

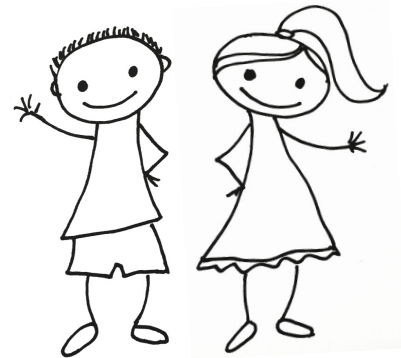
# Developmental Language Disorder and Me

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I have DLD.

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a brain difference that makes learning, using, and understanding words difficult. Language has many parts. DLD can impact some or all of them, so every person with DLD is unique.

## Here are some DLD challenges that I experience:

- Remembering everything you said
- Making sense of long sentences
- Understanding the whole story or message
- Keeping my attention focused when people are talking
- Learning new vocabulary
- Understanding what you mean if I have to read between the lines
- Reading and spelling words
- Remembering the word I want to say when I need it
- Following a group conversation and jumping in



- Pronouncing words
- Explaining a big idea
- Telling stories (real or imaginary)
- Answering questions
- Feeling frustrated when communicating is hard
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Words can be hard for me,  
but there are lots of ways to help

Here are some things that help me when  
communication gets hard.

- Let me know ahead of time when my turn to talk to the group is coming.
- Give me a chance to show you what I think and know in ways other than writing or talking.
- When you tell me instructions, also write them down or show a visual version.
- Help me find ways to participate with my peers for group work and social time.
- Use lots of pictures and symbols along with your words.
- If I'm trying to find the right word but I'm stuck, suggest a few possible words for me to choose from.
- Make sure I get to practice using new vocabulary lots of times.
- Talk a little slower and add a few more pauses.
- Ask me if I need you to say things again.
- If I look like I'm not focused, check to make sure I understand what's happening or what I'm supposed to be doing.
- If I don't understand what you're saying, try to say it a different way.
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