Supporting Pupils who are new to English

There are a growing number of children in UK schools with English as an additional language. Lots of these children come to the UK with very little English which can be quite a scary prospect for pupils and teachers alike. Support is important in developing a child's confidence and proficiency in academic and social areas.

ProxTalker gives children with EAL an English voice and can be a huge help to teachers trying to create an inclusive environment, especially in the early transition period.

A student who is new to English will move through distinct phases as they acquire more language and adjust to the UK education system. With ProxTalker, both the pupil and teacher can develop language opportunities as they move through the different stages of learning English. Initially children can pick, place and press the tags on the ProxTalker. When they start to become more confident, they can pick, place, press and imitate key vocabulary themselves.

Why use ProxTalker or ProxPAD?

- Support new arrivals quickly
- Enable students to access and communicate their knowledge
- Help the child interact with peers immediately
- Differentiate recordings
- Model accurate pronunciation

How to set up (adult)

To support the student's communication, prepare the sound tags with the symbol and the appropriate home language word. Find the symbol you wish to use and use Google Translate to find the correct translation to type onto the sound tag label.

Record key word or phrase in English for auditory support (using the press and hold). For example:

Toilet - "Can I go to the toilet?"

Time - "What time is it?"

Sick - "I feel sick"

Hungry - "Can I eat my snack?"

Say again - "Can you say that again?"

Ensure the ProxTalker is in a place where the pupil can access it independently and give the pupil their sound tags to use.

Teach the pupil how to use the device and allow them to access when needed. Review recordings as required.

Can you say that again please?

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How to use (child)

- Pick a tag
- Place it on the button
- Press on the button to play the word or phrase
- Repeat the word or phrase (when confident enough to do so.