



SpeechWise

Supporting Children's Understanding in the Classroom

Why Understanding Matters

When children understand what they hear and read, they:

- Learn more easily
- Build better vocabulary
- Join in with lessons and discussions
- Feel more confident in school

Signs a Child May Be Struggling

- Doesn't follow instructions
- Struggles to explain ideas
- Quiet or withdrawn in group work
- Finds stories or tasks confusing



Quick & Practical Strategies to Boost Understanding

Use clear language	Use short instructions, repeat or rephrase if needed
Pre-teach key words	Introduce topic words with visuals or real examples
Check understanding	Ask "What do you need to do?" instead of "Do you get it?"
Ask open questions	Use "Why...?", "What do you think...?", "How...?"
Model thinking aloud	Talk through your ideas: "I think this because..."
Repeat & revisit vocabulary	Revisit new words often – Include new vocabulary in discussions, tasks, and reviews