Where do I start....

Gestalt language processors (GLP) are "whole to part" thinkers and acquire language in chunks. These chunks of language, sometimes called "echolalia", "scripts" or "gestalts", are a vital component of gestalt language development. With the right language environment and support, these gestalts will become more flexible over time. The child will be able to mix and match portions of the gestalts (mitigating) and later free single words from these gestalts. These single words will allow the child to generate original, self-generated language. We need to embrace the child's echolalia (gestalts) in order to support the child through the Stages of Natural Language Acquisition (NLA).

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If you think your child is a gestalt language processor, there are many FREE resources available to you. Here is a list of some resources to get you started plus some ideas you may want to explore in the future:

- Read Marge Blanc's article "Finding the Words...To Tell the 'Whole' Story" which can be found at www.communicationdevelopmentcenter.com
- Listen to a free "crash course" on gestalt language development on The Two Sides of the Spectrum Podcast - Episode 40. You can listen anywhere you access podcasts or Delayed Echolalia & Gestalt Language Processors with Alexandria Zachos | Two Sides of the Spectrum (simplecast.com)
- Download the one page "freebie" explaining gestalt language development on meaningfulspeech.com
- Watch Marge Blanc's YouTube webinar with NJACE "Making Sense of Echolalia: It's All About Language Development" which can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVgTud-IhQA
- Watch a "lunch and learn" interview on the Meaningful Speech YouTube channel. www.youtube.com/channel/UCl7ZkyNZqJMm5M_axvDWsWA
- Consider taking The Meaningful Speech Course (for both parents and professionals) on meaningfulspeech.com
- Search your state/country on the NLA Trained Clinician Registry at meaningfulspeechregistry.com. Updated daily, so check back frequently!
- All research, as well as, free and paid resources about GLP on one pdf available on meaningfulspeech.com

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