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Speech and Language Support for 5-11s
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ABOUT ASCENTIS

Ascentis was originally established in 1975 as OCNW, a co-operative scheme between Universities and Colleges of Further Education. Ascentis was the first 'Open College' in the UK and served the needs of its members for over 34 years. Throughout this period, OCNW grew yet maintained its independence in order that it could continue to respond to the requirements of its customers and provide a consistently high standard of service to all centres across the country and in recent years to its increasing cohorts of overseas learners.

In 2009 OCNW became Ascentis - a company limited by guarantee and a registered educational charity.

Ascentis is distinctive and unusual in that it is both:

- **An Awarding Organisation** regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)

and

- **an Access Validating Agency (AVA)** for 'Access to HE Programmes' licensed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

Ascentis is therefore able to offer a comprehensive ladder of opportunities to centres and their students, including Foundation Learning, vocational programmes and progressing to QAA recognised Access to HE qualifications. The flexible and adult-friendly ethos of Ascentis has resulted in centres throughout the UK choosing to run its qualifications.

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ASCENTIS LEVEL 2 AND 3 AWARDS IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SUPPORT FOR 5-11s

Introduction

The Ascentis qualifications in Speech and Language Support provide the practical skills and underpinning knowledge to enable those working with children and young people to develop the speech, language and communication (SLC) skills of all in their care, but particularly those with difficulties in these areas.

These specialist units are available so that learners can develop their skills with a specific age group e.g. 0-3s, 3-5s, 5-11s and 11-16s or those with specific needs e.g. severe and complex communication needs or autism spectrum disorder.

Aims

The Ascentis Level 2 and 3 Awards in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s aim to:

- Build practitioners confidence and skills to support the communication and language development of ALL children aged 5-11 years but especially those with speech and language difficulties.
- Provide primary settings with a highly skilled workforce to help narrow the gap and improve the life chances of young children.

This qualification is also suitable for those working with children learning English as an additional language and other special educational needs.

Target Group

This qualification is aimed at individuals aged 16-18 and 19+ working in primary settings.

The Level 2 qualification is suited to learners who have previously achieved other qualifications at Level 2 e.g. GCSEs although this is not a prerequisite.

The Level 3 qualification would be best suited to learners who have previously achieved other qualifications at Level 3 and above such as A Levels although this is not a prerequisite.

Learners need to be able to observe and communicate with children and young people to provide practical evidence for their portfolio.

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Ofqual Qualification Number Level 3: 601/8926/5

Rationale for the Rules of Combination

To achieve the **Level 2 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s** learners must achieve the 9 credit unit

To achieve the **Level 3 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s** learners must achieve the 9 credit unit

Rules of Combination

Ascentis Level 2 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s				
The learner must achieve 9 credits from Mandatory Group A				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit reference
Speech and Language Support for 5-11s	L2	9	20	R/508/5168

Ascentis Level 3 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s				
The learner must achieve 9 credits from Mandatory Group A				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit reference
Speech and Language Support for 5-11s	L3	9	20	L/508/5170

Unit certification is available for all units.

Recommended Guided Learning Hours

The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 2 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s is 20.

The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 3 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s is 20.

Total Qualification Time

The total qualification time for the Level 2 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s is 85.

The total qualification time for the Level 3 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s is 90.

Time Limit for the Process of Credit Accumulation and Exemptions

Credit accumulation is usually within the life span of the qualification. Exemptions may have been achieved previous to the qualification start date; each case will be considered separately.

Recommended Prior Knowledge, Attainment and/or Experience

There is no prior knowledge required for these qualifications.

Age Range of Qualification

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16-18 and 19+

Opportunities for Progression

Learners may gain more than one of the qualifications in this suite to enable them to support children of a range of ages and special needs. They may progress onto further related qualifications. In addition, possession of one or more qualifications from within this suite can lead to greater responsibility in current job roles, more senior job roles, and can enhance career prospects

Mapping/Relationship to National Occupational Standards

This qualification is not mapped to National Occupational Standards.

Resources to support the Delivery of the Qualification

No resources have been produced to support the delivery of this qualification.

Centre Recognition

This qualification can only be offered by centres recognised by Ascentis and approved to run this qualification. Details of the centre recognition and qualification approval process are available from the Ascentis office (tel. 01524 845046) or from the website at www.ascentis.co.uk.

