



## Terms and Conditions

Thank you for purchasing a programme or subscribing to Sound Builders

### Sound Builders involves:

- Programmes to help parents and school staff to support children with unclear speech
- Each programme focuses on helping a child to listen to, articulate and use one target sound
- There is a big emphasis on listening to sounds
- Clear guidelines which indicate when it is appropriate for a child to move onto the next stage of the programme are included within each step of the programme
- Coloured photos are provided with each programme which are graded from easy to multi-syllabic words
- The user enters the child's name and this is subsequently inserted into the programme making the programmes individualised and more personal for parents
- The programmes can be emailed to a parent or school or both as a whole programme or in the four individual stages which make up each programme

Each programme is based on evidence of good practice when supporting children with unclear speech including:

- Bowen, C (2009) Children's Speech Sound Disorders. Published by Wiley-Blackwell
- Stackhouse, J and Wells, B (1997) Children's Speech and Literacy Difficulties. A Psycholinguistic Framework. Whurr Publishers.
- Howell, J and Dean, E (1991) Treating Phonological Disorders in Children: Metaphon, Theory to Practice. Singular Publishing Group

### Assessment

- A child with unclear speech should have an assessment carried out by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist registered with the Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC).
- The assessment should be current and be undertaken within a 6 month period before implementing a Sound Builder programme so the assessment is up to date.
- The assessment should indicate whether the child has a phonological delay or more complex difficulties with their speech.

- Sound Builders is best used with children who are 4 years old and older and who have delayed speech sound acquisition. 3 year olds can benefit but they must be able to cope with adult directed activities and have appropriate listening and attention skills for their age..
- A Sound Builder programme is not appropriate for a child with damage to their oral muscles (dysarthria).
- Children with difficulties in co-ordinating muscle movements (apraxia of speech/dyspraxia/developmental coordination disorder) may not respond to the programme if it is introduced at an inappropriate stage of the child's speech development. The specialist opinion of a speech and language therapist should be requested. Sound Builders can help children with this difficulty when they are able to use a target sound at word level.
- Children with learning difficulties, significant listening and attention problems, delayed receptive language (difficulties understand what someone says to them) or delayed expressive language (difficulties forming sentences and talking) may not respond as expected to a Sound Builder programme. Accurate assessment is important. If access to a speech and language therapist is not possible, please contact Elklan by emailing [henrietta@elklan.co.uk](mailto:henrietta@elklan.co.uk). Elklan can arrange a remote assessment of unclear speech.

### **Conditions of using a Sound Builder programme**

- Every child involved in following a Sound Builder programme should undergo an assessment by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist registered with the Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC).
- Each programme, purchased either on it's own or through a subscription service, can only be used with the named child who appears in the programme.
- Each programme, purchased either individually or through a subscription service, can only be e-mailed to the parents or educational establishment of the named child.
- The pictures can only be printed off and used with a child for whom a programme has been purchased.
- The programme must be followed as set out in the guidance and each stage must be implemented with the achievement criteria for each stage being met before moving onto the next.

### **Training**

- The adult implementing a Sound Builder programme should have access to appropriate training or coaching from a qualified Speech and Language Therapist to ensure that the child receives appropriate support.
- Elklan offers an e-learning with live webinar course called 'Supporting Children with Unclear Speech' which is written and supported by qualified Speech and Language Therapists. The course provides the underpinning knowledge and skills needed to implement a Sound Builder programme accurately and appropriately. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Purchasing a Sound Builder programme enables you to:**

- Download the programme provided that you do not:

- modify in any way any documents or related graphics;
- separate any graphics from the accompanying text;
- use copies of those materials for a child other than the child named in the programme.
- Store the programme in electronic form in a password protected area on your device.
- Email the programme or separate stages of the programme to the parents or educational establishment of the named child.

**You may not:**

- Rent, loan or lease any Sound Builder programme.
- Share log-in details with any other person.
- Share any log-ins or personal subscription arrangement.
- Use or copy any logos or designs.

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**Please note:**

Sound Builder programmes are used at your own discretion and risk and you will be solely responsible for the outcome for the child.

**New Versions and Releases**

From time to time, Sound Builder programmes will be updated. New versions will be uploaded onto the Sound Builder website page and will be available to purchasers and subscribers who download programmes after the release of a new version.

**Contact Us**

If you have any questions, please telephone: **01208 841450** or email: [henrietta@elklan.co.uk](mailto:henrietta@elklan.co.uk)

**Finally**

We hope that you and the child you are supporting enjoy using Sound Builders!