

Classroom accommodations for language disorders

Explore these common classroom accommodations for language disorders. They can help kids at school – and even at home.

Classroom materials and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give students extra time to process directions.• Use visual supports like photos and symbols.• Highlight written directions.• Seat the student at the front of the classroom to reduce distractions.• Provide graphic organizers.• Provide lists of key vocabulary words for topics.
Completing assignments and tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjust the length of written tasks.• Reduce the number and complexity of questions on worksheets.• Provide two options for open-ended questions.• Break directions into short, manageable steps.• Present directions one at a time.• Have students repeat instructions to make sure they understand them.• Provide vocabulary lists that relate to the topic of the writing task.• Check in with the student at the start of the task.• If appropriate, give a sample of the finished task.
Teaching strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add videos, pictures, and hands-on activities to lectures.• Explicitly teach the parts of a complete sentence.• Provide sentence frames if needed.• Expand students' statements with more detail.• Allow extra time for students to ask and answer questions.• Give examples of how to answer or ask questions, make requests, or solve problems.• Use games to help students learn and practice new vocabulary.• Provide opportunities for students to talk about personal events or retell stories.• Help students with sequencing and providing key details.