

What is Makaton?

Makaton is the UK's leading programme for adults and children with learning or communication difficulties, and we widely use Makaton as a communication tool at Doubletrees.

It is a language programme that combines signs, symbols and speech to give different options for people to communicate.

Using signs can help people who do not use speech or are developing speech. Symbols can help people who have limited speech, or who cannot or prefer not to sign.

Makaton transforms the lives of people with communication difficulties, by giving them a way to express themselves independently. Being able to communicate eases frustration and gives people confidence and independence while they develop communication and language skills.

Please click on the link below for more information about learning Makaton. If you navigate to the Sign In tab, there is an option to create a free account, and access free Makaton symbols and downloads.

[Learn Makaton](#)

What is Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)?

AAC supports or replaces speech or writing for communication. AAC can take the form of low-tech communication systems such as:

- Pen and paper
- Objects
- Signing
- Books with pictures or symbols

[Augmentative and Alternative Communication - Cornwall Council](#)

What is Elklan?

Elklan offers a comprehensive range of speech, language and communication training for [practitioners](#), [schools and other settings](#), [parents and carers](#), and as [CPD for SaLTs](#).

Elklan provides effective & accessible training to ensure everyone in a child's network can support the development of their speech & communication. Over 3,500 Speech and Language Professionals have trained as Elklan Tutors to deliver Elklan courses. Over 80,000 practitioners have completed an Elklan course to support children and young people. What Elklan does is unique. We're the only organisation offering a choice

of accredited online courses and local face-to-face courses tailored for different professional roles and child age groups. Elklan trains practitioners and parents to use practical evidence based strategies which help children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). They will also help ALL children learn as language is fundamental to learning and thinking. The new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) code of practice in England now expects teachers to be responsible for every child's learning in the classroom and this now includes communication! Developed from the most current research Elklan training supports staff to meet these demands as well as those posed by Ofsted inspections.

We can:

- Improve early identification and support of pupils with SLCN.
- Deliver on the Quality First teaching agenda
- Improve differentiation of language focused activities across the curriculum
- Improve your interaction with your children
- Support you in gaining a nationally recognise qualification All our courses are accredited through OCN London.

For more information about the services and support that Elklan can provide to parents, please click on the link below:

[Training for Parents and Carers | Elklan Training Ltd](#)