

### **Year 1 & 2**

### Parent Education Sheets and Downloads



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### **Home & School Working Together**

This booklet outlines key information to be provided to parents, caregivers and the wider community within semester one. Children benefit when home and school work together. To support this, PLD offers an extensive range of parent milestone information sheets and videos. These resources are ideal to be disseminated to parents and the wider community through newsletters, websites and general communication.

- The BLUE sheets have been written by speech pathologists.
- The RED sheets have been written by occupational therapists.
- The GREEN sheets have been written by educators.



PLD's circular graphic can be useful for explaining to parents that academic success is dependent on developing the interlocking sets of skills: **Literacy**, **Oral Language** and **Movement & Motor**.

Over the full school year children will further develop their literacy skills. Their vocabulary will grow along with their ability to express themselves with increasingly complex sentences and instructions. Their writing skills should become increasingly refined and efficient.

### What to go it Concerned About a Student's Development?

If students are operating below their year level peers, it is recommended that home and school work together to access support services in order to cater for the learning needs of the child. Research clearly states that early intervention results in better outcomes for the child. If children have difficulties within the oral language or pre-literacy realm, consult a Speech Pathologist. If children have difficulties relating to movement and motor skills, consult an Occupational Therapist. *PLD no longer operates a clinic and are unable to provide advice or recommendations for individual students.* 

### **Parent Education Videos**

PLD's Year 1 & 2 parent education playlist contains many videos. These short 5-10 minute videos are designed to assist parents and caregivers in understanding the programs which are being taught in the classroom. View the full Year 1 & 2 Parent Education Playlist: <a href="https://www.pld-literacy.org/jp-parent-playlist">https://www.pld-literacy.org/jp-parent-playlist</a>



6 Year Old Speech and Language Skills <a href="https://youtu.be/T\_cede9km71">https://youtu.be/T\_cede9km71</a>



7 Year Old Speech and Language Skills https://youtu.be/\_hWMS7CGCnw



Comprehension Questions for 6 & 7 Year Olds https://youtu.be/zLrEag11ZDM



Junior Primary School Spelling <a href="https://youtu.be/FULAvyrByow">https://youtu.be/FULAvyrByow</a>



6, 7 & 8 Year Old Narrative Skills <a href="https://youtu.be/slJAClqmiS8">https://youtu.be/slJAClqmiS8</a>



What are good speaking behaviours? <a href="https://youtu.be/7LAXj6d2ZCo">https://youtu.be/7LAXj6d2ZCo</a>



### Key Area: Oral Language

### Now that I am 6 years old... I should be able to:





### **Tips for Home**

- Encourage your child to retell you their school reader without reading the words, but remembering what happened.
- Ask your child to tell you what they did at school.
- Encourage your child to ask you when they don't know the meaning of a word.
- Talk a lot about events that have happened giving detail and emphasise the sequence of events.

### **Causes for Concern**

- · Your child uses very short sentences.
- Your child makes regular grammatical errors such as when talking about the things that have already happened eg. I runned...
- Difficulty expressing themselves so that others understand their story.
- Child's speech is difficult to understand.
- Does not sit and happily listen to a story.
- Has trouble following instructions and regularly forgets what they were asked to do.

Should you have any concerns about your child's literacy development, consult a Speech Pathologist.



### **Understanding/Listening**

- · Listen to lengthy picture books.
- · Sit and focus in a class-based mat discussion.
- Follow a series of instructions independently.
- · Listen to a story without a visual aid.

### **Speaking**

- 6 year olds should be independent communicators with adultlike grammar and a spoken vocabulary of over 2500 words.
- · Speak with no articulation or speech sound errors.
- · Use language which contains few or no grammatical errors.
- · Ask complex guestions to find out information.
- Provide detailed answers to questions about the things they have done.
- · Explain reasons for things happening.
- Retell a story without the need for someone to prompt them along the way.
- Independently generate ideas and sentences for assigned written tasks.
- · Tell detailed news without assistance.

### **Play and Social Skills**

- Keep themselves occupied alone on a task or activity for 20 - 30 minutes.
- Play fairly in complex games with rules.
- Talk easily with familiar people.
- Be able to maintain a conversation with someone about a topic for at least 5 turns in the conversation.
- Use words to explain emotions such as anger, sadness and anxiety rather than physical actions.