Qualification Approval

If your centre is already a recognised centre, you will need to complete and submit a qualification approval form to deliver this qualification. Details of the qualification approval process are available from the Ascentis office (tel. 01524 845046) or from the website at www.ascentis.co.uk.

Registration

All learners must normally be registered with Ascentis within seven weeks of commencement of a course via the Ascentis electronic registration portal.

Status in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

This qualification is available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is only offered in English. If a centre based overseas (including Scotland) would like to offer this qualification, they should make an enquiry to Ascentis.

Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations

In the development of this qualification Ascentis has made every attempt to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to achievement. For learners with particular requirements reasonable adjustments may be made in order that they can have fair assessment and demonstrate attainment. There are also arrangements for special consideration for any learner suffering illness, injury or indisposition. Full details of the reasonable adjustments and special considerations are available from the Resources/Key Documents area of the Ascentis website www.ascentis.co.uk or through contacting the Ascentis office.

Enquiries and Appeals Procedure

Ascentis has an appeals procedure in accordance with the regulatory arrangements in the Ofqual *General Conditions of Recognition*¹. Full details of this procedure, including how to make an application, are available from the Resources/Key Documents area of the Ascentis website www.ascentis.co.uk or through contacting the Ascentis office.

¹ The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) have developed some high level principles that cover the same requirements as the Ofqual Conditions. These are the SQA Accreditation Regulatory Principles (2011).

ASSESSMENT AND VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

Assessment

All units are internally assessed through the learner building up a portfolio of evidence that covers the relevant assessment criteria, internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

On completion of the learners' evidence for either the individual units or the qualification, the assessor is required to complete the Summary Record of Achievement for each learner. The Summary Record of Achievement asks assessors and the internal verifier to confirm that the rules of combination have been followed. This is particularly important in cases where a learner has taken units at different levels. The Summary Record of Achievement form is provided in Appendix 1.

Centres are required to retain all evidence from all learners for external verification and for 4 weeks afterwards should any appeal be made.

Internal Assessment

Evidence for each unit is through building up a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate that all the assessment criteria within the unit have been achieved. The evidence will be assessed by the assessor at the centre, who may or may not be the tutor teaching the course.

Portfolios of evidence should include a variety of evidence to demonstrate that the assessment criteria for each unit have been met. Examples of evidence that could be included are:

- Observation record
- Questions and discussions
- Photographs
- Video
- Worksheets
- Tape recordings
- Self-assessments
- Workbook activities
- Final multiple choice tests.

If the learner fails to meet the assessment criteria on the first attempt at an activity they may redraft the work following feedback given by the tutor. However tutors must not correct the work of the learner, and all feedback given by the tutor must be included within the learner's evidence.

Learners' portfolio work should include a tracking sheet to show where the evidence for each assessment criterion is to be found. Some activities could produce evidence for more than one unit, which is acceptable as long as there is clear reference to this on the tracking sheet. Examples of tracking sheets are found in Appendix 2.

Verification

Internal Verification

Internal verification is the process of ensuring that everyone who assesses a particular unit in a centre is assessing to the same standards i.e. consistently and reliably. Internal verification activities will include: ensuring any stimulus or materials used for the purposes of assessment are fit for purpose; sampling assessments; standardisation of assessment decisions; standardisation of internal verification decisions. Internal Verifiers are also responsible for supporting assessors by providing constructive advice and guidance in relation to the qualification delivered.

Further information is available from the Resources/Key Documents section of the Ascentis website www.ascentis.co.uk

External Verification

Recognised centres will normally be visited twice a year for external verification; although more frequent verifications can be requested from the Ascentis Quality Assurance team, for which there is usually an additional charge. External verification will usually focus on the following areas:

- A review of the centre's management of the regulated provision
- The levels of resources to support the delivery of the qualification, including both physical resources and staffing
- Ensuring the centre is using appropriate assessment methods and making appropriate assessment decisions according to Ascentis' requirements
- Ensuring the centre has appropriate internal quality assurance arrangements as outlined within the relevant qualification specification
- Checking that the centre is using appropriate administrative arrangements to support the function of delivery and assessment

External Verifiers will usually do this through discussion with the centre management team; assessment and Internal Quality Assurance staff; verifying a sample of learners' evidence; talking to learners, reviewing relevant centre documentation and systems.

