



# SPEECH - LANGUAGE - LITERACY RESOURCES & TRAINING

## “ORAL LANGUAGE: Words, Sentences, Stories!”

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Lucia has been a speech pathologist for over 24 years. She works in schools and preschools and is the author of ALIEN TALK and other language programs used in Australian and international schools.

### THE TRAINING COVERS:

- \*The Importance of Oral Language and its link to academic learning, literacy and social development
- \*Practical ways to foster vocabulary development in the early years through to late primary
- \*Exploring simple sentences (using the Alien Talk program)
  - \*Promoting the use and understanding of complex sentences
  - \*Using the Story Grammar structure to promote cohesive, meaningful narratives
  - \*Using the Story Grammar structure to promote reading comprehension
  - \*Recognising oral language difficulties
- \*Fostering language growth in students at risk

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO BETTER WHEN TARGETING ORAL LANGUAGE IN YOUR CLASSROOM?

### *Did you know?*

\*Oral language skills in the early years are very closely related to success in learning to read and write.

\*Most academic tasks and social interactions rely on adequate oral language skills.

\* Pre-school children reared in low socio-economic environments perform well below expected levels on a range of measures of oral language skills, in spite of comparable overall cognitive skills.

\*In one study of young Australian male offenders, Snow and Powell (2008) found that over 50 percent of participants had significant deficits in oral language skills, many of which had been undetected during schooling.

## WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Teachers, aides (inclusion support assistants), speech pathologists, psychologists, parents.

WHEN IS IT? Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.00 – 3.30

WHERE IS IT? Room 2114

Hawthorn Campus, University of Melbourne,  
442 Auburn Rd. Hawthorn.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- \*Free resources (see right)
- \*Morning tea and Lunch
- \* Notes and a Certificate
- \*Discounts on selected Pelican Talk and Love and Reilly resources

You receive **FREE** resources:

1. The **STORY TALK** program from Love & Reilly (RRP \$53)
2. The **ALIEN TALK** program on USB flashdrive\* (RRP \$62)
3. Extra resources targeting word-learning and complex sentence development.

\*Alien Talk cards and the Sentence Spaceship can be purchased separately.

**REGISTER AND PAY AT [www.pelicantalk.com](http://www.pelicantalk.com) (under TRAINING)**

**REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED VIA SCHOOL PURCHASE ORDERS – FAX to 03 9018 4460 or EMAIL**

**EARLYBIRD :** \$220 Register and pay by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. **REGULAR:** \$250 Register by March 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**QUESTIONS?** Email [lucia@pelicantalk.com](mailto:lucia@pelicantalk.com) or call 03 5154 8558

Note: If you already own the resources offered free on the day, alternative resources may be arranged. Please email prior to registering if you wish to choose other resources.

**MORE DETAILS – SEE OVER!**

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*Above: You receive these resources at the training.*

## WHAT IS ORAL LANGUAGE?

### Oral Language includes:

- understanding and expression
- the number of words a person can understand and can use (vocabulary)
- an awareness of the structure of words (phonological awareness and morphological awareness)
- the stringing of words together (to form sentences – both simple and complex)
- the structuring of these words in an ordered, clear and cohesive manner to tell a story (story grammar)

**Without adequate oral language skills, a student’s reading comprehension and written expression is significantly impacted, even if they can “read” (decode) and spell every word.**

**NO! This workshop will not be heavy on theory.**

**YES! The strategies covered are evidence-based.**

**YES! You will learn practical tips that can be incorporated easily into your teaching.**

**YES! The learning will complement oral language programming that you already have in place.**

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**PLACES LIMITED TO 25.**

**See you there!**

*Right: The Oral Language Workshop, East Gippsland 2018*

