How do I know what I think till I see what I say? Who said this? And were they right?’

Vygotsky first argued for the vital interdependence of language and thought for children’s learning.

In this lively course we will explore the importance of talking for thinking and the role of the teacher in developing children’s language and thought.

Participants will:

- Be introduced to the theories of language for thinking and of language for communication
- Consider the implications of talking for thinking with bilingual children and the importance of developing complex language
- Explore a range of engaging strategies for developing language and thinking in early years and primary classrooms
- Plan easy changes to everyday classroom life that will develop the sophistication of children’s language and the depths of their thinking

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