

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Genome-wide Analyses of Vocabulary Size in Infancy and Toddlerhood: Associations With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Literacy, and Cognition-related Traits

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Supplemental Methods

Study design

Expressive vocabulary scores were analysed as part of two developmental stages: an early phase (15-18 months, infancy) and a late phase (24-38 months, toddlerhood). The early phase reflects a developmental window during which children produce their first words, usually in isolation (1). During the late phase, children start to use word combinations and more complex grammatical structures (2,3).

Receptive vocabulary scores were only studied for the late phase (24-38 months, toddlerhood), as parents tend to underestimate receptive vocabulary in children below the age of two years compared to direct assessment of child receptive language using a preferential looking task (4). In addition, the availability of receptive vocabulary scores in infants is low and there was little evidence ($P < 0.05$) for Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) heritability at 15 months of age within the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC)(5). However, this does not exclude the existence of individual genetic variants that have an effect on vocabulary size.

Early vocabulary cohort descriptives

Up to seven population-based cohorts participated in this study, as described below. To capture the entirety of common genetic variation within the general population, we did not exclude children with neuro-developmental conditions, and those individuals are included at population-based prevalence rates.

Avon Longitudinal Study Parents and Children: Pregnant women resident in Avon, UK with expected dates of delivery 1st April 1991 to 31st December 1992 were invited to take part in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC)(6,7). The initial number of pregnancies enrolled is 14,541 (for these at least one questionnaire has been returned or a "Children in Focus" clinic had been attended by 19/07/99). Of these initial pregnancies, there was a total of 14,676 fetuses, resulting in 14,062 live births and 13,988 children who were alive at 1 year of age.

When the oldest children were approximately 7 years of age, an attempt was made to bolster the initial sample with eligible cases who had failed to join the study originally. As a result, when considering variables collected from the age of seven onwards (and potentially abstracted from obstetric notes) there are data available for more than the 14,541 pregnancies mentioned above. The number of new pregnancies not in the initial sample (known as Phase I enrolment) that are currently represented on the built files and reflecting enrolment status at the age of 24 is 913 (456, 262 and 195 recruited during Phases II, III and IV respectively), resulting in an additional 913 children being enrolled. The phases of enrolment are described in more detail in the cohort profile paper and its update. The total sample size for analyses using any data collected after the age of seven is therefore 15,454 pregnancies, resulting in 15,589 fetuses. Of these 14,901 were alive at 1 year of age.

A 10% sample of the ALSPAC cohort, known as the Children in Focus (CiF) group, attended clinics at the University of Bristol at various time intervals between 4 to 61 months of age. The CiF group were chosen at random from the last 6 months of ALSPAC births (1,432 families attended at least one clinic). Excluded were those mothers who had moved out of the area or were lost to follow-up, and those partaking in another study of infant development in Avon.

Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the ALSPAC Ethics and Law Committee and the Local Research Ethics Committees. Consent for biological samples has been collected in accordance with the Human Tissue Act (2004). Informed consent for the use of data collected via questionnaires and clinics was obtained from participants following the recommendations of the ALSPAC Ethics and Law Committee at the time.

Please note that the study website contains details of all the data that are available through a fully searchable data dictionary and variable search tool (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/our-data/>).

Barwon Infant Study: The Barwon Infant Study (BIS) is a prospective birth cohort with antenatal recruitment based in the Barwon region of Victoria, southwest of Melbourne, Australia. From June 2010 to June 2013, a birth cohort of 1,074 mother–infant pairs (10 sets of twins) was recruited using an unselected antenatal sampling frame (8). Eligibility criteria, population characteristics, and measurement details have been described previously (8). In brief, women were recruited prior to 28 weeks’ gestation between 2010 and 2013, and infant exclusion criteria were: [1] delivery before 32 weeks, [2] serious neonatal illness, [3] major congenital malformation or genetic disease and [4] family having moved out of the Barwon Statistical Division by the time of birth. Informed consent was obtained from pregnant mothers. Mother–infant pairs were reviewed at regular intervals at birth; 4 weeks; 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months; 2 years and 4 years; with review at 7-10 years in progress. Further details of the cohort are available through the Barwon Infant Study cohort website (<https://www.barwoninfantstudy.org.au/index.cfm>). A short-form adaption of the MacArthur Communicative Development Inventories: Words and Sentences was completed for a subsample of N=431 children at the 2-year-old review alongside other neurodevelopmental assessments. The current analysis was restricted to those children determined to be of European ancestry based on their genetic data (N=383). Ethics approval for the study was obtained from the Barwon Health Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC 10/24).

Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood: The Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood is a clinical study with multiple cohorts (COPSAC2000 and COPSAC2010). The COPSAC2010 cohort is a population-based prospective mother-child cohort comprising 700 children born to unselected mothers (during 2009-10) from Zealand, Denmark. The cohort was enrolled at age 1 week and attended the research clinic for clinical examinations at ages 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36 month and yearly hereafter till age 8 years.

Language development was assessed with the Danish version of The McArthur Bates Communicative Development Inventory (CDI) through questionnaires filled by parents as described

elsewhere (9). Genotyping and imputation for the COPSAC2010 cohort has been described elsewhere (10). The Ethics Committee for Copenhagen and the Danish Data Protection Agency approved this study.

Early Language in Victoria Study: The Early Language in Victoria Study (ELVS) is a longitudinal, community cohort study that comprehensively tracked the language development of a large group of children (>1,900) born in the surrounds of Melbourne, Victoria (Australia). ELVS was designed to fill knowledge gaps about language development and factors that predict later outcomes, including service costs and health-related quality of life. The children were recruited between 8 and 10 months of age and have been followed across key developmental transitions, including infancy and early childhood, middle childhood to adolescence and most recently into early adulthood. Data were obtained via multi-source informants, direct assessment and linkage to nationally acquired academic achievement data. ELVS operates from Melbourne, Australia, and is funded by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (#237106, #436958, #1041947). Ethical approval has been obtained from the Royal Children's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (27078/33195). A number of ELVS sub-studies investigate different areas of communication development, including stuttering, autism and bilingual language development. Full details of the study and the ages at which data were collected are available on the Lifecourse website (<https://lifecourse.melbournechildrens.com/cohorts/elvs/>) and in Reilly et al (2018)(11).

Generation R Study: The Generation R Study (GenR) is a prospective cohort study from fetal life onwards that included pregnant women living in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, with an expected delivery date between April 2002 and January 2006 (N=9,778). The main aim of this study is to identify early environmental and genetic factors that affect growth, health and development (12). The Generation R Study is multidisciplinary, and both prenatal and postnatal measures have included multiple domains of growth, health and development. Rotterdam is an ethnically diverse city and this is reflected in the Generation R participants. Of the enrolled mothers, 42% were of non-Dutch ethnic background, largely

made up by mothers from Surinamese (9%), Turkish (7%) and Moroccan (3%) background (12,13). Data have been collected in children up until the mean age of 13 years, with current on-going data collection at mean age 17 years. Study protocols were approved by the local ethics committee, and written informed consent and assent was obtained from all parents and children.

The Growing Up in Australia: Longitudinal Study of Australian Children study: The Growing Up in Australia: Longitudinal Study of Australian Children study (LSAC) includes prospective birth (B) and kinder (K, not further considered in the EAGLE consortium) cohorts that aimed to be broadly representative of the Australian population (14). The B-cohort recruited 5,107 0-1-year-olds in 2004, with continued in-home follow-up every 2 years. The Child Health CheckPoint module was one-off physical health and biomarkers assessment, nested between LSAC's 10-11 year and 12-13 year waves, for 1,874 B-cohort families, at either an assessment centre or home visit, and including biospecimen collection for DNA extraction (15). The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) Ethics Committee approved each wave of LSAC. The AIFS Ethics Committee (14-26) and Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (33225D) approved the CheckPoint wave. Written informed consent and assent was obtained from all parents for LSAC, and from all parents and children for the CheckPoint.

The Raine Study: The Raine Study is a prospective pregnancy cohort where 2,900 mothers (Gen1) were recruited between 1989 and 1991 (16,17). Recruitment took place at Western Australia's major perinatal centre, King Edward Memorial Hospital, and nearby private practices. Women who had sufficient English language skills, an expectation to deliver at King Edward Memorial Hospital, and an intention to reside in Western Australia to allow for future follow-up of their child (Gen2) were eligible for the study.

