

Gap Task 1 Checklist - Enabling Environments

- Identify an area outside that could be made language rich.
- Take a photograph of it in its current state.
- Observe for 10 minutes how many children and adults access this area noting the language that the children use.
- Record the information on the Enabling Environment audit plan.
- Using the NLT toolkit and in discussions with your colleagues, consider how to improve this space. Choose 3 actions. Are there opportunities to use digital media?
- Make the changes you have agreed to the area.
- Retake a photograph of the space in its improved condition.
- Observe for 10 minutes how many children and adults access this area noting the language that children use.
- Record the information on the Enabling Environment audit plan.
- Consider and implement more actions from this observation.
- Take a final photograph and observation and compare to the initial image and observation.
- Share the changes and ideas with parents and practitioners. Ask the children what they think of the changes.
- Think about how you can improve other areas in your setting and repeat this process.