

A PACK OF RESOURCES BY
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LANGUAGE TASKS OF DIFFERING COMPLEXITY
(based on the work of Marion Blank)

REALLY USEFUL FOR:

- PRESCHOOL SETTINGS
- SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CLINICS
- YOUNG CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT
- PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY ESL TEACHING
- PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADMITTING CHILDREN WITH MLD

This pack includes 8 files. 'Talking about Things' can be used as the basis of discussion with a group of mixed ability. The questions are in a hierarchy of complexity. Acquisition of these language concepts can be expected in normal developing children between 3y and 6y. However many children with specific language delay or disorder, and children with moderate learning difficulties, will take several extra years to cope with the more complex items. 'Talking about Things' will help you pinpoint tasks some children in your group cannot cope with.

The other files provide practice (and ideas for making your own resources) for many of the underlying concepts and language usage. They can be used in 1-1 or small group situations, or sent home to draw attention to the child's needs and allow practice there.

- Talking about Things
- Matching & Recall
- Making Associations
- What do we do with this?
- What is this part for?
- Pay attention to two features
- Tell me the difference
- Change direction

Filenames and descriptions are described more fully on page 2. Notes are included as necessary to indicate how each part of the Pack is designed to be used.

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cr2-00 outline and list of files.

cr2-01 talking about things.

The first file (01) is a discussion book to help you pinpoint where some children are having difficulty with questions etc. (Text for adult to read)

The other files are listed in approximate order of developmental difficulty but obviously users can pick and choose what will suit their needs.

cr2-02 matching & recall games

(Guidance text for adult only)

Matching pictures and real objects.

Hiding them and recalling where they are.

cr2-03 talk about use

What do you do with this? Could be printed to make worksheets

(No text)

cr2-04 what is this part for

Talk about use of a particular part. (Repetitive text)

Print as a book for discussion.

cr2-05 two features

Pay attention to two features. (Text for adult)

cr2-06 state the difference

Pairs of cards of similar objects to describe the difference.

cr2-07 change direction

(Text for adult)

Discussion book. Groups of items, one is different. Tell me why.

cr2-08 association pairs

Cards with related pictures. Find the pairs and then discuss how they relate. Two sheets, but you can select a limited number of pairs. (No text)