

# LanguageLift

## Fact sheet



improving oral language for literacy

**MultiLit's exciting oral language intervention program, LanguageLift, is a quality, scripted teaching program designed to help address one of the biggest challenges being faced by early primary teachers – how to support the large number of children who start school with oral language difficulties.**

In the context of a Response to Intervention approach, LanguageLift is a Tier 2 program, designed to be delivered to small groups of students by teachers, learning support teachers or well-trained and supported teacher aides.

### What is LanguageLift?

LanguageLift is an oral language intervention program for children in the first three years of formal schooling who need help with their speaking and story comprehension abilities. LanguageLift creates a rich, scaffolded oral language environment which provides children with the help they need to develop language skills.

The program focuses on developing students':

- ▶ vocabulary
- ▶ spoken grammar
- ▶ listening comprehension skills
- ▶ knowledge of story structure
- ▶ ability to tell a cohesive and coherent story

Proudly developed in Australia, LanguageLift is also applicable in an international context.



### Who is it for?

- ▶ Ideal for students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 (early primary years)
- ▶ Schools seeking a program to support the explicit teaching of oral language skills
- ▶ Children who require help to develop language skills
- ▶ Students learning English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
- ▶ Delivery by schools only

### Is it evidence-based?

Absolutely. LanguageLift integrates the findings of high-quality research from speech pathology and education, as well as being extensively trialled in schools by MultiLit as part of our product development process.

The program trial results demonstrated that children made significant gains in oral vocabulary, grammar, and story retell and comprehension skills, as well as positive changes in social, behavioural and emotional skills.



## The LanguageLift approach

The lessons and resources provided in LanguageLift offer a high-quality, accessible and effective way to support children with language difficulties and set them on a path for success.

LanguageLift helps children work on using complete and grammatically correct sentences when speaking, and to listen to, understand and retell stories in their own words.

The program is based on:

- ▶ 120 carefully scripted lessons built around 15 purpose-written story books
- ▶ 30 minute lessons, 4 x per week
- ▶ Small group delivery



## Program content and resources

The LanguageLift Kit contains teacher and student resources to run one LanguageLift group. Additional consumables to run additional groups are available for purchase from MultiLit. The kit comprises:

- ▶ Teacher Manual
- ▶ Five Lesson Handbooks
- ▶ 15 Storybooks and Storybook SPELL Bookmark
- ▶ Assessment Presentation Book
- ▶ Student Workbooks (consumable, five copies)
- ▶ Student Assessment Books (consumable, five copies)
- ▶ Lesson Records Book (consumable; also available as a downloadable via the Members' Area)
- ▶ Cards, posters, charts and boards
- ▶ Bessie the bilby (soft toy)
- ▶ Access to a range of online resources, such as storyboards, song samples and information for parents/carers, in the Members' Area of the MultiLit website.

**Bonus:** Schools purchasing LanguageLift will receive a copy of the Wheldall Sentence Comprehension Screener (WSCS) Kit.



## Professional development

A compulsory two-day professional development (PD) workshop, offered either face-to-face or via videoconference, has been created to support successful implementation.

It covers:

- ▶ Important components of oral language
- ▶ Evidence base on how to build oral language skills that are critical for literacy development
- ▶ Introduction to key program components
- ▶ Practical implementation advice
- ▶ Familiarisation with specific instructional techniques
- ▶ Placing students on the program, forming groups and monitoring progress

Schools interested in running an on-request workshop are encouraged to email [multilit@multilit.com](mailto:multilit@multilit.com), with preferred dates, as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Following the training, MultiLit will provide support for implementation of the LanguageLift program by phone, webinar and email.

For more information or to book, visit our website [multilit.com/professional-development](http://multilit.com/professional-development)



“ We needed a program for students who were coming to school in the early years without sufficient oral language skills. LanguageLift fills that gap for us. Being a classroom teacher, the training we have in oral language isn't specialised, so it is really comforting and reassuring to know that we are working with a program that is evidence-based. LanguageLift has had a very positive impact on our students. Their confidence and enthusiasm towards speaking have really grown. The students thoroughly enjoy the program and as a teacher I enjoy delivering it. ”

**Kristie Sadowski** | Learning Support Coordinator, St Columba's Catholic Primary School, WA

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