

# What is communication?

- Identify the processes involved in communication.
- Demonstrate the wide range of communication difficulties.

## Interaction listening and attention

- Reflect on effects that styles of interaction have on communication.
- Discuss listening, attention control and effective support strategies.

## Memory and learning

- Explore a model of memory.
- Develop strategies to improve learning and memory retention.

## Memory and understanding spoken language

- Use visual tools to support understanding, memory and learning.
- Reflect on importance of non-verbal communication.
- Explore strategies to help students understand spoken language.
- Consider issues pertinent to students learning an additional language.

*"This course has changed my thinking about my whole 25 years that I have been teaching! There were several times where I thought ... how many children/students have I not taught correctly over those 25 years, by doing/teaching what I have been ... !!!"*

## Understanding abstract language

- ◇ Discuss supporting verbal reasoning skills: inferencing, sequencing and predicting.
- ◇ Practice applying the Blank (Language of Learning) model.

## Promoting Vocabulary Development

- Discuss how words are learnt and how to choose words to target.
- Develop a wide range of strategies to promote learning of vocabulary.

## Expressive language skills

- Discuss techniques to develop sentence structure and link between oracy and literacy.
- Consider how to encourage students to identify difficulties and ask for appropriate help.

## Promoting effective communication and social skills

- Identify skills required for successful social communication.
- Explore strategies to promote pragmatic skills and emotional literacy.
- Discuss impact social communication difficulties have on learning across curriculum.

# Keys to language and learning for 11-16s

- The link between speech, language, reading and spelling.
- Reflect on challenge of clear speech.
- Consider impact difficulties with articulation have on vocabulary learning, language development, reading and spelling.
- Review phonological awareness.

## Course details

This accredited 10 week (20-hour) course is designed for teachers, teacher aides and other educators. It is invaluable for those working in schools, senior education settings and support services wanting to know and understand the essentials of oral language and communication for successful literacy and learning.



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# Targeted training for Teachers, Teacher Aides and other educators

## Speech and language support for 11-16's

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### Benefits of this course:

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- The facilitator will be available to provide support throughout the course.
- The course is undertaken outside of school hours and at a time mutually agreeable to the group.

### Course details

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