Staff development, including guidance and support for assessors and internal quality assurance staff can be requested either as part of an external verification visit or as a bespoke session for centres. Please contact the Ascentis Quality Assurance team for further details qualityassurance@ascentis.co.uk.

Knowledge, Understanding and Skills required of Assessors and Internal Verifiers

Assessors and those delivering these qualifications should hold a subject related qualification at a minimum of the level above in the area in which they are making assessment decisions / delivering the qualification or recent, extensive and relevant experience in the sector in which the qualification resides. Advice can be sought from the Ascentis office about relevant qualifications and appropriate levels of experience.

Assessors should also be qualified to make assessment decisions. Relevant qualifications include:

- Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement
- Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
- Legacy qualifications such as A1, A2, D23, D33

Legacy qualifications remain valid providing the assessor has up to date experience of assessing and has undertaken relevant annual Continuing Professional Development.

Those delivering the qualification should preferably hold a recognised teaching qualification such as the Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training, Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training or a PGCE.

Internal Quality Assurers (IQA) need to meet the requirements for assessors as specified above and have knowledge and experience of the internal assurance process. Training is available from Ascentis for anyone new to this role. Contact the Ascentis office for further details.

The requirements above apply from the 1st January 2017.

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title: Speech and Language Support for 5-11s
Unit Reference Number: R/508/5168

Credit Value of Unit: 9

GLH of Unit: 20

Level of Unit: 2

Introduction

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1 Understand how the processes involved in communication are linked to language, learning, behaviour, and social and emotional development of five to eleven year olds	1.1 Identify two strengths and two weaknesses in the speech, language, and communication skills of a five to eleven year old 1.2 Describe how the speech, language and communication skills of a five to eleven year old has an impact on their learning, behaviour, social and emotional development
2 Understand how non-verbal communication affects the learning of five to eleven year olds.	2.1 List four examples of non-verbal communication 2.2 Describe how changes in the use of non-verbal communication affect the communication of a five to eleven year old
3 Know about practical strategies which can improve the listening and attention skills of five to eleven year olds	3.1 Describe how to use one strategy to improve the listening and attention skills of a five to eleven year old
4 Know about practical strategies which can improve the memory and independent learning skills of five to eleven year olds	4.1 Describe how to use two strategies to improve the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old.
6 Know about practical strategies which can improve the understanding of spoken language in five to eleven year olds	5.1 Describe how one strategy improved a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language 5.2 Give a range of examples of differentiated language which enable five to eleven year olds of varying abilities to understand spoken language
6 Know how to apply strategies to promote vocabulary development in five to eleven year olds	6.1 Describe how to apply two strategies to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old
7 Know how to apply strategies to promote the use of expressive language in five to eleven year olds	7.1 Give six examples of Modelling to encourage expressive language development 7.2 Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's narrative skills
8 Be able to modify adult-child interaction to promote the communication skills of five to elevens	8.1 Assess own interaction with a child aged five to eleven 8.2 Identify how one change in adult-child interaction can have an effect on a child's communication
9 Know how to promote the social communication skills of five to eleven year olds	9.1 Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills

10 Know about practical strategies which can improve the clarity of speech of five to eleven year olds	10.1 Identify two strategies which can be used to support five to eleven year olds with unclear speech
11 Know about practical strategies which can improve the phonological awareness of five to eleven year olds	11.1 Describe two different activities which would promote one aspect of phonological awareness in five to eleven year olds

Indicative Content

Five to eleven year olds should be those with whom the learner is working in their own setting

4.2 The range of examples should cover: two different approaches, three different situations, the receptive language skills of at least two different children

Assessment Method

This unit is assessed through a portfolio of evidence

Equivalences

This unit is equivalent to L/505/5764 Speech and Language Support for 5-11s: From Theory into Practice

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Unit Title: Speech and Language Support for 5-11s
Unit Reference Number: L/508/5170