The Raine Study is known as one of the largest successful prospective cohorts richly phenotyped at multiple time points over pregnancy, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. The mothers (Gen1) completed questionnaires regarding their children (Gen2), and the children (Gen2) had physical

examinations at ages 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 14, 17, 20 and 22 years. Ethics approval for the original pregnancy cohort and subsequent follow-ups were granted by the Human Research Ethics Committee of King Edward Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, the University of Western Australia, and the Health Department of Western Australia.

Twins Early Development Study: The Twins Early Development Study (TEDS) is a longitudinal twin study that recruited over 16,000 twin pairs born between 1994 and 1996 in England and Wales through national birth records (18). More than 10,000 of these families are still involved in the study. TEDS was, and still is, a representative sample of the population in England and Wales. Rich cognitive and behavioural data have been collected from the twins from infancy to emerging adulthood, with data collection at ages 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21, enabling longitudinal genetically sensitive study designs. Data have been collected from the twins themselves (including extensive web-based cognitive testing), and from their parents and teachers. Genotyped DNA data are available for 10,346 individuals (who are unrelated except for 3,320 dizygotic co-twins). Ethical approval was received from King's College London Research Ethics Committee (Reference number PNM/09/10-104).

Early vocabulary assessment

The CDIs were developed to assess language and communication development in young children (19), whereas the Language Development Survey (LDS) aims to identify children with language delays (20). Vocabulary scores were primarily assessed in English (ALSPAC, BIS, LSAC, the Raine Study and TEDS), but also in Danish (COPSAC, Danish adaptation of the MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences (21)) and Dutch (GenR, N-CDI-2A (22) and LDS (20)). Previous research showed that children follow similar patterns of language acquisition across different languages (23) and that CDI vocabulary assessments are comparable across different cultures, including English, Dutch and Danish (24). The instruments selected in this study have been extensively validated, especially for expressive vocabulary (21,25–30). The correlation between

parental CDI assessment and child task performance (20-30 months of age) for word comprehension and production is moderate to high ($r=0.55$ and $r=0.67$, respectively)(29), suggesting the validity of studied measures. A strong correlation of 0.79 was also reported between parent-assessed (CDI) and laboratory-assessed expressive vocabulary in 24-month old children (25). For expressive vocabulary assessed using the Dutch adaptation of the LDS, a Pearson correlation of 0.68 with formal language assessment at 24 months was found (30). Notably, the LDS and CDI have high concurrent validity, with a correlation of 0.95 for total vocabulary scores at 23 to 25 months of age (26). Nonetheless, parental assessments of receptive vocabulary in children below the age of two may underestimate children's vocabulary (31) or show low validity (32).

Analyses of longitudinal data from the Wordbank (<http://wordbank.stanford.edu/>), including children with more than ten CDI:Words & Sentences assessments over 20 months, showed longitudinal stability, suggesting that CDI measurement error is low when studied across close intervals (33). These findings are consistent with moderate-to-strong correlations observed for CDI scores at one-year intervals ($r_p=0.47-0.63$) (5,34), demonstrating the reliability of the CDI scores.

Early-phase expressive vocabulary: During the early phase (15-18 months, infancy), expressive vocabulary size was assessed using an abbreviated form of the MacArthur CDI:Words & Gestures (35) in the ALSPAC cohort (15 months: $N=6,741$). Early-phase expressive vocabulary was defined by this instrument as the total number of words a child could "say and understand" and thus jointly represents expressive and receptive vocabulary. Within GenR (18 months: $N=2,058$), expressive vocabulary was assessed using a Dutch adaptation of the short-form version of the MacArthur CDI (N-CDI-2A)(22). This form included the response "say" in addition to "say and understand", so early-phase expressive vocabulary was defined as the number of words that fell into either of these categories.

Late-phase expressive vocabulary: During the late phase (24-38 months, toddlerhood), expressive vocabulary size was assessed with an abbreviated version of the MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences (19) in ALSPAC (24 months: N=6,208; 38 months: N=6,291), the corresponding Danish adaptation (21) in COPSAC (24 months: N=487), and using the LDS (20) in GenR (31 months: N=1,825) and the Raine Study (26 months: N=980). Adapted forms of the MacArthur CDI (MCDI)(27,36) were used to assess expressive vocabulary in BIS (30 months: N=383), LSAC (34 months: N=1,134), and TEDS (24 months: N=5,515). For CDI vocabulary assessments, late-phase expressive vocabulary was defined as the number of words that fell within the category “says” and/or “says and understands”. For LDS vocabulary assessments, late-phase expressive vocabulary was defined as the total number of words spontaneously produced by a child from a given list of words. The LDS and CDI have high concurrent validity, with a correlation of 0.95 for total vocabulary scores at 23 to 25 months of age (26).

