

Commonly used abbreviations in Speech and Language Therapy (SLT!)

There are lots of specialist terms you might see in speech and language therapy reports and support plans, which may be abbreviated to save space. These may be difficult to make sense of – we hope this list helps with at least some of them.

Remember, if you don't understand something in your child's reports, always ask!

Therapists, teams and bases

CSLT	Children's Speech and Language Therapy
SLT / SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SLTA	Speech and Language Therapy Assistant
HPCPC	Health and Care Professions Council
RCSLT	Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
CDC	Child Development Centre
SALD	School Age Learning Difficulties
SSS	Stammering Support Service
CAS	Communication Aids Service
DAHIT	Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team
LGI	Leeds General Infirmary
SJUH	St James's University Hospital
SGC	St George's Centre
WBHC	Wortley Beck Health Centre
LCFS	Leeds Communication Friendly Standard

Speech sounds

FCD	Final Consonant Deletion
WI	Word Initial
WM	Word Medial
WF	Word Final
CVC	Consonant-vowel-consonant
ANF	Active Nasal Fricative

Language

ICW	Information Carrying Words
KW	Key Words
1/2/3 WL	1/2/3 Word Level

Other general terms

CA	Chronological Age
AE	Age Equivalent
ARE	Age Related Expectations

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Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and related conditions

DLD	Developmental Language Disorder (previously SLI – Specific Language Impairment)
SSD	Speech Sound Disorder
LD	Learning Disability
SLD	Severe Learning Disability
MLD	Moderate Learning Disability
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
ASC / ASD	Autism Spectrum Condition / Disorder
CP	Cerebral Palsy
DS	Down Syndrome
VI	Visual Impairment
SEMH	Social Emotional Mental Health
FAS	Foetal Alcohol Syndrome
PDA	Pathological Demand Avoidance

Special Education Needs and Disabilities

SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
ECHP	Education Health Care Plan
FFI / EYFFI	Funding For Inclusion / Early Years Funding For Inclusion
SENDIF	Special Education Needs and Disability Inclusion Fund
CCA	Complex Communication Assessment
CDA	Complex Development Assessment
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule
ICD 10	International Classification of Diseases 10
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
VOCA	Voice Output Communication Aid
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
II	Intensive Interaction
H-EN	Health to Education Notification

Dysphagia (Eating, Drinking Swallowing Difficulties)

VF	Videofluoroscopy (or VFSS – Videofluoroscopic Swallow Study)
GOR(D)	Gastro-oesophageal Reflux (Disease)
NPR	Naso-pharyngeal Reflux
PEG	Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy
NG/NJ tube	Nasogastric/Nasojejunal tube
IDDSI	International Diet Descriptor Standardisation Initiative

Deaf and Hearing Impaired Team (DAHIT)

OME	Otitis Media with Effusion
NBS	Newborn Screen
TOD	Teacher of the Deaf
CSW	Communication Support Worker
DI	Deaf Instructor

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Commonly Used SLT Assessments

ACE 6-11	Assessment of Comprehension and Expression (6-11)
BPVS	British Picture Vocabulary Scale
CELF 3/4/5	Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (3/4/5)
CLEAR	Clinical Linguistics Education Assessments and Resources
DLS DTC	Derbyshire Language Scheme Detailed Test of Comprehension
DLS RST	Derbyshire Language Scheme Rapid Screening Test
RAPT	Renfrew Action Picture Test
RDLS	Reynell Developmental Language Scales
RWFVS	Renfrew Word-Finding Vocabulary Scales
STAP 1/2	South Tyneside Assessment of Phonology 1/2
STASS	South Tyneside Assessment of Syntactic Structures
TALC 1/2	Test of Abstract Language Comprehension 1/2
TROG 1/2	Test for Reception of Grammar 1/2
PIPA	Pre-School and Primary Inventory of Phonological Awareness
ERRNI	Expression, Reception and Recall of Narrative Instrument
DEAP	Diagnostic Evaluation of Articulation and Phonology
PSA	Phonological Screening Assessment
TAPS	Test of Auditory Processing Skills

Other teams and professionals we work with

STARS	Specialist Training in Autism and Raising Standards
SENSAP	Special Education Needs Statutory Assessment and Provision
SENI	Special Education Needs Inclusion Team
SENDIASS	Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service
HV	Health Visitor
SPHV	Specialist Health Visitor
CAMHS	Children and Adolescents' Mental Health Service
ICAN	Integrated Children's Additional Needs service
GAN	Growth and Nutrition (Team)
EP	Educational Psychologist
CCN	Children's Community Nurse
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
OT	Occupational Therapist
PT	Physiotherapist
SW	Social Worker
MAP	Multi Agency Panel
CHAD SW	Child Health and Disability Social Worker
ALD	Adult Learning Disability services
YOS	Youth Offending Service
YOT	Youth Offending Team