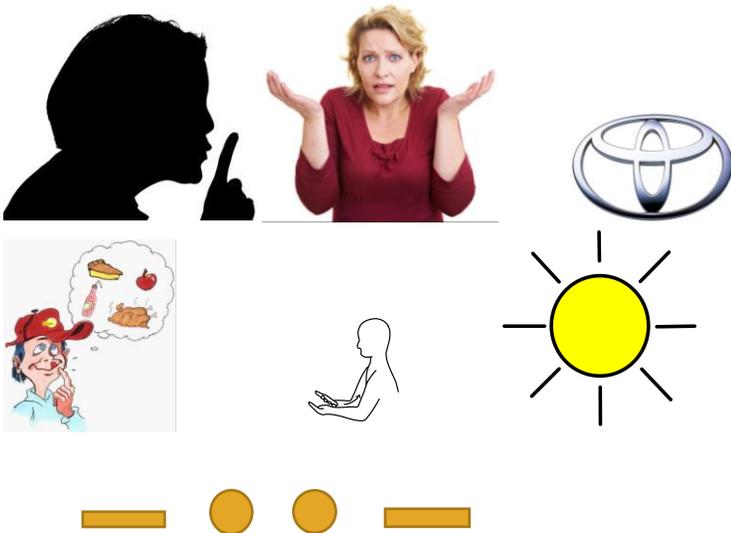
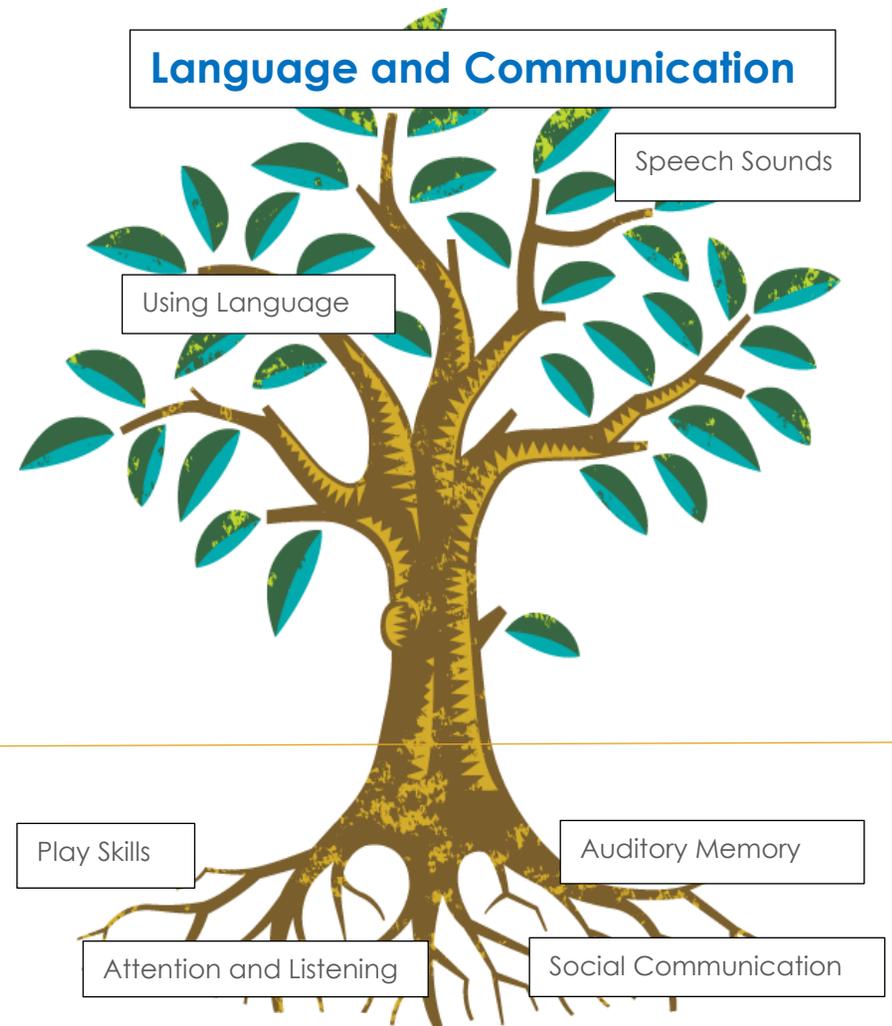


Expressive Language

What's being communicated?



Expressive language is our ability to communicate our thoughts and feelings through words, gestures, signs, and/or symbols. It can be as simple as pointing to a desired object or as complex as writing a book about an area of interest.



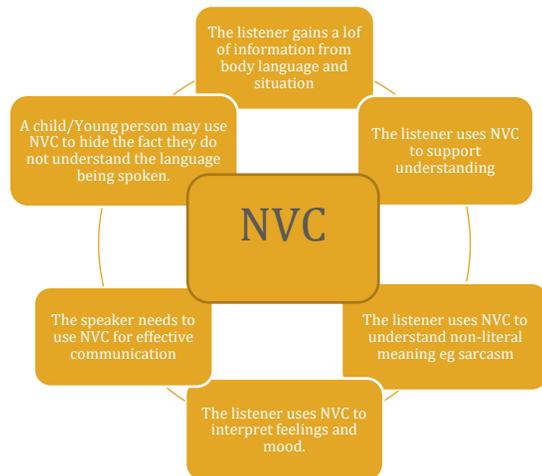
The roots of the tree are the building blocks to developing effective language and communication. Children/Young People need these firm foundations. Notice how speech comes at the top of the tree, the last thing to develop.

The importance of Non-Verbal Communication (NVC)

What is it?

This includes all the body movements, expressions, gestures and position we use. It involves everything except words!

Why is it important?



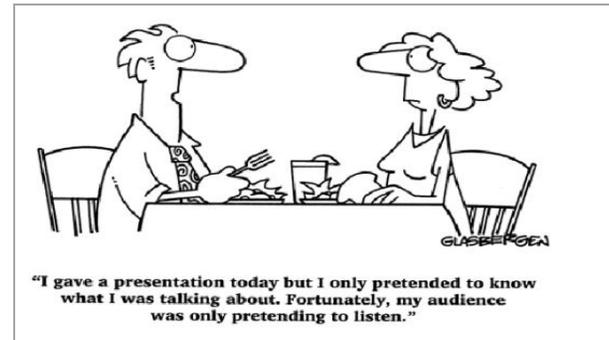
At least 50% of messages are conveyed through non-verbal communication.

Receptive Language

The ability to interpret what someone has said in order to follow an instruction.



The silent part of conversation



Receptive language skills allow children to gain information, decipher that information correctly and effectively communicate with others.

This includes:

- Following instructions (simple and multi-step)
- Understanding language concepts (ie. big/small, left/right, in/on)
- Understanding words and sentences
- Listening to and interpreting questions, stories and conversational information