

			Spoken La	anguage Progre	ssion		
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening Skills	Nursery: Can I enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens?  Can I start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns?  Can I listen with increased attention to sounds?  Reception: Do I understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important?  Can I listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding?  Can I listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound?  Can I listen to and talk about selected nonfiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary?  Can I listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and response?	Can I listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond appropriately?	Can I listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, eg make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group?	Can I listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers?	Can I listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers?	Can I listen carefully, making timely contributions and asking questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views, eg participate in a collaborative project where they listen to the ideas of others and adapt these to meet the needs of the group?	Can I make improvements based on constructive feedback on their listening skills?



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Following Instructions	Nursery: Do I understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door."?  Can I increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important?  Reception: Can I give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions?  Can I explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly?	Can I understand instructions with more than one point in many situations?	Can I fully understand instructions with more than one point in many situations and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear?  Can I attempt to follow instructions before seeking assistance?	Can I follow instructions in a range of unfamiliar situations?  Can I recognise when it is needed and ask for specific additional information to clarify instructions?	Can I follow complex need for repetition?	directions/multi-step ins	structions without the		



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Asking and Answering		Can I begin to ask questions that are linked to the topic being discussed?  Can I answer questions on a wider range of topics (sometimes may only be one-word answers)?	Can I show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions?  Can I answer questions using clear sentences?  Can I begin to give reasoning behind their answers when prompted to do so?	Can I ask questions that relate to what has been heard or what was presented to them?  Can I begin to offer support for their answers to questions with justifiable reasoning?	Can I generate relevant questions to ask a specific speaker/audience in response to what has been said?  Can I regularly offer answers that are supported with justifiable reasoning?	Can I ask questions which deepen conversations and/or further their knowledge?  Can I understand how to answer questions that require more detailed answers and justification?	Can I regularly ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge?  Can I articulate and justify answers with confidence in a range of situations?			
Drama, Performance and Confidence	Nursery: Can I listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions?  Can I make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding?  Can I offer explanations for why things happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate?  Can I talk confidently with other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community?  Reception: Can I confidently speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions?	Can I speak clearly in a way that is easy to understand?  Can I speak in front of larger audiences, eg in a class assembly, during a show 'n' tell session?  Can I know when it is their turn to speak in a small group presentation or play performance?  Can I take part in a simple role play of a known story?	Can I speak confidently within a group of peers so that their message is clear?  Can I practise and rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud?  Can I take on a different role in a drama or role play and discuss the character's feelings?  Can I recognise that sometimes speakers talk differently and discuss reasons why this might happen?	Can I rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud, taking note of feedback from teachers and peers?  Can I speak regularly in front of large and small audiences?  Can I participate in role play tasks, showing an understanding of character by choosing appropriate words and phrases to indicate a person's emotions?	Can I use intonation when reading aloud to emphasise punctuation?  Can I practise and rehearse sentences and stories, gaining feedback on their performance from teachers and peers?  Can I take on a specific role in role-play/drama activities and participate in focused discussion while remaining in character?  Can I discuss the language choices of other speakers and how this may vary in different situations?	Can I narrate stories with intonation and expression to add detail and excitement for the listener?  Can I use feedback from peers and teachers (and from observing other speakers) to make improvements to performance?  Can I combine vocabulary choices, gestures and body movement to take on and maintain the role of a character?	Can I participate confidently in a range of different performances, role play exercises and improvisations (including acting in role)?  Can I gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)?  Can I select and use appropriate registers for effective communication?			





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Vocabulary Building and Standard English	Nursery: Can I use a wider range of vocabulary?  Can I develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran' and 'swimmed' for 'swam'?  Can I use longer sentences of four to six words?  Can I engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary?  Can I talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary?  Reception: Can I learn new vocabulary?  Can I use new vocabulary?  Can I use new vocabulary throughout the day?  Can I articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences?	Can I use appropriate vocabulary to describe their immediate world and feelings?  Can I think of alternatives for simple vocabulary choices?	Can I start to use subject- specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail?  Can I suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed?  Can I start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal?  Can I usually speak in grammatically correct sentences?	Can I use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or the audience?  Can I recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to and begin to try to use these words and phrases in their own talk?  Can I discuss topics that are unfamiliar to their own direct experience?	Can I regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech?  Can I know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence?  Can I recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to, building these words and phrases into their own talk in an appropriate way?	Can I regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech?  Can I know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence?  Can I recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to, building these words and phrases into their own talk in an appropriate way?	Can I use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary?  Can I use adventurous and ambitious vocabulary in speech, which is always appropriate to the topic, audience and purpose?  Can I speak audibly, fluently and with a full command of Standard English in all situations?  Can I use a broad, deep and rich vocabulary to discuss abstract concepts and a wide range of topics?  Can I confidently explain the meaning of words and offer alternative synonyms?		



