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# DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDERS DICTIONARY

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Accommodations  
Alternative Expectations  
Assessment as Learning  
Assessment for Learning  
Assessment of Learning  
Authentic Assessment  
Automaticity  
Benchmark  
Classroom Based Assessment  
Cognitive Flexibility  
Cognitive Referencing  
Cold Cognition  
Collaboration  
Comprehension Monitoring  
Conceptual Vocabulary  
Consolidation  
Consultation  
Crystallized Intelligence  
Curriculum Based Assessment  
Decoding Pathway (Dual Route to Reading)  
Developmental Language Disorder  
Differentiated Instruction  
Discourse Organization  
Domain-General Deficits  
Domain-Specific Deficits  
Dynamic Assessment  
Dyslexia  
Entrenchment  
Episodic Memory  
Errorless Learning  
Executive Functions  
Explicit Learning  
Expository Language Samples  
Extrinsic Motivation  
Flexible Thinking  
Fluid Intelligence  
High Order Meta-Analysis Skills  
Hot Cognition  
Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC)  
Implicit Learning  
Incidental Learning  
Individual Education Plan (IEP)  
Inferencing

Teaching strategies to use for a child but the curriculum expectation is not altered (e.g., extra time on tests).

See also: [IEP](#), [Alternative Expectations](#), [Modifications](#)

Potential document in an IEP. Used to help students acquire knowledge and skills not in the Ontario curriculum.

See also: [IEP](#), [Accommodations](#), [Modifications](#)

Views learning as a process of developing and supporting metacognition for students and focuses on the role of the student as the critical connector between the assessment and learning (Earl & Katz, 2006).

See also: [Assessment for Learning](#), [Assessment of Learning](#)

Designed to give teachers information to modify and differentiate teaching and learning activities. It acknowledges that individual students learn in idiosyncratic ways, but it also recognizes that there are predictable patterns and pathways that many students follow (Earl & Katz, 2006).

See also: [Assessment as Learning](#), [Assessment of Learning](#)

This is summative in nature and is used to confirm what students know and can do, to demonstrate whether they have achieved the curriculum outcomes, and occasionally, to show how they are placed in relation to others (Earl & Katz, 2006).

See also: [Assessment as Learning](#), [Assessment for Learning](#)

Assessment of activities taking place as part of the child's regular educational day.

The ability to do something without much cognitive effort. This may be an extremely overlearned pattern of movements or knowledge (e.g., becomes automatic through entrenchment).

See also: [Entrenchment](#)

Formative assessments provide benchmarks, these are then used to confirm the suitability of instructional strategies and specific interventions for individual students as well as groups of students.

Direct observation or teacher perceptions of language performance in the classroom.

See also: [Curriculum Based Assessment](#)

Involves changing perspectives or approaches to a problem, flexibly adjusting to new demands, rules or priorities.

See also: [Executive Functions](#)

The practice of determining the presence of language disorder primarily through a discrepancy between general aptitude as measured by an IQ test and academic achievement. This method of assessment is no longer acceptable when assessing for language disorders (Troia, 2005).

Involves being aware of the "what, when, how" aspects of thinking. This requires cognitive flexibility, active maintenance of relevant ideas, suppression of irrelevant ideas (inhibition), and controlled attention.

See also: [Hot Cognition](#)

Two or more different professionals working together on a team to provide complete holistic care to a client.

Involves students being actively engaged in connecting what they are reading with their background knowledge and checking that their situation model is accurately reflecting what they are reading.

Gives the child credit for knowing concepts rather than having the actual words for the concepts.

See also: [Total Vocabulary](#)

The process of memories going from working to long term memory.

See also: [Working Memory](#)

Refers to a model where there is a referral system and experts are called in to comment on and make recommendations on a case (Hartas, 2004).

Refers to the knowledge and skills that we accumulate over a lifetime. It is also the ability to use that knowledge in activities.

See also: [Fluid Intelligence](#)

Assessment involving materials and activities required for the curriculum.

See also: [Classroom Based Assessment](#)

Grapheme-phoneme correspondence rules involving word-specific or part word associations. Due to the multiple associations in this pathway this process is slower

than the Sight Word reading pathway.

See also: [Sight Word Pathway](#), [Simple View of Reading](#)

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Differentiated instruction accommodates differences in learners, incorporating tiered intervention (universal, targeted, intensive support). This model focuses on the child's thinking, academic achievement and work habits, and provides scaffolding when needed. This model supports the "right support at the right time".

See also: [Tier 1 Intervention](#), [Tier 2 Intervention](#)



The process of learning without conscious operations.

See also: [Incidental Learning](#), [Explicit Learning](#)

The process of learning related information while the learner is engaged in active, attention-driven and strategic information processing.

See also: [Implicit Learning](#)

A written plan describing a student's special education plan. This document is a working document and is able to be changed over time; it is an accountability tool for the student and professionals on the student's team. Documents can be in the form of accommodations, modifications, and alternative expectations.

See also: [Accommodations](#), [Modifications](#), [Alternative Expectations](#), [IPRC](#)

Aimed at achieving coherence in a text and provide coherence to the situation model. Inferences fill in the gaps in the text at the sentence level and also globally across the text. We only make inferences that are necessary to maintain coherence with the situation model.

See also: [Higher Order Meta-Analysis Skills](#), [Social Cognition](#)

The ability to not attend to irrelevant information and ideas and to stop impulsive responses.

See also: [Executive Functions](#)

Inquiry based learning is a curriculum that emphasizes ideas, investigation, and exploration. Within this model the teachers and students are co-constructors of learning, together they work on metacognitive habits such as planning, monitoring and reflecting. The teacher aims to make ideas accessible to all, extend ideas, sustain inquiry, provide "need-to-know" information, through building, paraphrasing, connections and asking questions. Teachers may shape or explicitly teach the students these behaviours.

See also: [Universal Design for Learning](#)

The knowledge that letters or groups of letters represent individual sounds in language.

Due to the fact that math involves language, symbol knowledge, and visuospatial working memory children with DLD have difficulty with math tasks that involve language, symbols or combined demands.

See also: [Developmental Language Disorder](#)





Professionals work with the students inside the general classroom, and topics covered in session will relate to the daily lesson.

See also: [Pull Out](#)

The process of retrieving stored memories from long term memory to be used for current situations (i.e., working memory).

See also: [Working Memory](#)

Factors that increase the likelihood a child may develop/be diagnosed with DLD. Risk factors include; being male, ongoing hearing problems, and having a reactive temperament (Harrison & McLeod, 2010).

See also : [Protective Factors](#)

A chronic anxiety reaction to situations requiring speech so the child does not speak in situations where speed is normally expected, but speaks normally in other situations, leading to pervasive verbal and nonverbal communication problems.

Knowledge consisting of concepts, facts, ideas and beliefs. This is a part of long-term memory.

The study of the meaning of words and other symbols.

A sense of one's





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