

Linguistics (The Flow, Structure and Language)

YN	 Say single ideas in a clause (e.g., "I found a shell.") and join ideas with one linker (because/and/so) in adult-scaffolded talk Use and revisit new topic words from stories and play, with adult recast and praise. Respond to 'who/what/where' questions about pictures and short, familiar stories; begin to use who/what/where frames to talk themselves Copy and adapt sentence stems in circle time: "I noticed", "I think", "I like", "It could be", building towards your YI stem work later on. Retell a 2-3 event sequence from a shared experience using time words (first/then/finally) with prompts (photos, objects, story map).
YR	 Use talk in play to practice new vocabulary e.g. lighter, heavier. Begin to speak in sentences joining phrases with words such as 'if, because, so, could, but'
Υ1	 Speak in sentences using joining phrases to link ideas. Using vocabulary appropriately specific to the topic in hand e.g. lighter/heavier rather than bigger and smaller. Take opportunities to try out new language, even if it is not always correctly used. Use sentence stems to link to other's ideas in group discussion e.g. 'I agree with because' 'linking to' Use conjunctions to organise and sequence ideas e.g. firstly, secondly, finally
Y2	 Speaking in sentences using joining phrases to create longer sentences. Adapt how to speak in different situations according to the audience e.g. asking questions of a museum curator or having a conversation with a visitor to the classroom. Use sentence stems to signal when they are building or challenging others' ideas in group'
Y3	 Be able to use specialist language to describe their own and others' talk. Use specialist vocabulary e.g. speak like an archaeologist. Make precise language choices e.g. instead of describing a cake as 'ice' using 'delectable'
Y4	Carefully consider the words and phrasing they use to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of the talk e.g. to persuade or to entertain.
Y5	 Use an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy to cite evidence and ask probing questions. Consider the words and phrases used to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of talk.
Υ6	 Use and innovate an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy. Vary sentence structures and length for effect when speaking. Be comfortable using idioms and expressions

