

If you have a child with special needs, let me recommend some of our titles more suited to your child's needs as recommended by fellow consultants, one who is also a Speech & Language Pathologist.

Features that make Usborne books ideal for Special Needs

- “Talk-about” realistic **illustrations** are filled with action, detail, and visual stimulation
- Usborne books are **interactive** as communication is interactive.
- **Step-by-step** features are perfect for sequencing, breaking things down into parts, and increased understanding.
- **Problem-solving** tasks are built into Usborne at many levels.
- **Activity-based** learning is optimal for children with special learning needs.
- **Bite-sized chunks** increase both understanding and attention.
- **Multifunctional** – one book can be used for a variety of goals!
- **Durable and inexpensive** – Get more for your money!
- The **yellow duck** is a “reinforcer” and “teacher”!

To help you decide which books would be best for your child, refer to the list, [Usborne Titles for Special Needs](#). This list of books will help you get started in your goal to engage your child in reading and to establish a rewarding reading experience!!

Usborne Titles for Special Needs

By Suzanne Hawkins and Susan Wandishin

Top 11 Series or Books for “Speech and Language”

- First 100 Words – “Talk-about” pictures of everyday activities for use with language, articulation, and phonology goals. Sticker book version also available.
- Everyday Words– Detailed claymation like scenes, appropriate for all age levels and language goals. Also ideal for written language with key vocabulary provided in margins. Book can become a game board or even more interactive with a sticker book.
- First 1000 Words (H), Sticker book and CD-ROM – Includes pages categorized by scene, as well as, pages about opposites, seasons, actions, sizes and more. Perfect for vocabulary, articulation, and language goals for pre-K through adult.
- Slot books – All slot books are perfect for the interactive nature of therapy. They elicit language through actions of moving the character, are filled with concept vocabulary, and make books

come alive for children who are not book-lovers. (Turn-taking and social gestures also reinforced.)

- Lift the Flap – Interactive stories with rhyming, predictable text. Action-filled illustrations elicit language, questions, and the hidden characters are perfect for reinforcing prepositions.
- Easy Words to Read – Rhyming text is perfect for phonemic awareness. Also, ideal for simple narratives, prediction, articulation and phonology, etc.
- Touchy-Feely – Perfect for negation, descriptive words, turn taking, and predictable language structures.
- Farmyard Tales – Perfect for early sequencing of stories, narratives, articulation carryover, and early literacy. Each story is told at 2 language/ reading levels.
- What's Happening? Detailed illustrations elicit questions and answers, predicting, descriptions, storytelling with one picture, and more.
- Puzzle Books – Problem-solving, predicting, attention to detail, auditory memory, and sequencing are just a few of the skills in these series. Books for all ages.
- What Shall I? And Playtime – Step-by-step projects are perfect for extension activities, sequencing, and retelling.

Autism and Asperger's

- Autism- A developmental disorder that primarily affects communication and social skills and is typically present before age 3. It has a broad range of severity from mild to severe, thus the term "autism spectrum disorder."
- Asperger's Disorder – A disorder of social interactions and restricted interests without clinical impairment of language skills. People with Asperger's disorder typically have above average intelligence.

Top 10 Series for Autism

Language Books (First 100 Words,
First 1000 Words, Everyday Words)
Touch-Feely
Easy Words to Read
First Experiences
1001 Things to Spot
Puzzle Books
Great Searches
First Encyclopedias
Art books
Personal Interests and Goals

Features of series

Vocabulary builders, and picture exploration
language development, CD-ROM available
Textures, descriptor words
Rhyme, phonemic awareness, & pre-reading skills
Rehearsing and talking about new situations
Independent, visual based activity, categorizing
Problem-solving, predicting, cognitive activities
Independent, visual based activity, bite size
Visually stimulating, bite size pieces
Independent, repetitive motion activity
Ask! Personal interests/passions are key!

Learning Disabilities (LD): A learning disability is a specific brain dysfunction that affects one or more areas including reading, writing, and math.

Top 13 Series for LD

Easy Words to Read
What's Happening?
First Experiences
First Encyclopedias
Flip-Flap Learners
Learning Wrap-Ups
Cooking School
Fantasy Adventures
Spotter's Guides

Features of series

Phonics, hi/lo, duck
Language development, duck
Dual reader, duck
Bite-size pieces, hi/lo
Bite-size pieces, hi/lo
Kinesthetic, self-correcting
Step by step, activity based
Hot topic, activity based
Activity based, success built in

Better English	Provides practice for skills
Discovery Series	I-L, hi/lo
Beginners	Non-fiction, hi/lo
Computer Guides	Computer activities

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD): ADD is a medical condition that impairs the ability to concentrate and complete tasks. ADHD is ADD paired with a need for constant activity.

Top 10 Series for AD/HD

1 2 3, A B C
 Slot Books
 Puzzle Books
 Great Searches
 What Shall I Do Today?
 Learning Wrap-Ups
 Fantasy Adventures
 Spotter's Guides
 Everyday Words
 Discovery Series

Features of series

Constant practice, duck, and hi/lo
 Visual tracking, activity based, hi/lo
 Activity based, hi/lo
 Activity based, hi/lo, bite size pieces
 Activity based, step-by-step
 Kinesthetic, self-correcting
 Hot topic, activity based
 Activity based, success built in
 Language development, activity based
 I-L, hi/lo

Sensory Integration Disorder (SID): SID is a disorder of the central nervous system that causes messages from the senses to become confused. This can be a hyper (over) or hypo (under) reaction.

Top 10 Series for SID

FYT Sticker Learning
 Touchy-Feely (Hypo)
 Slot Books
 Playtime
 Flip-Flaps
 What Shall I Do Today?
 Cooking
 Book of the Seasons
 Science Activities
 Science for Beginners

Features of series

Fine motor skills, activity based learning
 Provides stimulus for CNS
 Fine motor skills, activity based learning
 Fine motor skills, encourages varied play
 Explains body and CNS
 Fine motor skills, activity based
 Fine motor skills, encourages working with texture
 Activity based play, textures
 Activity based learning, textures
 Explains body and CNS