When a child struggles to understand the messages communicated to, o?This disorder can cause challenges with asking or answering questions, and may lead to improper grammar usage when communicating.3 Symptoms of Language Disorders Language disorders are a common observation in children. Up to 1 out of 20 children exhibit at least one symptom of a language disorder as they grow. The symptoms of receptive disorders include: Difficulty understanding words that are spoken Challenges with following spoken directions Experiencing strain with organizing thoughts Children with receptive challenges will usually display these difficulties before the age of four. 2 Receptive difficulties may be observed where a child does not properly understand oral communication directed at, or around them. Simple gestures to come, go, or sit still may also prove challenging to comprehend. 3 Expressive Language Disorders Expressive language disorders occur when a child is unable to use language to communicate their thoughts or feelings. A child may also consider written communications difficult to express. 3 Children with expressive disorders will find it difficult to name objects, tell stories, or make .gestures to communicate a point. In this sense, oral communication is just one of the affected areas