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What is Developmental Language Disorder?

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a neurotype where a child's ability to process language is different, resulting in persisting and lifelong challenges in receptive and/or expressive language abilities compared to their peers.

Children with DLD may present with challenges in the following:

- Receptive language (comprehension/understanding of language)
- Expressive language (the use of language)
- Vocabulary development
- Grammar
- Literacy – while this is not always the case, many children with DLD/DLD children may also have difficulty with reading and writing (specifically reading comprehension and written communication)

The cause of DLD is not fully understood. Early identification and intervention are important for DLD children. Intervention provides children with strategies to improve their language abilities and includes parent and teacher education in providing accommodation and supports.

Useful links:
https://thedldproject.com/
https://radld.org/about/dld/
https://languagedisorder.org.au/

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