

## How language and speech develops

There are many building blocks needed for a child to develop their language, speech and social skills in the way we expect. If one of the building blocks is missing or is not as strong as we expect, this can have an effect on the rest of the skills.

For example the development of speech sounds is at the very top of the pyramid, but in order to develop this, there needs to be good attention and listening, and practice during conversations in place, and they must understand the words they are trying to produce. Speech Therapists work with children who might be struggling with any of these areas:

