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Language disorder

Persistent difficulties in acquiring and using language (vocabulary, grammar, constructing sentences or understanding) well below what is expected for age, not explained by hearing loss or other condition.

COMMON SIGNS

- Small vocabulary and short or jumbled sentences
- Difficulty telling what happened
- Trouble following long instructions

TIPS FOR YOU

1. Assessment by a speech therapist and, if needed, a neuropsychologist
2. Expand their sentences: if they say "dog", answer "yes, a big dog"
3. Give them time to express themselves and avoid constantly correcting

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

1. Read them stories and ask about the pictures
2. Repeat what they say correctly, without correcting them

WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP

1. If at 2 years they don't say single words
2. If at 3 years they don't put two or three words together

TO OBSERVE AND NOTE DOWN

☐ Uses fewer words than other children their age

☐ Their sentences are short or jumbled

☐ Finds it hard to tell about something that happened to them

☐ Mixes up the order or form of words

☐ Finds it hard to understand long instructions

☐ Searches a lot for words when speaking

☐ Gets frustrated when not understood

☐ Finds it hard to follow a conversation or a story

FREE RESOURCES

- Online test and tips: clinicavivaldi.com/en/trastorno/trastorno-del-lenguaje
- Free guide: Childhood and youth: clinicavivaldi.com/en/guia-infancia-juventud
- In Spain: 024 suicide crisis line (24 h) · Emergencies 112