



Dan and Daria Raise Awareness for Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

Most people haven't heard of DLD but it impacts 1 in 14 people and is lifelong. DLD is when people have trouble understanding and using language for no known reason. It is not caused by low intelligence. Awareness matters. Teens with DLD deserve recognition and support. You are not alone.

This is what DLD looks like in daily life...

Difficulty following complex directions  - I break things into chunks - I need step by step instructions.	Anxiety presenting to the class  - I practice what I am going to say before class - I use cue cards with key words so I don't forget - I ask if I can present to a small group first	Trouble keeping up with fast conversations  - I ask people to slow down or repeat what they said - I ask a friend after class if I missed something important
Harder time learning complex new words  - I write new words in a vocabulary notebook - I use the word in my own sentence - I look at pictures or examples to remember the meaning	Struggles with math word problems  - I underline important words in the problem - I rewrite the question in my own words	Difficulty with sarcasm and expressions  - If I'm confused, I ask what someone meant - I look at tone of voice and facial expressions
Challenges with reading comprehension  - I highlight important ideas - I ask someone to explain parts I don't understand	Difficulty explaining complex topics  - I use a few key points instead of trying to say everything - I make a simple outline before I explain - I use diagrams or examples to help explain my ideas	Difficulty writing essays or organizing written work  - I use a graphic organizer before I start writing - I write one idea at a time - I check my writing with a checklist