

Early Years Speech and Language Therapy

Websites and Resources to support Speech Sound Development

Communication tips and activities

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>. (Instagram: @bbctinyhappypeople).
- <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>.
- www.small-talk.org.uk. Ideas and activities from the National Literacy Trust.



Bright Start and Islington Services

- <https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/IANDS> Early Years Speech and Language Therapy information and leaflets
- www.islington.gov.uk/ Bright Start Islington website

Twinkl

- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/> A website with interactive activities and downloadable resource packs



Special Time

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJAgWdYM_og. Hanen – Why Interaction Matters? (Part 2). A video reflecting key strategies in supporting young children’s communication. Parents can use these strategies in a daily special time with their child.

Bright Start Bright Ideas Newsletter

The Bright Start Bright Ideas newsletter goes out regularly and contains useful tips and activities about areas such as communication and physical development. It also contains information about community services such as Health Visiting and Speech and Language Therapy. You can subscribe here; <http://bit.ly/BSBIsubscribe>

Ideas to support your child's speech sound awareness

Cued Articulation is an approach often used by Speech and Language Therapists to support children's speech sound development. It uses gestures & signs for specific speech sounds to help show your child where they are produced in the mouth e.g. front vs back. You can find out what these signs are here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNQN4sWaUsI>

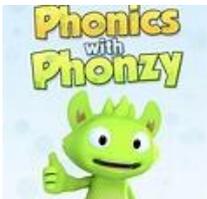
Auditory Bombardment is a listening activity in which children hear a target sound accurately produced, several times in short period of time. For example, you might read a story that repeats a sound several times. An example can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd_f_ENekhw

Apps: Enjoy looking at the following Apps with your child & practise making speech sounds together:



CBeebies Storytime

- Interactive story books and bedtime stories
- Whilst reading with your child, you can pick out specific sounds and talk about them e.g. if there was a picture of a snake, you could say 'Oh Look! It's a ssssssnake – Can you make a 'sssss' sound like a snake?'
- Rhyming books like 'Cat in the Hat' are also great for developing your child's speech sound awareness.



Phonics with Phonzy

- You and your child can have fun copying and making silly faces with Phonzy – this is a great way for your child to practise making different sounds & shapes with their mouth.



Colouring apps – Rescue Bots & My Little Pony

Colouring apps can be a great way to get your child to practise their sounds!

- Keep hold of the device and model a clear sound to your child, e.g. /p,p,p,p/.
- Encourage them to repeat it back to you. Once they do this, let them colour in a section of the picture.



(Don't worry if your child says the sound wrong – just let them hear you say it!)