PLD's programs that develop the above skills can be viewed by searching the codes: Mc6, Mn68, CCgn1, CCgn2 on www.pld-literacy.org mail@pld-literacy.org Phone: +61 (08) 9227 0846

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### Key Area: Oral Language

### Now that I am 7 years old... I should be able to:



**Speech and Language Developmental Milestones** 

### **Tips for Home**

- Encourage your child to ring their grandparents or good friends and tell them about events that have occurred.
- Encourage your child to retell you their school reader without reading the words, but remembering what happened.
- Ask your child to tell you what they did at school.
- Encourage your child to ask you when they don't know the meaning of a word.
- Talk a lot about events that have happened, giving detail and emphasise the sequence of events.

### **Causes for Concern**

- · Your child uses very short sentences
- Your child makes regular grammatical errors such as when talking about the things that have already happened eq. I runned...
- Difficulty expressing themselves so that others understand their story.
- · Child's speech contains articulation errors.
- Does not sit and happily listen to a story.
- Has trouble following instructions and regularly forgetting what they were asked to do.
- Finds it very difficult to have a conversation with an adult and needs constant prompting.

Should you have any concerns about your child's literacy development, consult a Speech Pathologist.



### **Understanding/Listening**

- Sit and listen to a chapter of a story book that has no illustrations.
- Show interest and be engaged for a long class-based mat session.
- Follow a series of complex instructions independently over a period of time.
- Show interest and focus when an adult is explaining rules or information to a group of people.

### **Speaking**

- 7 year olds should be independent communicators with adultlike grammar and a spoken vocabulary of over 3000 words.
- Speak with no articulation or speech sound errors.
- Use language which contains few or no grammatical errors.
- Provide very detailed answers to questions about things I have done.
- Easily explain reasons for things happening.
- Retell a story without the need for someone to prompt me along the way.
- Generate ideas and sentences that can be translated into written tasks without prompting.
- Tell event based news that is clear and detailed without any prompting.

### **Play and Social Skills**

- Make up complex games and communicate with their peers to play the game.
- Enjoy conversations with adults and children and be able to maintain a conversation with someone about a topic that has not been chosen for them.
- Use words to explain emotions such as anger, sadness and anxiety rather than physical actions.

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### **Oral News Telling and Narrative Retelling**



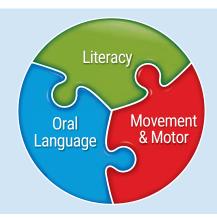
### When to refer to a Speech Pathologist?

The production of news and narratives is more cognitively and linguistically demanding than the participation in a conversation. In a conversation, speakers have support of partners to organise and maintain the discourse. When newstelling and narrating, speakers MUST independently organise and maintain extended discourse.

### **Observations Which Constitute A Potential Speech Pathology Referral**

- · A child needs continual support to structure the news and/or story.
- · The child finds the task cognitively demanding.
- A child's speech is hesitant, filled with pauses and incomplete sentences. (The child may show visible frustration from limited expressive language ability.)
- A child fails to provide the listener with specific information.
   (E.g. forgetting to explain the people or character's actions.)
- · A child has difficultly sequencing or ordering events correctly.
- A child does not specifically name characters or people.
   (and instead uses general terms of reference such as it, he, they ...).
- A child's vocabulary lacks variety or when the child is unable to apply appropriate vocabulary.
- Towards the end of pre-primary a child overuses "and" and "and then" to join sentences. A child should also be using more complex joining words such as next, last, so, but, ...
- Grammatical and tense errors are present in the child's language.





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### Key Area: Oral Language

### Recommended Picture Books for 6 - 8 Year Olds





Points to remember when choosing a book.

- The themes in the stories are relatively simple.
- Stories contain the full story structure.
- · Stories are longer.
- Repetition is still evident in the texts.

Ideal for Narrative Retell Tasks

The books in this guide are age-appropriate recommendations only and do not align with specific PLD programs.

If you are seeking a list of picture books related to a specific PLD program, we recommend that you purchase the PLD program to access the picture books referenced in the program.

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Please Note: At the time of print, all books on the booklist were in print. Due to the nature of book publishing, sometimes books go out of print. PLD takes no responsibility for book availability.

Book Title	Author
Albert Le Blanc	Nick Butterworth
Alexander's Outing	Pamela Allen
Annie's Chair	Deborah Niland
Arthur	Amanda Graham
Belinda	Pamela Allen
Blossom Possum	Gina Newton
Chatterbox	Margaret Wild
Cuddley Dudley	Jez Alborough
Cuthbert's Babies	Pamela Allen
Edward The Emu	Sheena Knowles
Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair	Lee Fox and Cathy Wilcox
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
Harry The Dirty Dog	Gene Zion
Herbert and Harry	Pamela Allen
Inside Mary Elizabeth's House	Pamela Allen
John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat	Jenny Wagner
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Willems
Little White Dogs Can't Jump	Bruce Whatley
Louisa May Pickett's Best Show and Tell Ever  * Note – This book is also known as Louisa May Pickett – the most boring kid in the class	Rod Clement
Mr McGee	Pamela Allen
Mr McGee And The Big Bag of Bread	Pamela Allen
Mutt Dog	Stephen Michael King
My Cat Maisie	Pamela Allen
No Roses For Harry	Gene Zion
Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley	Aaron Blabey
Pete The Sheep	Jackie French
Pog	Lyn Lee
Possum Magic	Mem Fox
Reggie, Queen Of The Street	Andrew McLean
Snap	Damian Harvey
The Pear In The Pear Tree	Pamela Allen
The Potato People	Pamela Allen
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
The Story Of The Mole Who Knew It Was None Of His Business	Werner Holzwarth
The Tiger Who Came To Tea	Judith Kerr
Too Loud Lily	Sofia Laguna
Too Many Pears!	Jackie French
Where's Stripey	Wendy Binks
Wombat Divine	Mem Fox

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### **Event Based**

### News





First
To begin
To start
Initially



After that Next Second



At the end
Last
Finally
To conclude



Feelings & Thoughts

Because





### Show and Tell or Object Description/

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### News



### What?

I am describing I have selected



### Category?

It is a type of ... It belongs ...



The important parts incude...



Made of?



### Found?

It is typically found...



Use?



Fact or piece of information?

### **Three Step**

Junior Primary

For retells before the activity occurs

## or retells after the activity has occurred.

### Activity Retells



When? Who? Where?

What?

Make/
Going to make?



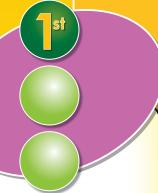
What?

Made/ Did?

Going to use?/
Will use?



Used?



Firstly...
To start with...
To begin...
Initially...



Next... Second... After that...



Finally... Lastly... At the end...



### Story Narratives















### Observations of a student to accompany a referral to a Speech Pathologist

Student's Name:		Date of Birth: / /		
Current Age: years months		School Year:		
School:		Class Teacher:		
School's Address:		School's Tel:		
Instructions: Teacher to complete the relevant section				
Receptive Language (Understanding or	Comprehension)	✓ Appropriate Box		
Is the student able to follow classroom instructions?		ructions only tition of the instruction inued prompting of the ir	nstruction	
How does the student now follow classroom discussions?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
How does the student answer questions?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
Is the student understanding concepts covered in the classroom?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
Expressive Language (Oral Language)				
What is the student's length of spoken sentences?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
Does the student use incorrect grammar?	☐ Often	Sometimes	□ Never	
Does the student have difficulty remembering the names or thinking of the "right" word?	☐ Often	Sometimes	□Never	
How does the student's retelling of a story, an event or news compare to their peers?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
How does the student's written work compare?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
Attention				
How does the student's attention compare to their peers?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level	
Does the student complete their work within the allocated time frame?		Sometimes	□ Never	
Literacy Skills				
How does the student's literacy skills compare to their peers?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	Above peer level	
Is the student experiencing any difficulty at the level of:	☐ Rhyme ☐ Segmentation ☐ Phonics ☐ Generating sentence	☐ Blending ☐ Sp ☐ Decoding ☐ Co	tial sounds awareness elling mprehension	

