



## Shirley Warren – Progression of Skills for Speaking and Listening

Skills	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Listening Skills</b>	<p>To maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activity.</p> <p>To have two channelled attention – can listen and do for short span.</p> <p>To understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes.</p> <p>To follow a story without pictures or props.</p> <p>To listen attentively in a range of situations.</p> <p>To give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.</p>	<p>To listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond Appropriately.</p>	<p>To listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, e.g. make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group.</p>	<p>To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers.</p>	<p>To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers.</p>	<p>To listen carefully, making timely contributions and asking questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views, e.g. participate in a collaborative project where they listen to the ideas of others and adapt these to meet the needs of the group.</p>	<p>To make improvements based on constructive feedback on their listening skills.</p>

<b>Following instructions</b>	<p>To respond to simple instructions, e.g. to get or put away an object.</p> <p>To respond to Instructions involving a two part sequence.</p> <p>To follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.</p>	To understand Instructions with more than one point in many situations.	To fully understand instructions with more than one point in many situations and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear.	<p>To follow instructions in a range of unfamiliar situations.</p> <p>To recognise when it is needed and ask for specific additional information to clarify instructions.</p>	To follow complex directions/multi-step instructions without the need for repetition.		
<b>Asking and Answering Questions</b>	<p>To ask appropriate questions of others. To question why things happen and give explanations. To comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the natural world. To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.</p>	<p>To begin to ask questions that are linked to the topic being discussed.</p> <p>To answer questions on a wider range of topics (sometimes may only be one word answers).</p>	<p>To show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions.</p> <p>To answer questions using clear sentences.</p> <p>To begin to give reasoning behind their answers when prompted to do so.</p>	<p>To ask questions that relate to what has been heard or what was presented to them.</p> <p>To begin to offer support for their answers to questions with justifiable reasoning.</p>	<p>To generate relevant questions to ask a specific speaker/audience in response to what has been said.</p> <p>To regularly offer answers that are supported with justifiable reasoning. To offer an alternative explanation when other is not understood.</p>	<p>To ask questions which deepen conversations and/or further their knowledge.</p> <p>To understand how to answer questions that require more detailed answers and justification.</p>	<p>To regularly ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge.</p> <p>To articulate and justify answers with confidence in a range of situations</p>

<b>Drama, performance and confidence</b>	To confidently speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. To speak confidently in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas	To speak clearly in a way that is easy to understand	To speak confidently within a group of peers so that their message is clear.	To rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud, taking note of feedback from teachers and peers.	To use intonation when reading aloud to emphasise punctuation.	To narrate stories with intonation and expression to add detail and excitement for the listener.	To participate confidently in a range of different performances, role play exercises and improvisations (including acting in role).
		To speak in front of larger audiences, e.g. in a class assembly, during a show 'n'tell session.	To practise and rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud.	To speak regularly in front of large and small audiences.	To practise and rehearse sentences and stories, gaining feedback on their performance from teachers and peers.	To use feedback from peers and teachers (and from observing other speakers) to make improvements to performance.	To gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s).
		To know when it is their turn to speak in a small group presentation or play performance.	To take on a different role in a drama or role play and discuss the character's feelings.	To participate in role play tasks, showing an understanding of character by choosing appropriate words and phrases to indicate a person's emotions.	To take on a specific role in role-play/drama activities and participate in focused discussion while remaining in character	To combine vocabulary choices, gestures and body movement to take on and maintain the role of a character	To select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.
		To take part in a simple role play of a known story.	To recognise that sometimes speakers talk differently and discuss reasons why this might happen.	To discuss the language choices of other speakers and how this may vary in different situations.			

<b>Vocabulary building and standard English</b>	<p>To begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because).</p> <p>To use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).</p> <p>To use vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them.</p> <p>To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.</p> <p>To use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen</p>	<p>To use appropriate vocabulary to describe their immediate world and feelings.</p> <p>To think of alternatives for simple vocabulary choices.</p>	<p>To start to use subject- specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail.</p> <p>To suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed.</p> <p>To start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal.</p> <p>To usually speak in grammatically correct sentences</p>	<p>To use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or the audience.</p> <p>To 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.</p> <p>To discuss topics that are unfamiliar to their own direct experience.</p>	<p>To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech.</p> <p>To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence.</p> <p>To 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</p>	<p>To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech.</p> <p>To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence.</p> <p>To 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.</p>	<p>To use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary.</p> <p>To use adventurous and ambitious vocabulary in speech, which is always appropriate to the topic, audience and purpose</p> <p>To use a broad, deep and rich vocabulary to discuss abstract concepts and a wide range of topics.</p> <p>To speak audibly, fluently and with a full command of Standard English in all situations.</p> <p>To confidently explain the meaning of words and offer alternative synonyms.</p>
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<b>Speaking for a range of purposes</b>	<p>To use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.</p> <p>To link statements and stick to a main theme or intention.</p> <p>To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.</p> <p>To introduce a storyline or narrative into their play.</p> <p>To explain own knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.</p>	<p>To organise their thoughts into sentences before expressing them.</p> <p>To be able to describe their immediate world and environment.</p> <p>To retell simple stories and recounts aloud.</p>	<p>To talk about themselves clearly and confidently.</p> <p>To verbally recount experiences with some added interesting details.</p> <p>To offer ideas based on what has been heard.</p>	<p>To organise what they want to say so that it has a clear purpose.</p> <p>To begin to give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with added details to engage listeners.</p>	<p>To give descriptions, recounts and narrative retellings with specific details to actively engage listeners.</p> <p>To debate issues and make their opinions on topics clear.</p> <p>To adapt their ideas in response to new information.</p>	<p>To plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and description for the listener.</p> <p>To participate in debates/arguments and use relevant details to support their opinions and adding humour where appropriate</p>	<p>To communicate confidently across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences.</p> <p>To articulate and justify arguments and opinions with confidence.</p> <p>To give well-structured descriptions, explanations, presentations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings.</p>

<b>Participating in discussions</b>	To initiate conversations, attend to and take account of what others say. To listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.	To recognise when it is their turn to speak in a discussion.	To give enough detail to hold the interest of other participant(s) in a discussion.	To engage in discussions, making relevant points or asking relevant questions to show they have followed a conversation.	To engage in discussions, making relevant points and ask for specific additional information or viewpoints from other participants.	To develop, agree to and evaluate rules for effective discussion; follow their own rules in small groups and whole- class conversations.	To maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments with confidence.
		To recognise that different people will have different responses and that that these are as valuable as their own opinions and ideas.	<p>To engage in meaningful discussions that relate to different topic areas.</p> <p>To remain focused on a discussion when not directly involved and be able to recall the main points when questioned.</p>	To take account of the viewpoints of others when participating in discussions.	<p>To begin to challenge opinions with respect.</p> <p>To engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum.</p>	<p>To engage in longer and sustained discussions about a range of topics.</p> <p>To ask questions, offer suggestions, challenge ideas and give opinions in order to take an active part in discussions.</p>	<p>To consider and evaluate different viewpoints, adding their own interpretations and building on the contributions of others.</p> <p>To offer an alternative explanation when other participants do not understand.</p>