



Makaton

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Makaton uses signs alongside symbols and speech to support communication. Research shows that signs and gestures are easier to learn than spoken words. Makaton is designed to support the development of spoken language.

Children and young people (CYP) who have difficulty communicating and understanding can become frustrated or withdrawn and may use certain behaviours to communicate their needs and feelings.

Makaton signs are based on gestures used in British Sign Language, but signs are used in conjunction with speech at all times and in English grammatical word order.

Example:

