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Developmental Language Disorder
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Introduction Neurodevelopment disorders Difficulties in comprehending or producing speech and language, or in using language in context for communication purposes, that fall outside the bounds of normal variation expected for age and level of intellectual functioning are characteristics of developmental speech or language disorders, which emerge during the developmental period. Classification: Neurodevelopment Disorders Research says developmental language impairments impact 1 in 14 people. is more prevalent than ASD and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Historical perspectives and treatments In the past people with Developmental Language disorders were seen as lazy, naughty or intellectually disabled, people did not have a diagnosis through any doctors, people use to say things like the child is delayed, later will catch up.		Developmental Language Disorders (DLD)  Slideshare.net (2026) Current and treatments NHS services, children are referred to Speech Language Therapy services by GPs,school staff or viaself referral. Or families can choose independent SLTs for a faster intervention. Recommendation It is recommended that children that show signs of language difficulties seek professionals' help from schools, healthcare providers, and parents should work together to ensure children receive consistent support. Conclusions Developmental language disorder is a common Beiro developmental condition that affects a child's ability to understand and utilize. Speech language (2020). impacts 1–14 individuals who were previously believed to be slow, sleepy, and less intelligent. With the help of specialists, it is now acknowledged as a developmental condition that affects learning, social interactions, communication, and other domains. Although the exact cause of this condition is unknown, research suggests that genetic and environmental factors may be involved. Early intervention is only possible with the diagnosis made by the speech-language pathology
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Royal College of General Practitioners (2020).



DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER (DLD)

1 IN 14 PEOPLE
Developmental Language Disorder is a hidden but common condition. A person with DLD is as intelligent as their peers. They just have difficulties understanding and/or talking for no known reason.

TWO STUDENTS IN EACH CLASSROOM
DLD affects approximately two students in the average classroom, which can impact on their literacy, learning, friendships and emotional well-being.

CAN RUN IN FAMILIES
DLD tends to run in families. Twin studies indicate there is a strong genetic influence. DLD is not caused by families talking less to their children or speaking more than one language.

CAN OCCUR WITH OTHER CONDITIONS
DLD commonly occurs with dyslexia, ADHD and behavioural difficulties. People with DLD may also have challenges with fine/gross motor skills, sensory regulation and speech sounds.

With the right supports people with DLD can thrive.
Learn more about DLD at www.TheDLDProject.com

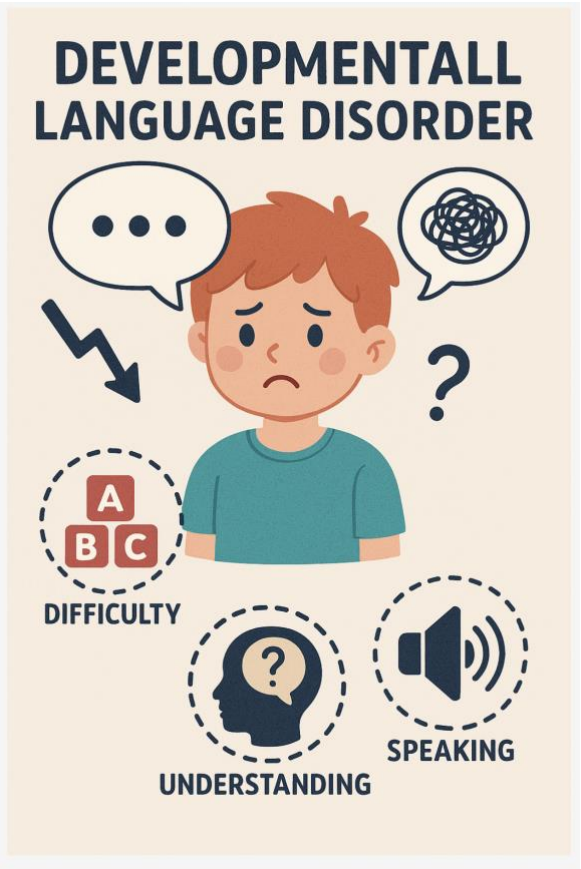
THE DLD PROJECT

The DLD Project (2020)

Causes

There is no cause for a specific Developmental Speech Language disorder, which is considered a combination of genetics and environmental influences. Often can run in the family.

team. With the support of family involvement and educational adaptations, children with developmental language challenges can enhance their academic and communication skills.



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Chollehall.sit.co.uk (2026).	Symptoms Use of short sentences, difficulties finding the proper words, following directions, acquiring updated terms, poor social communication skills and low self-image, major challenges to read, and write in school. Communication issues may cause irritation and worry. In Uk, a Speech language therapist (SLT) will diagnose children over the age of five with developmental language disorder (DLD) if they have long term, chronic language problems that have a substantial impact on their education and daily lives. Assessments and reports are used to identify them. Other reasons such as Autism or Hearing loss. Mind Mate NHS (2025), . References Developmental Language Disorder (2025) <i>Afassic</i>. Available at: https://www.afassic.org.uk (Accessed: 5th March 2026). Elizabeth House Hospital (2025) <i>Neurodevelopment disorders</i>. Available at: https://www.bethhousehospital.co.uk(Accessed: 5th March 2026). British Dyslexia Association (2026) <i>Developmental language disorder</i>. Available at: https://www.bdayslexia.org.uk(Accessed: 5th March 2026). Sciberras, E., Bignet, A. and Muller, K. (2022). <i>Co-occurrence between language disorders and common conditions in childhood</i>. Available at: https://www.cambridge.org (Accessed: 7th March 2026).	
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