

What is communication?

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

Improving listening, attention and independent learning skills

- Identify non-verbal communication behaviours.
- Explore strategies to support children with poor listening and attention.

Listening, memory and understanding spoken language

- Explore a simple model of memory.
- Learn about strategies to enable differentiation whilst supporting memory and independent learning.

Modifying adults' speech to help a child understand language

- *Practice modifying adult's language through an understanding of Information Carrying Words.*

Understanding Beyond Simple Sentences

- ◇ Discuss supporting verbal reasoning skills, inferences, sequencing, and predicting.
- ◇ Practice modifying adult's language accordingly.

Promoting Vocabulary Development

- *Identify vocabulary to target.*
- *Develop range of strategies to support learning and retention of new words.*

Encouraging expressive language and narrative development

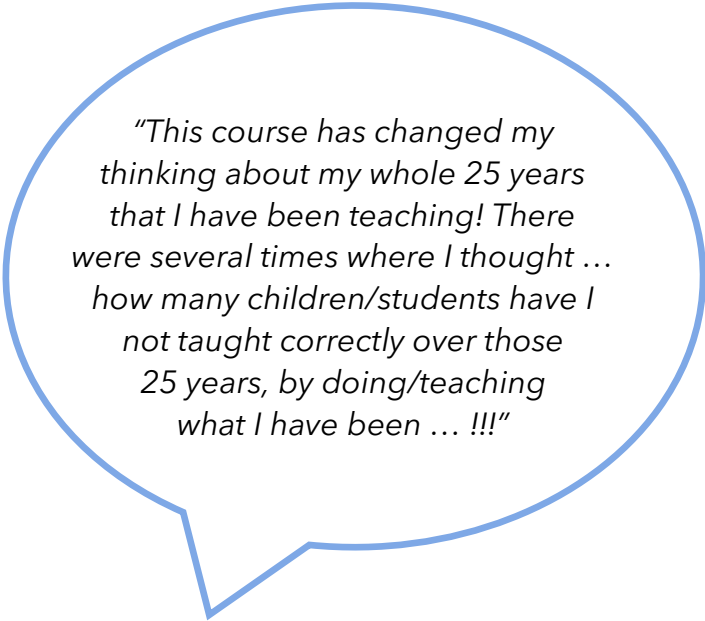
- *Identify processes involved in expressive language.*
- *Consider issues pertinent to children learning additional languages.*
- *Discuss development of expressive language and story-telling and how to support acquisition of these.*

Promoting effective communication and social skills

- Reflect on effects that interaction-patterns between adults and children have on communication.
- Ideas to encourage children to 'Speak Out' and seek appropriate help.
- Identify skills and learn strategies required for successful social communication.

Speech and language support for 5-11's

- Explore the link between speech, reading and writing
- Explore development of speech sounds and clear speech.
- Discuss strategies to support children with unclear speech.
- Consider the link between speech, reading and writing.
- Review phonological awareness.



"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 ... !!!"

Targeted training for Teachers, Teacher Aides and other educators

Speech and language support for 5-11's

This highly successful accredited international training package is now available as a 10 week (20 hour) online learning opportunity.

- For one hour a week, participants participate in a lively and informative online discussion led by an experienced EDconnect tutor enabling them to share outcomes with others, adding value to the training experience.
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Learning log to complete

Discuss and share with other learners

Course details

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