Late-phase receptive vocabulary: Late-phase receptive vocabulary scores were only available in ALSPAC (38 months: N=6,291) and assessed using an abbreviated form of the MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences (19)(Table S1). Late-phase receptive vocabulary score was defined as the number of words a child could understand, regardless of whether they also produced the word, and encoded as “understand” plus “say and understand”.

Single-variant association analysis

Genome-wide association study per cohort: Within each cohort, vocabulary scores were adjusted for age, sex, age² and their interaction effects, as well as ancestry-informative principal components (that differed by cohort) and other study-specific covariates, such as genotyping array and/or batch, defined by the local genome-wide association study (GWAS) analyst. Vocabulary scores were rank-transformed to achieve normality and allow for comparisons of genetic effects across different psychological instruments.

Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)-vocabulary associations were estimated within each cohort using a linear regression of rank-transformed residuals on posterior genotype probability using SNPTEST (37), Proabel (38) and GEMMA (39) software, assuming an additive genetic model, except for the LSAC cohort. For LSAC, a linear regression of rank-transformed residualised vocabulary scores on bestguess genotypes was performed with PLINK 1.9 (40) using imputed markers (INFO>0.3), as posterior genotype probability data were not available (Table S4). Analyses were restricted to unrelated individuals (IBD<0.125) except for GWAS analyses of twin samples (TEDS) that were performed using GEMMA (39) following a linear mixed-model approach. This method accounts for relatedness among individuals using a genetic-relationship matrix (GRM) derived from high-quality, directly genotyped markers. GRM off-diagonal elements ≥ 0.05 capture relatedness for closely related individuals (41,42), while other elements of the GRM were set to zero.

Quality control at summary statistic level: GWAS summary statistics from all cohorts underwent extensive quality control using the EasyQC R package (43) (v9.2): variants that had low (i) imputation quality (INFO<0.6 for SNPTEST, PLINK and GEMMA association analyses and INFO<0.5 for Proabel association analyses), (ii) minor allele count (MAC ≤ 10), or (iii) effect allele frequency (EAF ≤ 0.005 or EAF ≥ 0.995) were excluded. In addition, marker names were harmonised, and alleles were aligned against Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC) r1.1 reference data. Variants with missing or mismatching alleles were dropped, as well as all insertions/deletions, duplicate SNPs and multi-allelic SNPs. Finally, variants with an EAF that deviated >0.2 from the frequency in the HRC r1.1. reference data were excluded. All association analyses were applied with genomic control (44) for variant discovery and without genomic control for follow-up analyses.

Single-trait meta-GWAS (stage I): As part of analysis stage I (Figure 1), fixed-effect meta-analyses were carried out for early-phase expressive vocabulary using METAL software (45). This approach includes a meta-analysis across effect size estimates reported by each individual cohort, weighted by the inverse of

the corresponding standard error (45). As late-phase expressive vocabulary included longitudinal assessments of the same ALSPAC children at 24 and 38 months (Table S1), a fixed-effect meta-analysis was carried out excluding ALSPAC expressive vocabulary at 38 months to ensure the independence of GWAS summary statistics across cohorts. The derived METAL output was then jointly analysed with the GWAS results for ALSPAC expressive vocabulary at 38 months using multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association (MTAG)(46). This method exploits genetic relationships among traits and provides a generalised inverse-variance-weighted meta-analysis estimate by integrating GWAS summary statistics across correlated phenotypes while allowing for overlapping samples (46). As late-phase receptive vocabulary scores were only available for ALSPAC, no meta-analysis was performed.

Multi-trait meta-GWAS (stage II): As part of analysis stage II, multi-trait meta-analyses were performed with MTAG (46) combining vocabulary summary statistics with moderate-to-strong genetic correlations ($r_g \geq 0.65$) to increase statistical power (Figure 1). Late-phase expressive vocabulary, the most powerful measure, was included as the outcome in all multi-trait meta-analyses.