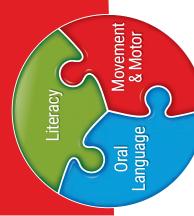
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Literacy Skills			
How does the student's spelling skills compare?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level
How does the student's reading skills compare?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level
How does the student's writing skills compare?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level
Speech			
Does the student have articulation errors?	□No	Sometimes	□Yes
Can the student clearly convey their message so they can be understood?	☐ Below peer level	☐ Same as peers	☐ Above peer level
Social Language and Play Skills			
Is the student able to establish relationships and play with their peers?	□No	Sometimes	□Yes
Are the student's conversation skills poorer than his/her peers?	☐ Often	Sometimes	□ Never
Form Completed by:		Date: / /	

Note, PLD does not operate a clinic. This form is designed to be completed by the teacher and to be provided to a speech pathologist as an indication of the student's performance within the classroom setting.

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## Key Area: Movement and Motor

# Tips for Helping Left-handed Writers

Approximately ten percent of students are left-handed – slightly more boys than girls. If these 10 simple strategies are put in place, then there is no need for left-handed children to be disadvantaged when writing.



2. Remind students to maintain a good posture with their feet flat on the floor, bottom back in chair and helper hand on the desk.

. The writing page should be moved to the left of the student's midline and slanted correctly – tilt the page (left corner up) keeping the page parallel to the forearm.

 The right hand should be used to stabilise the paper at all times and the right index finger should be used for finger spacing when required. 5. Correct tripod pencil grip should be encouraged at all times to allow for good control of the pencil. Providing a visual prompt can help.

Ensure the pencil rests back in the web space (at the join of the thumb and index finger) – not pointing straight up. Writing on a vertical surface helps to encourage a functional pencil grasp.

5. The pencil should be held 2cm above the tip so that writing is more visible and the smudging of work is avoided.

Provide pencils that are not slippery, so that the fingers do not slide down towards the tip. Softer lead pencils are ideal as they do not require too much friction on the page for left-

nanders, who are pushing instead of pulling the pencil from left to right across the page

To avoid developing a hooked wrist, the writing hand should always be below the writing line, with the left arm kept close to the body.

Place a green dot for 'go' at the left margin to remind students to write from left to right.
 This can also assist with correcting letter and word reversals.

10. Ensure all left-handed students have access to left-handed scissors because cutting with scissors builds strength in the writing hand.





### Related programs

**Letter Formation for Little People - Step 1** (for the Early Years) Website code: Mlff

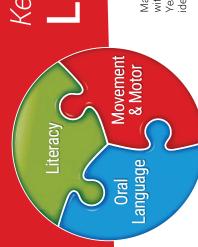
**Letter Formation for Little People - Step 2** (for Foundation) Website code: MIff2

Letter Formation for Little People - Step 3 (for Year 1) Coming Soon



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## Key Area: Movement and Motor

## Letter Reversals

ideally, reversals should not be present beyond seven years of age with the symbols. While this is a common occurrence in the Early Many young children reverse letters because they lack familiarity Years, Foundation and early Year 1 when learning to write letters,

emembering visually confusing letters. If the letters are taught effectively, with starting points and verbal cues, the t is valuable to learn letters as movements rather than as visual shapes. This gives children a mechanism for motor memory of each letter will be paired with the phoneme and reversals will be minimised. Verbal Cues and Starting Points

## **Tips for Dealing with Reversals**

Remember, ongoing practice copying the letter is always preferable to continuing to practice it incorrectly.

- Ample practice is important to enable over-learning of new movements to occur.
- Choose one reversal per session to focus on, demonstrate first, then the child imitates.
  - Verbal cues are crucial to reinforce correct letter formation.
- Use starting points and direction arrows. 4.
- Use the non-dominant index finger (as well as the dominant index finger) to trace the direction of the letter
- Teach ways to discriminate confused letters.
- Use a multi-sensory approach to teach the letters e.g. Students write letters in the air with their pointer finger and large arm movements (try it with eyes open, then eyes closed)
- For students with persistent reversals, the use of a desk template is helpful as it provides a model of the particular letter(s) to copy as required.

