

# Speech, Language and Literacy: what's the connection?

Without a good level of literacy, you wouldn't be able to study research in your field, or report effectively on your discoveries.

Exploring the possible links between language skills and literacy skills allows us to develop improved ways of teaching children to read.



This research focuses on the reciprocal nature of speech and language performance with literacy acquisition and achievement in 4- and 5-year-old children.

The study demonstrates that speech sound perception can be improved through practical training sessions, and provides evidence that literacy skill levels subsequently increase.

speech sound training leads to improved speech sound perception

improved speech sound perception leads to better sound storage in the brain

more accurately stored speech sound leads to improved literacy skill acquisition