

SPEAK

Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge



Fact sheet

The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education and Training as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children's speaking and listening ability.

Research supports the importance of oral language, not only as the foundation for the development of literacy skills but also a strong indicator of later reading, writing and overall academic achievement.

Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. It therefore makes sense to be proactive in the early years of a child's life and the SPEAK app helps this happen.

SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0–6 years of age.

The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

How does it work?

It is a user-friendly app that aims to help parents, carers and educators teach their children oral language skills from a young age.

The app supports adults develop an understanding of the importance of oral language for life success, and

provides 'on the go' parents with ideas and activities to encourage and foster talk in their young children. It can also be used in educational environments for professional learning opportunities.

The app is broken into five age areas, (0 months+, 13 months+, 2.5 years+, 3.5 years+ and 4.5 years+) each with ten talking points. In each age area there are four sections which all provide free activities to enhance and encourage oral language in young children. The four areas include:

- social
- connecting
- literacy and numeracy and
- play.

Target audiences

The app is aimed at parents and carers, grandparents, educators, health professionals and the general public. SPEAK is for everyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter!

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.



Compatible with:

