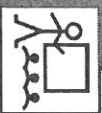


Spreading the benefits as widely as possible

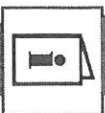
The Makaton Charity uses a cascade approach to sharing Makaton. This sustainable model ensures that the maximum amount of people can benefit from using Makaton.



Training. We provide training to parents, carers and professionals, via our nationwide network of licensed tutors and trainers. There are currently over 1,000 licensed Makaton Tutors and Trainers across the UK, delivering training to over 30,000 parents, carers and professionals each year.



Resources. We develop and produce a wide range of printed and electronic resources. From nursery rhyme DVDs to vocabulary books covering complex subjects such as bereavement and electronic collections of signs and symbols for computer use.



Information. We work with others to make information accessible. For example, we have worked with Local Councils to translate materials using Makaton symbols, so that Makaton users can vote in local elections, and with housing associations to provide information about the services they offer.



Support. We offer advice and support to families and professionals. For example, our free Family Advisory Service provides information and support to parents and family members of people with a learning or communication difficulty and to the professionals working with them.



Influence. We work in partnership to influence society and empower people. For example, we work with organisations such as The National Portrait Gallery, Her Majesty's Court Service and the BBC to promote communication and make Makaton available so that more people are able to participate.

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Helping people communicate

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What is Makaton?

Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech in spoken word order.

With Makaton, children and adults can communicate straight away using the signs and symbols. Many people then drop the signs or symbols naturally as they develop speech. Makaton is highly flexible as it can be personalised to the individual's needs and used at a level suitable for them. For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton can be a revelation and a bridge to greater confidence and self-esteem.

"I love the way that Makaton has enabled my son to develop his speech and make himself understood. It was like a light coming on when he very first used it and was understood."

How is Makaton used?

Makaton uses signs, symbols and speech to help people communicate. Signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.

Symbols can be used to support communication in many different ways. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign.

