Gestalt Language Processing

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What is Gestalt Learning Processing (GLP)?

Learning language in “chunks” (gestalts) rather than starting with single words leading up to building sentences is known as **Gestalt Language Processing (GLP).**

Children who are GLPs might hear a whole phrase from a movie, a song, or a conversation and use that entire script to communicate a specific feeling or need. This is also another way to develop and process speech.

Signs Your Child is a Gestalt Learner

You may notice these clues in your child’s speech:

- **Repeats lines from favourite shows** (e.g., saying “Do you wanna build a snowman, c’mon let’s go and play...” from the movie Frozen suggesting they want to go outside).
- **“Hum" the tune** of a sentence even if the words are not clear.
- **Repeat phrases** they heard days or even weeks ago.
- **Refer to themselves as "you"** because that’s how they heard the phrase (e.g., "You want snack" to mean “I want a snack” or "I am hungry").

STAGES OF NATURAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION FOR GLP LEARNERS

1	2	3	4	5	6
FULL GESTAULT	**SLIGHT CHANGES**	**SINGLE WORDS & COMBINATIONS**	**ORIGINAL PHRASES**	**COMPLEX SENTENCES**	**COMPLETE GRAMMAR**
Child uses a memorized phrase with no modification:	Child starts breaking phrase apart or mixing it:	Child obtains meaningful words and recombines:	Child creates simple, original sentences:	Grammar becomes more complete:	Child is able to express intent clearly:
“To infinity and beyond!”	*“Go Infinity!”*	*“Go out!”*	*“Go outside!”*	*“I want to go outside.”*	*“I would like to go outside to play.”*

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How You Can Support and Connect to Your Child?

Listen to the “Scripts”!



Movie lines and songs are not random, they are emotional clues! Just keep the conversation going.

Focus on the Vibe!



Words can be tricky, but the tone of their voice tells the real story. Follow the "music" of their speech.

Give them the words!

Swap questions for "I" statements. Instead of "Want a drink?", try "I'm thirsty!" It gives them a ready-to-use phrase for next time.

Learning Chunk-by-Chunk !



They process the whole before the parts. Be patient with them!

How Kidztales Can Help

Some kids learn language in “chunks”, like favourite movie lines or catchy songs, to tell you how they feel. **Gestalt Language Processing (GLP)** is a wonderful and creative way to communicate and learn language! Our team is here to help your child **find the building blocks** within those big phrases, showing them how to **break them down and mix them up** to create their **own new sentences**. We focus on **understanding the meaning behind** what they are saying so they can **share their thoughts and ideas with in a more flexible and confident way.**

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