

## Language issues: EAL or SEN?

Language Issue	EAL	SEN
Speech is socially immature	<p>Inhibited about speaking in some social settings. Listens and responds rather than initiates.</p> <p>Uses social or verbal interactions that seem inappropriate but are related to cultural heritage.</p>	Inappropriate social or verbal interactions that are not related to cultural heritage.
Limited comprehension and expression	<p>Needs contextual support to aid understanding of speech. Limited knowledge of English word meaning and idiomatic expressions.</p> <p>May substitute a word in first language for an English one.</p> <p>May have a different understanding of the meaning of some English words.</p>	Has difficulty in finding words.
Uses sentence structures normally used by a much younger child	<p>Limited range of sentence structures.</p> <p>Incorrect word order / grammar due to influence of first language.</p>	Inconsistent errors.
Uses word endings normally used by a much younger child	<p>Simplifies and approximates word endings.</p> <p>May use word endings based on rules of first language.</p>	Inconsistent errors in word endings or lack of word endings.
Uses immature sound substitutions or omissions	<p>Simplifies and approximates pronunciation.</p> <p>Consistent use of pronunciation differences based on first language phoneme system.</p>	Inconsistent errors in sound substitutions or omissions.
Uses inappropriate stress and intonation	<p>Inappropriate stress and intonation based on first language.</p>	Inappropriate stress and intonation not related to first language.