

Communication Milestones

Year 1 and 2	
Listen Carefully and Understand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sift information and focus on the important points. - Seek clarification when a message is not clear. - Understand instructions with more than one point.
Develop a Wide and Interesting Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use subject specific vocabulary to explain and describe. - Suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed. - Identify homophones.
Speak with Clarity	<p>Speak in a way that is clear and easy to understand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate good phonic knowledge by clearly pronouncing the sounds within words. - Identify syllables within words.
Tell Stories with Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure stories have a setting, plot and a sequence of events. - Predict events in a story. - Recount experiences with interesting detail. <p>Give just enough detail to keep the audience engaged.</p>
Hold Conversations and Debate	<p>Take turns to talk, listening carefully to the contributions of others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vary language between formal and informal according to the situation. - Add humour to a discussion or debate where appropriate.
Year 3 and 4	
Listen Carefully and Understand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage in discussions, making relevant points. - Ask for specific additional information to clarify. - Understand the meaning of some phrases beyond the literal interpretation.
Develop a Wide and Interesting Vocabulary	<p>Use time, size and other measurements to quantify.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in discussion. - Use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic being discussed or the audience that is listening.
Speak with Clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use verbs with irregular endings. - Use a mixture of sentence lengths to add interest to discussions and explanations. - Use intonation to emphasize grammar and punctuation when reading aloud.
Tell Stories with Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring stories to life with expression and intonation. - Read the audience to know when to add detail and when to leave it out.
Hold Conversations and Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make relevant comments or ask questions in a discussion or a debate. - Seek clarification by actively seeking to understand others' points of view. - Respectfully challenge opinions or points, offering an alternative.
Year 5 and 6	
Listen Carefully and Understand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand how to answer questions that require more than a yes/no or single sentence response. - Recognise and explain some idioms. - Understand irony (when it is obvious).
Develop a Wide and Interesting Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use adventurous and sophisticated vocabulary. - Explain the meaning of words, offering alternatives.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use a wide range of phrases that include determiners, modifiers and other techniques to add extra interest and clarity.
<i>Speak with Clarity</i>	<p>Vary the length and structure of sentences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ask questions and make suggestions to take an active part in discussions.- Comment on the grammatical structure of a range of spoken and written accounts.
<i>Tell Stories with Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Narrate detailed and exciting stories.- Use the conventions and structure appropriate to the type of story being told.- Interweave action, character descriptions, settings and dialogue.
<i>Hold Conversations and Debate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Negotiate and compromise by offering alternatives.- Debate, using relevant details to support points.- Offer alternative explanations when others don't understand.