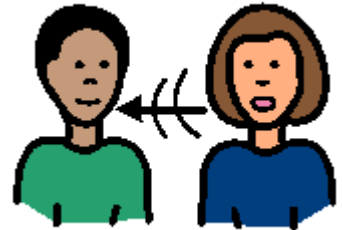


WHAT ARE LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION DIFFICULTIES?

Language comprehension is the ability to understand verbal information or instructions. Over time, children gradually learn to understand longer and more complex sentences. Children with language comprehension difficulties may need extra help to make this progress.

Effective understanding relies on:

- Listening and attention
- Understanding of the words used (vocabulary)
- Understanding of the structure of the sentence (grammar)
- Being able to make appropriate inferences (pragmatics)
- Retaining and processing all the information (using working memory)



Children with language comprehension difficulties may:

- Not follow instructions
- Not seek help
- Be more than usually quiet
- Struggle to pay attention
- Cope best within familiar routines and settings
- Echo back what has been said to them
- Give answers that are confused or inappropriate to the question asked
- Be chatty but without providing relevant or specific information



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