

A PACK OF RESOURCES BY
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cr9-00

EXTENDING LANGUAGE SKILLS

A PACK OF IDEAS FOR CHILDREN AGED APPROXIMATELY 7-9 WHO CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH COMPREHENSION AND SENTENCE BUILDING.

(NB This Pack may be too challenging for some children with moderate learning difficulties.)

REALLY USEFUL FOR:

- 1-1 OR SMALL GROUP WORK
- SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CLINICS
- SEMANTIC-PRAGMATIC DIFFICULTIES
- HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
- ESL TEACHING
- EXTRA HELP AT HOME

Contents:

- guidance for adults on how to develop comprehension skills
- examining phrases for information content
- sentence recall
- distinguishing between similar pictures
- adding specific information
- extending sentences
- combining sentences
- using 'connectives' (*and/but/because/while/and-then*)

Files are described more fully on page 2.

Notes are included to indicate how each part of the Pack is designed to be used.

EXTENDING LANGUAGE SKILLS

This pack builds on some of the work in Pack cr4-Elements of Narrative but it can be used independently. Files are listed in approximate order of difficulty but obviously users can pick and choose what will suit their needs.

Ideally students will have early reading skills in place. However the tasks can be done orally with the adult reading the text. Some may be completed using the screen reader within CIP.

cr9-00 Extended language cover

Outline and list of files.

cr9-01 Making up questions:

Information for adults, and a useful tool for working on stories and factual texts.

cr9-02 Sorting phrases by info

Sorting phrases by information content. (Shape coded)

cr9-03 Choice of 4 pics

Comprehension and expression tasks using sets of four similar but meaningfully different pictures. Can be used at varying levels for comprehending descriptions, matching sentences to pictures, constructing sentences, or as a barrier game.

cr9-04 Recall for sentences

A sentence recall task with picture cues. The level of short-term memory and word processing skills makes this task very difficult for some children and the set will provide a contribution to many sessions.

cr9-05 Additional info 1

Four similar but independent games to work on extending a basic sentence with specific information. Includes extension ideas for other sentence work and recall.

cr9-06 Additional info 2

Working on the idea that repeating information is boring. Look for repetition and make new sentences containing all the information with no repeats. Introduces the difference between *and/but* as the connecting word.

cr9-07 Additional info 3

Similar in format to cr9-06. Uses connecting words *and/but* and *because*.

cr9-08 While or and-then

Contrast the use of *while/and-then* using clocks to try and make the difference clear. Construct sentences to match the pictures.