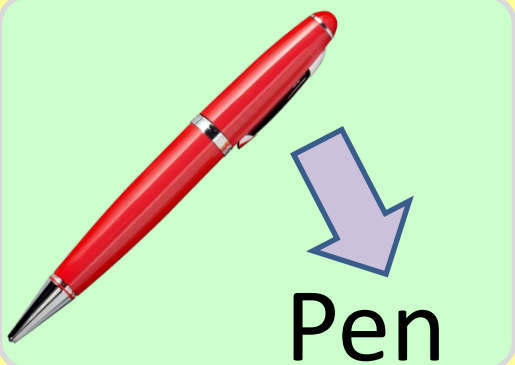


Symbolic Understanding

Symbolic understanding refers to the ability to understand visual information which represents ideas.

Key Points



Several levels of symbolic understanding from:

- easiest to understand- **real objects** through to
- most difficult- **written word**



- Some people might not develop through the stages of symbolic development and may only recognise concrete visuals such as objects



- Difficulties with symbolic understanding can affect a person's everyday life and their ability to communicate effectively with others



- A Speech and Language Therapist can find out the person's symbolic level of understanding and provide recommendations to support the person's communication