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(CHATTERS)
Language Development
Connection over Compliance



Understanding Gestalt Language Processing

- Not all children learn language the same way
- Some children learn language word-by-word.
- Others learn language in whole chunks, songs, and scripts.
- This is called Gestalt Language Processing (GLP).

What GLP might look like

Your child might:

- Repeat phrases from TV or adults
- Use long scripts instead of single words
- Copy intonation exactly
- Sing or hum frequently
- Use language that seems “out of context” but has meaning

These are signs of language learning, not mistakes.



Why scripts are important

Gestalts are stored as complete emotional and sensory experiences.

Example:

Instead of saying “help,” a child might say:

“Oh no! It’s not working!”

This whole phrase is serving one communication purpose.



The 6 stages

Stage 1 – Gestalts: Whole scripts and phrases.

Stage 2 – Mitigations: Mixing and shortening scripts.

Stage 3 – Single words appear.

Stage 4 – Early original phrases.

Stage 5 – More flexible language.

Stage 6 – The natural grammar system develops.

Children move through stages at their own pace.



What helps GLP children

- Natural modelling
- Play-based interaction
- Repetition
- Songs and rhythm
- No pressure to repeat

Language grows through connection.



Example

Gestalt Language Development

1. "Time for snack!"
2. "Yummy, I like it!"
3. "More please!"
4. "All done snack."



Analytic Language Development

1. Eat
2. Want snack
3. I want snack
4. I am eating my snack.

Important reminder

GLP is a different pathway, not a delay.

For support identifying your child's stage and what to model next, book a parent consultation.

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