Credit Value of Unit: 9

GLH of Unit: 20

Level of Unit: 3

Introduction

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1 Understand how the processes involved in communication are linked to language, learning, behaviour, and social and emotional development of five to eleven year olds	1.1 Identify two strengths and two weaknesses in the speech, language, and communication skills of a five to eleven year old
	1.2 Explain how the speech, language and communication skills of a five to eleven year old has an impact on their learning, behaviour, social and emotional development
2 Understand how non-verbal communication affects the learning of five to eleven year olds	2.1 List four examples of non-verbal communication
	2.2 Explain how changes in the use of non-verbal communication affect the communication of a five to eleven year old.
	2.3 Explain the importance of understanding non-verbal communication when communicating with five to eleven year olds
3 Understand practical strategies which can improve the listening and attention skills of five to eleven year olds	3.1 Explain how to use one strategy to improve the listening and attention skills of a five to eleven year old.
	3.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve the listening and attention skills a five to eleven year old.
4 Understand practical strategies which can improve the memory and independent learning skills of five to eleven year olds	4.1 Explain how to use two strategies to improve the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old.
	4.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of two strategies used to promote the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old
5 Understand practical strategies which can improve the understanding of spoken language in five to eleven year olds	5.1 Explain how one strategy improved a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language
	5.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language
	5.3 Give a range of examples of differentiated language which enable five to eleven year olds of varying abilities to understand spoken language
	5.4 Explain how to use one model of differentiated questioning to support the receptive language skills of five to eleven year olds

6 Understand how to apply strategies to promote vocabulary development in five to eleven year olds	6.1 Assess the effectiveness of two strategies used to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old
	6.2 Explain how to apply a visual strategy to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old
	6.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old
7 Understand how to apply strategies to promote the use of expressive language in five to eleven year olds	7.1 Explain how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's expressive language
	7.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's expressive language
	7.3 Give six examples of Modelling to encourage expressive language development.
	7.4 Explain how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's narrative skills
	7.5 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's Narrative skills
8 Be able to modify adult-child interaction to promote the communication skills of five to elevens	8.1 Assess own interaction with a child aged five to eleven
	8.2 Explain how one change in adult-child interaction can have an effect on a child's communication
	8.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of one change made to improve the communication skills of a five to eleven year old
9 Understand how to promote the social communication skills of five to eleven year olds	9.1. Summarise the social communication profile of a child aged five to eleven
	9.2. Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills
	9.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills
10 Understand practical strategies which can improve the clarity of speech of five to eleven year olds	10.1 List three strategies which can be used to help a five to eleven year old with unclear speech
	10.2 Explain how difficulties with speech processing and other factors can cause unclear speech
11 Understand how to improve the phonological awareness of five to eleven year olds	11.1 Explain the link between speech processing, speech development and literacy skills in five to eleven year olds

Indicative Content

- Five to eleven year olds should be those with whom the learner is working in their own setting
- 5.3 The range of examples should cover: two different approaches, three different situations, the receptive language skills of at least three different children
- 7.3 The examples should arise from the learners own observations in the setting in which they work

Assessment Method

This unit is assessed through a portfolio of evidence

Equivalences

This unit is equivalent to D/506/1407 Speech and Language Support for 5-11s: From Theory into Practice

APPENDIX 1

Summary Record of Achievement Level 2 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	Date completed	Assessor Signature	Internal Verifier Signature (if sampled)
Speech and Language Support for 5-11s	2	9			

Learner Name _____

Minimum Credit Value of Qualification 9

Minimum Credit Value at Level being Claimed _____

Level Claimed _____

Total Credit Value at Level being claimed _____

I confirm that the minimum number of credits at the appropriate level have been achieved in order for a claim for certification to be made. I can confirm that the credit has been achieved from the correct combination of mandatory and optional units as specified within the Rules of Combination.

Assessor Signature _____

Internal Verifier Signature (if sampled) _____

APPENDIX 1

Summary Record of Achievement Level 3 Award in Speech and Language Support for 5-11s

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	Date completed	Assessor Signature	Internal Verifier Signature (if sampled)
Speech and Language Support for 5-11s	3	9			

Learner Name _____

Minimum Credit Value of Qualification 9

Minimum Credit Value at Level being Claimed _____

Level Claimed _____

Total Credit Value at Level being claimed _____

I confirm that the minimum number of credits at the appropriate level have been achieved in order for a claim for certification to be made. I can confirm that the credit has been achieved from the correct combination of mandatory and optional units as specified within the Rules of Combination.

