



Let's Talk with Under 5s

A practical course which helps parents and carers learn how to develop and enhance young children's understanding and talking.



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This practical course is designed for parents and carers but is also suitable for early years practitioners. Written by speech and language therapists these seven two-hour sessions will enable you to learn how to enhance and develop your child's understanding and talking.

The course workbook is full of strategies and activities that can be used with your child at home and in the pre-school environment. Helping your child become a confident communicator now will mean that s/he is ready for all the exciting learning s/he will be involved in when school starts.

The aims are

- To give you practical ideas to help develop and enhance your child's ability to listen, understand and speak.
- To learn why some children find it challenging to understand what is said to them and to talk.
- To help you develop your child's talking so s/he is ready for school.
- To share ideas with other parents and carers.

Topics covered

- Understanding what's happening when we talk to each other.
- Enhancing interaction between children and adults.
- Developing play so that talking develops.
- Improving listening and understanding.
- Learn how children learn new words and help them use them in sentences.
- Learn how to ask appropriate questions and share books.
- Help children whose speech is hard to understand.

What the experts say

'Language at age two predicts reading, maths and writing when children start school' (DofE report 2011).

'Vocabulary at 5 is a very strong predictor of the qualifications achieved at school leaving age and beyond' (Feinstein and Duckworth, 2006).

What the participants say

I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and recommend it to all parents.

It's fantastic! I now feel so much more confident teaching my daughter to talk. I would recommend all parents do this course. If schools want children to learn then parents need the tools to help and this course help us parents prepare our children.

More information

This course is delivered weekly but can be run over three separate days. It aims to be practical, interactive and fun! Completion of this course can lead to exploring the issues in more depth by attending, 'Speech and Language Support for 0-3s or 3-5s' - whole course details available at: www.elklan.co.uk