

The 'Understanding' Iceberg - an example

Specific behaviours that we may observe

Unresponsive to requests;

Inappropriate responses to requests;

Tantrums when told to do things;

Upset during transitions;

Can't speak and doesn't point;

What could be the underlying factors for these behaviours?

Confused by complex language

Lacks flexibility

Confused by words that sound the same

Confused by the context

Understands only 1 or 2 words in a sentence

Poor memory

Auditory memory processing difficulties – needs TIME to process

Difficulty sequencing

Confused by structure of language

Needs visual clues

Echoes without having a complete understanding

Can't understand and express feelings

Lacks social understanding

Can't read faces well