following issues:

1. Explain best practice strategies used to promote positive behaviour within a setting
2. Explain how staff could adapt these strategies to support children and young people with speech, language and communication needs
3. Use a case study approach to give a detailed explanation of how one of these strategies would work in practice to promote positive behaviour, emotional and social development for a child or young person with speech, language and communication needs
4. A summary statement which gives indicators of how to recognise whether speech, language and communication needs have been met.

	Assessment criteria
Task C	4.1

Present a model of practice that shows different ways in which practitioners can work with parents and families in supporting the speech, language and communication needs of children and young people with behaviour, social and emotional difficulties.

Give explanations of how this can enhance support for children and young people, using evidence where possible.

	Assessment criteria
Task D	4.2

Task D (ref: 4.2)

Complete the following table – identifying other professionals and describing their roles, and how they may be involved in joint or integrated working to promote positive behaviour as well as the emotional and social development of children and young people.

Summarise the different ways in which professionals can work together to support the speech, language and communication development of children and young people with behaviour, social and emotional difficulties.

Explain the benefit of practitioners in the setting working together with other professionals. Comment on the advantages for

- The children and young people
- Parents and families.

Other professionals	Their role in promoting...	How to work together	Benefits for children	Benefits for families	Benefits for practitioners
Speech and language therapist	Speech, language and communication	Meetings with practitioners and families to set joint objectives	Children's needs met by all working towards the same outcomes	Families know the plans and how to support at home	All professionals working together



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