



Spoken Language Progression

	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Years 5	Year 6
Listening	To listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, e.g. make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group.	To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers.	To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respon appropriately to both adults and their peers.		e to feedback on their listening skills. he ese
	To fully understand instructions with more than one point in many situations and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear. To attempt to follow instructions before seeking assistance.	To follow instructions in a range of unfamiliar situations. To recognise when it is needed and ask for specific additional information to clarify instructions.	To follow complex direction	ns/multi-step instructions without	the need for repetition.
Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge. To answer questions.	To show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions. To answer questions using clear sentences. To begin to give reasoning behind their answers when	To ask questions that relate to what has been heard or what was presented to them. To begin to offer support for their answers to questions with justifiable reasoning.	speaker/audience in response	To ask questions which deepen conversations and/or further their knowledge. To understand how to answer questions that require more detailed answers and justification.	To regularly ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge. To articulate and justify answers with confidence in a range of situations.

	prompted to do so.				
Performance	To speak clearly in a way that is easy to understand. To speak in front of larger audiences, e.g. in a class assembly, during a show 'n' tell session. To know when it is their turn to speak in a small group presentation or play performance. To take part in a simple role play of a known story.	To speak confidently within a group of peers so that their message is clear. To practise and rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud. To take on a different role in a drama or role play and discuss the character's feelings. To recognise that sometimes speakers talk differently and discuss reasons why this might happen.	To rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud, taking note of feedback from teachers and peers. To speak regularly in front of large and small audiences. To participate in role play tasks, showing an understanding of character by choosing appropriate words and phrases to indicate a person's emotions.	To use intonation when reading aloud to emphasise punctuation. To practise and rehearse sentences and stories, gaining feedback on their performance from teachers and peers. To take on a specific role in role-play/drama activities and participate in focused discussion while remaining in character. To discuss the language choices of other speakers and how this may vary in different situations.	To narrate stories with intonation and expression to add detail and excitement for the listener. To use feedback from peers and teachers (and from observing other speakers) to make improvements to performance. To combine vocabulary choices, gestures and body movement to take on and maintain the role of a character.
Vocabulary building	To start to use subject- specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail. To suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed. To start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal. To usually speak in grammatically correct sentences.	To use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or the audience. To recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to and begin to try to use these words and phrases in their own talk. To discuss topics that are unfamiliar to their own direct experience	extended noun pi To know and use language th informal situations with To recognise powerful vocabula or listen to, building these words	jectives, adverbial phrases and hrases in speech. nat is acceptable in formal and increasing confidence. ary in stories/ texts that they read is and phrases into their own talk opriate way.	To use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary. To use adventurous and ambitious vocabulary in speech, which is always appropriate to the topic, audience and purpose To speak audibly, fluently and with a full command of Standard English in all situations. To use a broad, deep and rich vocabulary to discuss abstract concepts and a wide
Speaking for a Range of Purposes	To talk about themselves clearly and confidently.	To organise what they want to say so that it has a clear purpose.	To give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with specific details to actively	To plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and	To communicate confidently across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences.

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	To verbally recount experiences with some added interesting details. To offer ideas based on what has been heard.	To begin to give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with added details to engage listeners.	engage listeners. To debate issues and make their opinions on topics clear. To adapt their ideas in response to new information.	description for the listener. To participate in debates/arguments and use relevant details to support their opinions and adding humour where appropriate.	To articulate and justify arguments and opinions with confidence. To give well-structured descriptions, explanations, presentations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings. To use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas. To make reference back to their original thoughts when their opinions have changed and give reasons for their change of focus.
Participating in Discussion	To give enough detail to hold the interest of other participant(s) in a discussion. To engage in meaningful discussions that relate to different topic areas. To remain focused on a discussion when not directly involved and be able to recall the main points when questioned.	To engage in discussions, making relevant points or asking relevant questions to show they have followed a conversation. To take account of the viewpoints of others when participating in discussions.	To engage in discussions, making relevant points and ask for specific additional information or viewpoints from other participants. To begin to challenge opinions with respect. To engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum.	To develop, agree to and evaluate rules for effective discussion; follow their own rules in small groups and whole- class conversations. To engage in longer and sustained discussions about a range of topics. To ask questions, offer suggestions, challenge ideas and give opinions in order to take an active part in discussions.	To maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments with confidence. To consider and evaluate different viewpoints, adding their own interpretations and building on the contributions of others. To offer an alternative explanation when other participant(s) do not understand.

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