



The DLD Diagnostics Toolbox

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Developmental Language Disorder refers to a persistent language difficulty with a significant impact on everyday interactions or educational progress. DLD occurs in about 7% of first grade children ([Norbury et al., 2016](#)), and is a hidden and under-recognized disorder (McGregor, 2020). In the past few years, efforts to increase awareness of DLD have increased. Two excellent sources of information about DLD include *Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder*, RADLD.org, and DLDandMe.org.

Developmental Language Disorder is a relatively new term to describe the condition. It was determined as part of an international consensus building process reported in 'the CATALISE studies' (Bishop et al., [2016](#), [2017](#)). The aim of the consensus was to bring consistency to the criteria and terminology used to describe childhood language disorders. As professionals around the world begin to implement the consensus criteria and terminology, many questions around the diagnosis of DLD arise. The aim of the DLD Diagnostics Toolbox is to address these issues for international consideration in order to continue towards our aim of consistent identification and improved service for those with DLD.

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