	Can I develop social phrases?  Can I use new vocabulary in different contexts?						
Speaking for a Range of Purposes	Nursery:  Am I able to express a point of view and debate when they disagree with an adult or friend, using words as well as actions?  Can I start a conversation with an adult or a friend, and continue it for many turns?  Can I use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver."?  Can I play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas?  Can I develop appropriate ways of being assertive?  Can ! talk with others to solve conflicts.  Can I talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'?	Can I organise their thoughts into sentences before expressing them?  Can I be able to describe their immediate world and environment?  Can I retell simple stories and recounts aloud?	Can I talk about themselves clearly and confidently? Can I verbally recount experiences with some added interesting details? Can I offer ideas based on what has been heard?	Can I organise what they want to say so that it has a clear purpose?  Can I begin to give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with added details to engage listeners?	Can I give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with specific details to actively engage listeners?  Can I debate issues and make their opinions on topics clear?  Can I adapt their ideas in response to new information?	Can I plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and description for the listener?  Can I participate in debates/argumen ts and use relevant details to support their opinions and adding humour where appropriate?	Can I communicate confidently across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences?  Can I articulate and justify arguments and opinions with confidence?  Can I give well-structured descriptions, explanations, presentations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings?  Can I use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising,



Can I engage in extended conversations about			imagining and exploring ideas?
stories, learning new vocabulary?			Can I make reference back to
Can I talk about what they see, using a wide range of vocabulary?			their original thoughts when their opinions
Can I explore and talk about different forces they can feel?			have changed and give reasons for their change of focus?
Can I talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice?			
Do I know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos?			
Can I take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar?			
Can I begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment, such as animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc?			
Reception: Can I ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them?			
Can I describe events in some detail?			



Can I use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities?			
Can I explain how things work and why they might happen?			
Can I develop social phrases?			
Can I listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding?			
Can I retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words?			
Can I use new vocabulary in different contexts?			
Can I listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary?			
Can I express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. Talk about their immediate family and community?			
Can I name and describe people who are familiar to them?			
Can I comment on images of familiar situations in the past?			



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	Can I compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past?  Can I describe what						
	they see, hear and feel whilst outside?						
	Can I watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses?						
Participating in Discussion	Nursery: Am I able to express a point of view and debate when they disagree with an adult or friend, using words as well as actions?  Can I engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary?  Reception: Can I listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions, when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions?	Can I recognise when it is their turn to speak in a discussion?  Can I recognise that different people will have different responses and that that these are as valuable as their own opinions and ideas?	Can I give enough detail to hold the interest of other participant(s) in a discussion?  Can I engage in meaningful discussions that relate to different topic areas?  Can I remain focused on a discussion when not directly involved and be able to recall the main points when questioned?	Can I engage in discussions, making relevant points or asking relevant questions to show they have followed a conversation?  Can I take account of the viewpoints of others when participating in discussions?	Can I engage in discussions, making relevant points and ask for specific additional information or viewpoints from other participants?  Can I begin to challenge opinions with respect?  Can I engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum?	Can I develop, agree to and evaluate rules for effective discussion; follow their own rules in small groups and whole- class conversations?  Can I engage in longer and sustained discussions about a range of topics?  Can I ask questions, offer suggestions, challenge ideas and give opinions in order to take an active part in discussions?	Can I maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments with confidence?  Can I consider and evaluate different viewpoints, adding their own interpretations and building on the contributions of others?  Can I offer an alternative explanation when other participant(s) do not understand?



Can I hold conversation when engaged in back- and- forth exchanges with their teachers and peers?			
Can I participate in small group, class and one- to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary?			
Can I use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play?			