

# I CAN Factsheet D

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES: Useful Reading for Families



This factsheet details useful books and guides that parents might find helpful when trying to find out more information about speech and language difficulties.

### General guides

[Speech and Language Difficulties - 2005](#)

[Early Support](#)

Can be downloaded from

<http://www.earlysupport.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=159>

A detailed document covering language development, how parents normally help children to develop speech and language, procedures for referral to speech and language therapy, multi-disciplinary assessments, communication difficulties, education, a glossary of terms used, useful contacts and reading materials.

[Trouble talking: A guide for parents of children with speech and language difficulties](#)

James Law and Jane Elias

Jessica Kingsley, 1996

ISBN 1-85302253-5 £13-99

These books both give general advice about all aspects of life for children with speech and language difficulties. They both outline what parents can expect from diagnosis to therapy. The 'labels' and jargon used by professionals are explained. The best options for education are outlined and discussed.

### Language development

These books focus on how language develops from birth onwards, and what parents can do to help.

[Johnson's Everyday Babycare: Learning to Talk](#)

James Law

DK Publishers and Johnson's, 2004

ISBN: 0751338885.

A practical, clearly written and presented guide for parents about how communication develops. It contains useful checklists and advice.

[Listen to your child: A parent's guide to children's language](#)

David Crystal

Penguin, 1986

ISBN 0140110151 £8-99

Explains typical children's language development in great detail, but also in an easy to understand way.

[Babytalk: Strengthening your child's ability to listen, understand, and communicate](#)

Dr Sally Ward

Century Publishing, 2004

ISBN 9780099297208

A detailed account of how communication develops, which includes a programme of advice for each stage. The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Bulletin said, "Dr Ward gives excellent descriptions of what can be expected in the development of communication at each age". But cautioned that "if you had a child with a major communication problem, this programme would not be enough, but it might help with a parent of a child with language delay".

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## Useful Reading for Families

### Listen to your child: A parent's guide to children's language

Crystal, D (1989)

ISBN 9780140110159

Explains language development in detail and how parents can become involved. Although published sometime ago, it is written in an easy to read style and has useful information specifically for parents.

### How to manage communication problems in young children

#### More help at home

Afasic (with East Kent Speech and Language Therapy Department) publish 12 easy-to-follow booklets with cut-out activity pictures - invaluable for parents and professionals.

The booklets are:

Your Child's First Words / Putting Two Words Together / Helping Your Child Concentrate / Pronouns - Learning to use 'He' and 'She' / Pronouns - Learning to Use 'i' / Talking Together / Learning the 'f' sound/ Learning the 'k' sound / Learning the 's' sound / Learning Position Words / Making Sense of Language (Part 1) / Making Sense of Language (Part 2)

They cost between £1-25 and £2-00 each, or £15-00 for the set. Available from:

Afasic

2nd Floor

50-52 Great Sutton Street

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Tel: 020 7490 9410

email [info@afasic.org.uk](mailto:info@afasic.org.uk)

### Statements of special educational need

Getting the right statement at the right time is not always easy. These publications will help parents through the process:

### Taking action: Your child's right to special education

John Wright & David Ruebain

Questions Publishing, 2002

3rd Ed ISBN 1841900109 £13-99

This essential guide, prepared for the Independent Panel for Special Education Advice (IPSEA) is a clear, readable, authoritative guide to the process. IPSEA also have a helpline (0800 018 4016). Their website [www.ipsea.org.uk](http://www.ipsea.org.uk) is also very useful.

### The Proposed Statement

Afasic

£1.00

A short but essential look at how parents should approach statements for children with speech and language difficulties. Available from Afasic (see above). Afasic also offer advice on their helpline (08453 55 55 77). Their website has further information at [www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

### SEN Code of Practice -DfES

Guidance for schools and LEAs which they must adhere to by law

Special Educational Needs (SEN) - DfES

A guide for parents and carers

Parents Booklets - DfES

A number of booklets dealing with various issues in education specifically for parents

All the above can be ordered from the DfES on 0845 60 222 60 or on their website

[www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk)

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Disabilities Rights Commission Code of Practice for Schools- DRC

Order from [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

### Help with finding a school place

Choosing a school

Language Unit? Special School? Mainstream school with support? Afasic's guide to how to choose the right school for children with language difficulties helps parents ask the right questions.

£2-00

Available from Afasic (see above).

Independent special schools: finding the right one for your child

OAASIS

When the right place for a child is a special school, this factsheet provides useful advice on what questions parents might ask to help them choose best one for their child. Available with a 38p stamped addressed envelope from:

OAASIS

Brock House

Grigg Lane

Brockenhurst

Hampshire

SO42 7RE

OAASIS also have a helpline: 09068 633201 (calls cost 60p a minute).

The Special Education Directory

School Government Publishing Company Ltd, 2000

ISBN 0-900-640-54-5

This is by far the best special education directory, listing special schools and units in mainstream schools. It costs £50-00 a copy, so it may be worth consulting at your local reference library.

The Gabbittas Guide to Schools for Special Needs

Kogan Page, 2001

ISBN 0749435976 £16-99

A good guide to special schools, including special needs further education Gabbittas also hold details of mainstream private ('public') schools with special provision and will answer queries in this area by telephone on 020 7734 0161.

### Getting hold of these books

All these titles are currently in print and should be available from any good bookshop, with the exception of the Afasic OAASIS and DfES publications, where a separate address is given.

Many of the books are unlikely to be on the shelves, and will need to be ordered. Alternatively, your local public library should be able to order a copy for loan. Noting down the ISBN will help bookshops and libraries find these titles for you more quickly.

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