

# Now We're Talking

## Improving Oral Language through Quality Improvement



### Creating language rich environments – Reflection Tool

Please read the following statements together as a team and place your service on the scale. If you feel that this may be an area to focus on, please tick the column on the right. Use the definitions below to guide you.

#### Hardly Ever

- Only when this is a specific focus - maybe once or twice/one or two items.
- When we've spoken to someone about it or been on a recent PD Session

#### Some of the time

- We try to maybe once a day
- We've done it before but not regularly

#### Frequently

- This is on our radar most days
- We plan to include these each week

#### All the Time

- We do this every day numerous times
- We **plan** how we're going to do this with a variety of children each day
- It's almost second nature to us now

#### Focus for PDSA?

**1) When planning we ensure that routines, activities and resources stimulate and support language development and provide opportunities to communicate**

Hardly Ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time
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**2) Resources are available for children to play with and are within reach or their eye sight**

Hardly ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time
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**3) Learning resources are labelled with pictures and words**

Hardly Ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time
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**4) The centre has represented many of the languages spoken by the children in displays and resources (e.g. dual language books)**

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<b>5) More than 20 age appropriate books are available for children to read at any time</b>				
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<b>6) Children have opportunities to share/read books in small groups</b>				
Hardly Ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time	
<b>7) Children have opportunities to engage in writing for functional purposes e.g. name on list for bike use, sign in sheet etc.</b>				
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<b>8) Children's work is on display around the centre and I actively engage children in conversations about their work</b>				
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<b>9) There are areas of the centre that are quieter and less visually stimulating, where children can engage in small group conversations or have individual 'down time'. Our children know where to find this space</b>				
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<b>10) We plan opportunities for children to engage in imaginary and pretend play both inside and outside</b>				
Hardly Ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time	
<b>11) We create and plan opportunities every day for every child (including quiet ones) to interact with an adult in a meaningful way.</b>				
Hardly Ever	Some of the time	Frequently	All of the time	