

# Target Word

The Hanen Program® for Families of Children Who Are Late Talkers



## About Target Word

Target Word is family focused. This program was developed by The Hanen Centre to help families meet the needs of children who are late talkers. Research shows that how parents play and talk with their children can create opportunities for children to learn new words. Families will learn ways to naturally create opportunities for their child to use words during everyday routines and activities.

**COST: FREE** (funded under Start Strong Pathways)

### The program runs over 10–12 weeks:

- Before the program begins: 1 individual consultation with a Hanen Target Word Certified Speech Pathologist
- Five small group sessions with other parents
- Two individual video feedback sessions with the Speech Pathologist to review and discuss how your use of the Target Word strategies is progressing
- A follow-up session after Session Five
- Support from other parents of children who are Late Talkers

**Online program dates:**

## IS THIS YOUR CHILD?

- hasn't started childcare yet
- under 2.5 years
- living in Northern or Western Sydney
- is a late talker ie communicates messages to you but does not use as many words as other children their age.
- understands what you say, can take turns and play but not using as many words as you would expect

then Target Word might be right for you.

## What will Target Word look like?

- How to introduce new words and ideas into playtime and other activities.
- How to join in their child's play and favourite activities in ways that help their child use new words.
- How to set up activities so their child can learn new words.

## Who is Target Word for?

This program was specifically designed for groups of parents of very young children who understand what they are told, have good play and turn-taking skills, and have no trouble learning everyday routines.

When it comes to talking, they are using a few words but their vocabulary is limited and they are not using multiple two-word combinations.

For more information about the Hanen® approach go to [www.earlyed.com.au/our-services/hanen-at-earlyed/](http://www.earlyed.com.au/our-services/hanen-at-earlyed/)

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