

Mable Early Years Communication & Language Screener (MELCS)

What is MELCS

The Mable Early Language and Communication Screener (**MELCS**) is a research-driven digital tool designed to quickly identify children aged 4–5 (Reception year) at risk of Speech, Language, and Communication Needs (**SLCN**).

With easy-to-administer subtests, MELCS provides reliable results, enabling schools to offer timely intervention and support for students in need.



Why MELCS?

Early detection of SLCN is critical in preventing long term academic and social difficulties. By using MELCS, your school can:

- **Identify at-risk students early** to ensure they receive the support they need.
- **Guide targeted interventions**, avoiding learning delays and helping children reach their potential.
- **Support inclusive education** by recognizing the individual needs of students.

How does it work?

MELCS assesses a child's communication skills through several subtests, including **Non-Word Repetition** to evaluate phonological memory and vocabulary, **Sentence Repetition** for verbal memory and grammar, and **Grammar Comprehension** to assess sentence structure understanding.

It also analyses **Expressive Verb Morphology** for correct verb usage and **Sound Production** to identify speech sound disorders through verbal responses to images.





How MELCS benefits your school

- **Time-Efficient:** Staff can easily administer the screener to multiple children at once saving time and resources.
- **Immediate Results:** MELCS provides clear, actionable data to support decision-making on interventions.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** MELCS is designed to engage children through fun, visual tasks, making the process enjoyable and effective.

What happens after screening?

Once screening is complete, MELCS provides **detailed reports** highlighting areas of concern and suggesting next steps.

For children identified as needing additional support, Mable Therapy offers resources to your school to deliver targeted small group interventions.

We also provide access to the **Mable Academy** which included on demand CPD for your staff on supporting children with SLCN.




Getting started

Empower your school to identify and support SLCN early.

For more information or to see it in action:

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