Assessor Signature _____

Internal Verifier Signature (if sampled) _____

Tracking Sheet

R/508/5168 Speech and Language Support for 5-11s (Level 2)

Criteria	Assessment Method	Evidence Details	Portfolio Reference	Completion Date
1.1 Identify two strengths and two weaknesses in the speech, language, and communication skills of a five to eleven year old				
1.2 Describe how the speech, language and communication skills of a five to eleven year old has an impact on their learning, behaviour, social and emotional development				
2.1 List four examples of non-verbal communication				
2.2 Describe how changes in the use of non-verbal communication affect the communication of a five to eleven year old				
3.1 Describe how to use one strategy to improve the listening and attention skills of a five to eleven year old				
4.1 Describe how to use two strategies to improve the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old.				
5.1 Describe how one strategy improved a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language				
5.2 Give a range of examples of differentiated language which enable five to eleven year olds of varying abilities to understand spoken language				
6.1 Describe how to apply two strategies to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old				
7.1 Give six examples of Modelling to encourage expressive language development				
7.2 Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's narrative skills				
8.1 Assess own interaction with a child aged five to eleven				
8.2 Identify how one change in adult-child interaction can have an effect on a child's communication				
9.1 Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills				
10.1 Identify two strategies which can be used to support five to eleven year olds with unclear speech				

11.1 Describe two different activities which would promote one aspect of phonological awareness in five to eleven year olds				
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The above evidence has been assessed against the standards and has been judged for validity, authenticity, currency, reliability and sufficiency.

Learner Signature _____

Date _____

Assessor Signature _____

Date _____

Internal Verifier (if sampled) _____

Date _____



Tracking Sheet

L/508/5170 Speech and Language Support for 5-11s (Level 3)

Criteria	Assessment Method	Evidence Details	Portfolio Reference	Completion Date
1.1 Identify two strengths and two weaknesses in the speech, language, and communication skills of a five to eleven year old				
1.2 Explain how the speech, language and communication skills of a five to eleven year old has an impact on their learning, behaviour, social and emotional development				
2.1 List four examples of non-verbal communication				
2.2 Explain how changes in the use of non-verbal communication affect the communication of a five to eleven year old.				
2.3 Explain the importance of understanding non-verbal communication when communicating with five to eleven year olds				
3.1 Explain how to use one strategy to improve the listening and attention skills of a five to eleven year old.				
3.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve the listening and attention skills a five to eleven year old.				
4.1 Explain how to use two strategies to improve the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old.				
4.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of two strategies used to promote the memory and independent learning skills of a five to eleven year old				
5.1 Explain how one strategy improved a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language				
5.2 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's understanding of spoken language				
5.3 Give a range of examples of differentiated language which enable five to eleven year olds of varying abilities to understand spoken language				
5.4 Explain how to use one model of differentiated questioning to support the receptive language skills of five to eleven year olds				
6.1 Assess the effectiveness of two strategies used to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old				
6.2 Explain how to apply a visual strategy to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old				
6.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy to promote the vocabulary development of a five to eleven year old				

7.1	Explain how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's expressive language				
7.2	Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's expressive language				
7.3	Give six examples of Modelling to encourage expressive language development.				
7.4	Explain how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's narrative skills				
7.5	Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's Narrative skills				
8.1	Assess own interaction with a child aged five to eleven				
8.2	Explain how one change in adult-child interaction can have an effect on a child's communication				
8.3	Evaluate the effectiveness of one change made to improve the communication skills of a five to eleven year old				
9.1.	Summarise the social communication profile of a child aged five to eleven				
9.2.	Describe how to use one strategy to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills				
9.3	Evaluate the effectiveness of one strategy used to improve a five to eleven year old's social communication skills				
10.1	List three strategies which can be used to help a five to eleven year old with unclear speech				
10.2	Explain how difficulties with speech processing and other factors can cause unclear speech				
11.1	Explain the link between speech processing, speech development and literacy skills in five to eleven year olds				

The above evidence has been assessed against the standards and has been judged for validity, authenticity, currency, reliability and sufficiency.

Learner Signature _____

Date _____

Assessor Signature _____

Date _____

Internal Verifier (if sampled) _____

Date _____