

Useful websites/apps to support and develop children's speech language and communication skills

Primary School		
Area	Website	How might this help?
Developing early communication skills	http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Parent-Tips.aspx	<p>Tips for parents to develop their child's language, communication and literacy skills at home.</p> <p>Tips are broken into three sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who communicate without words • Children who have just started talking • Children who talk in sentences
General Speech, Language and Communication Skills Development	https://ican.org.uk/i-canstalking-point/parents/resources/	<p>Strategies for parents....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling factsheet • Teaching children new words • Tips for making communicating easier • Top 10 toys (factsheet) • Using apps to support SLC • Using books to develop language

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual timelines (factsheet)
	<p>https://www.speakingofspeech.com/material/viewmaterials</p>	<p>Downloadable games and worksheets for supporting children and young people with their speech, language and communication skills.</p> <p>Resources are available to support the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language• Articulation• Social Skills• Fluency• Literacy and Phonological Awareness <p>□ Life Skills</p>

	https://www.afasic.org.uk/help-for-your-child/movingforward/helping-your-child-at-home/	<p>Tips and ideas to support your child with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Putting words together • Understanding and Using Words • Speech sounds • Bumpy talking • Interact with others
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General Speech, Language and Communication Skills Development <i>continued</i>	www.helpmykidlearn.ie/activities	<p>Activities and resources for children from birth to twelve years. There are activity ideas available in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking • Play • Reading • Writing • Counting

<p>Education Focussed SLCN Strategies</p>	<p>https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Guides/Language-Skills/Language-Difficulties-Guidance-for-Teachers-and-Strategies-for-In-Class-Support-Primary.pdf</p>	<p>Advice and strategies for supporting children with language difficulties in the classroom. Though these strategies were devised for the classroom, there are many helpful ideas which could be adapted for use at home e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receptive language strategies • Expressive language strategies • Helping older children to understand text • Using Non-Verbal Strengths to support learning
<p>Primary Language Curriculum</p>	<p>https://ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information for parents about the Primary Language Curriculum. • Information is available in a number of languages – Irish, Lithuanian, Latvian, Portuguese, Polish, Romanian, Russian and Mandarin. • Information also available for other curricular areas from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

Literacy development	https://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents	Resources and activities for parents to support their child's literacy at home. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy adventure packs• Themed booklists• Author interviews• Reading Suggestions
	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/forhome/reading-owl/kids-activities	Downloadable activity sheets and games for children. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Story Writing tasks• Word games• Maths puzzles• Colouring• Visual recipes

Vocabulary and dictionary work

<http://lingro.com/>

Lingro is a very helpful tool that turns all the words in any website or digital text into a clickable dictionary and translates text into 12 different languages.

This online interactive English dictionary and thesaurus helps you find the meanings of words and draw connections to associated words.

<http://www.snappywords.com/>

Visuwords is a dictionary and a thesaurus that's a great resource for writers! It allows the user to look up words to find their meanings and associations with other words and concepts. The user can produce word diagrams to see how words associate.

This is an interactive thesaurus and word tool to generate multiple meanings, synonyms and opposites of words.

This tool uses photographs of words in the real world to help you visually explore them.

<https://visuwords.com/>

RhymeZone is a simple website that will generate a list of rhyming words, sorted by number of syllables, for any word. Users may also look up definitions, synonyms, and more.

www.wordhippo.com

<http://visual.merriamwebster.com/>

<http://www.rhymezone.com/>

Story telling	Rory's story cubes	Available as an app
Children moving on from Primary websites:		
	https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPSGuides/Language-Skills/Language-DifficultiesPost-Primary-ClassroomStrategies.pdf	<p>Advice and strategies for supporting young people with language difficulties in the classroom. Though these strategies were devised for the classroom, there are helpful ideas which could be adapted for use at home if supporting the young person with school work e.g. advice for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequencing • Asking for Help • Instruction • Vocabulary • Comprehension • Modelling
Vocabulary and Dictionary work	https://www.ldoceonline.com Online Thesaurus: www.visualthesaurus.ie	Online dictionary support for students to search for words in an accessible manner to support independent word learning & spelling:

	https://wordsift.org/	WordSift helps anyone easily sift through texts -- just cut and paste any text into WordSift and you can engage in a verbal quick-capture. The program helps to quickly identify important words that appear in the text.
	www.flocabulary.com	<i>Flocabulary</i> is a library of songs, videos and activities for adolescent online learning. <i>Flocabulary</i> creates educational hip hop songs, videos and additional materials for students.