Understanding Language

Language	Language refers to words we use and how we use them. They are spoken or expressed with gestures and body language to convey what we want and to share ideas. Language is used to convey meaning. This includes: **Grammar:** **Word level** is the way we arrange words to make proper sentences. Grammar in words uses verbs, tenses, nouns, adverbs etc. **Sentence level** covers phrases, clauses, reported speech etc. **Syntax:** This is the way words are combined to form a sentence or phrase. The term 'syntax' is Greek and means 'arranging together' **Non-verbal:** Signing Body language **Receptive Language** Having the ability to understand spoken and written words, sentences and the meaning to be able to gain and understand information **Expressive Language** Being able to put thoughts into words and sentences that make sense and is grammatically correct

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Useful References and Links

Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) | CYPSinfo (northyorks.gov.uk)

Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) (leicester.gov.uk)