## Students who Continue to Reverse Letters

Students who continue to reverse letters may experience difficulty with positions-in-space. The confusion relates to the position the parts of the letter(s) occupy in relation to one another (i.e. is the circle to the left or the right of he line?) and the position the symbol occupies in the overall space of the paper (i.e. is the symbol formed above or below the writing line on the paper?).











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Letter Formation for Little People - Step 2 Website code: MIff2 (for Foundation)

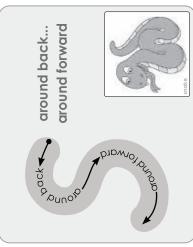
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For the other alphabet verbal cue pages, refer to the programs on the left.

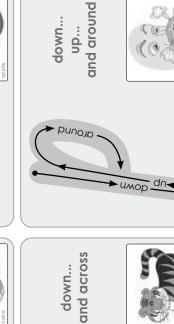


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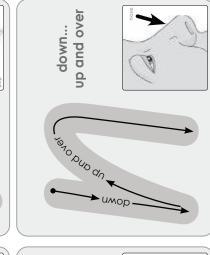
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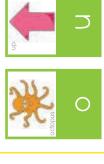
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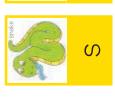






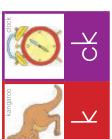






















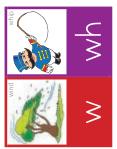
























Late Stage 1 (Target 4)

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Note: Underlined words are words which cannot easily be segmented into sound segments with letters that map to each sound. shark

this sound is prounounced as a /schwa/ /schwa/

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High frequency word lists are based on an amalgamation of high frequency lists commonly used in Australia. Our unique approach allows children to learn more high frequency words with less effort by teaching the right words at the right time and in the right way

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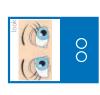
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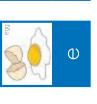














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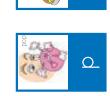
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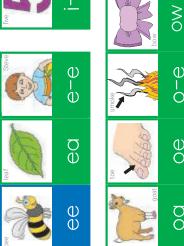
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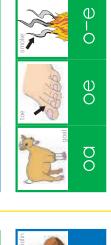












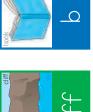
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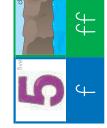


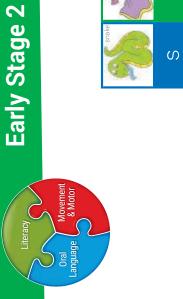












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Early Stage 2 An evidence-based approach (aligned with Science of Reading) to teaching high-frequency words (HFWS) within a structured synthetic phonics (SSP) program, which sequences HFWS into the SSP



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/schwa/: this sound is prounounced as a /schwa/		road		grow		SNOW	OWD	show
'schwa/: this sound	oa as in goat	boat	ow as in bow	follow	-	window	yellow	below
)				/	, oa			

6000		tell spell killed well
^^		S+ill
2010		hill
200	II as in hill	fell

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## **Heart Words**

HFWs that contain an irregular concept which

cannot be decoded or a complex phonic concept not yet learned. The difficult part of these words must be learned by heart.

father after High Frequency Words containing **→** C S → **S** □ more complex patterns 9 92 \9**1**\ water watch wan+ even \0**L**\ 9 98 \o\ /əə/ 9 92

Irregular High Frequency Words	their	there	where
Irregular High	eldoed •	Note: -le is a regular	concept, however complex for this stage

<u>=</u>

spell

## Mid Stage 2

	i-e as in five				
	bik e	inside	mile	side	tired
/4gi	fire	life	nine	slide	while
/	five	<u><u>×</u></u>	ride	+ime	white
	hide	line			

	snake	state	take	
	make	name	plane	same
	game	gave	late e	made
a-e as in snake	a <del>t</del> e	cake	came	CQVe
		/ai/		

Irregular High Frequency Words	something	sometimes	someone	₩ ⊕ L ⊕ L	
Irregular	come	some	0 0 0 0 0	gone	here

Note: Underlined words are words which cannot easily be segmented into sound segments with letters that map to each sound.

e\_e as in Steve

these

/əə/

Woke

those

rode

home

drove

clothes

close

broke

\os\

o\_e as in smoke

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