Sensitivity analyses for MTAG: To assure robustness of our findings, sensitivity analyses were conducted for all meta-analyses performed with MTAG. MTAG analyses combining low-powered traits (mean χ^2 statistic < 1.02), such as ALSPAC expressive vocabulary at 38 months and late-phase receptive vocabulary, may lead to bias and an increased false discovery rate (46). Therefore, MTAG-derived estimates for each meta-analysis estimates were compared against fixed-effect meta-analysis estimates for late-phase expressive vocabulary (the most powerful fixed-effect meta-analysis, see above). For each meta-analysis, we compared beta coefficients and standard errors across all SNPs ($N_{SNPs} = 7,343,861 - 7,355,069$), as well as across a subset of highly-associated SNPs ($P < 5 \times 10^{-6}$, $N_{SNPs} = 37$).

FUMA analyses

Gene-based GWASs: Gene-based GWASs were conducted with Multi-marker Analysis of GenoMic Annotation (MAGMA, v1.08) according to a SNP-wide mean model (47), as implemented within FUMA software (v1.3.6a)(48). SNPs were mapped to genes using positional mapping based on the 1000 Genomes Phase 3 European reference panel (release 20130502) and a 0kb window, consistent with default MAGMA settings. SNPs were mapped to $\leq 18,896$ protein-coding genes. Assuming 2.38 independent vocabulary measures, estimated with a Matrix Spectral Decomposition (matSpD)(49) of bivariate genetic correlations (see Main), this resulted in a genome-wide gene-based significance threshold of 1.11×10^{-6} ($0.05/18,896/2.38$). Gene-based GWAS results subsequently served as input for gene-set and gene-property analyses (see below).

Gene-set analyses: MAGMA-based gene-set analyses (v1.08)(47) were performed as implemented within FUMA software (v1.3.6a)(48). This competitive test was conditioned on gene size, gene density, and the inverse of the mean minor allele count in the gene (47). Association was investigated with up to 4,527 gene ontology (GO) biological pathways that were derived from MsigDB v7.0 (50) and contained between 10 and 200 genes to avoid bias related to gene-set size (51). The multiple-testing-adjusted threshold was defined at $P < 4.64 \times 10^{-6}$ ($0.05/4,527/2.38$).

Gene-property analyses: MAGMA (47) gene-property analyses were performed in FUMA (v1.3.6a)(48) to assess whether common genetic variation related to vocabulary was enriched for expression in certain tissues and/or developmental periods of interest. For these analyses, gene expression data were obtained from 30 broad tissue types and 54 specific tissues derived from the GTEx v8 RNA-sequencing database (52), as well as gene expression data for 29 different age groupings and 11 developmental stages from BrainSpan (53). The multiple-testing-adjusted threshold was defined at $P < 1.69 \times 10^{-4}$, accounting for the total number of gene expression data sets and independent vocabulary measures investigated ($0.05/124/2.38$).

High-Definition Likelihood SNP-heritability and genetic correlation analyses

SNP-heritability ($\text{SNP-}h^2$) and bivariate genetic correlations (r_g), as captured by GWAS summary statistics, were estimated using High-Definition Likelihood (HDL)(54). HDL is a full likelihood-based method that extends the Linkage Disequilibrium Score (LDSC) regression formula by including non-diagonal elements of Z-score covariance matrices. Compared to LDSC, HDL estimates $\text{SNP-}h^2$ and r_g with increased accuracy (54). HDL- $\text{SNP-}h^2$ analyses were conducted using a pre-computed reference panel for European-ancestry populations based on 1,029,876 high-quality UK Biobank imputed HapMap3 SNPs if >99% of them were available, following HDL recommendations (54). Otherwise, a reference panel based on 769,306 high-quality UK Biobank imputed HapMap2 SNPs was used. These reference panels were created previously, and details, including quality control, are described elsewhere (54). Eigenvalues and eigenvectors were derived by HDL, selecting values that resulted in the most stable heritability estimate.

We investigated evidence for genetic correlation based on GWAS summary statistics for vocabulary size, created as part of stage I, and several preselected, heritable cognition-, development and health-related outcomes ($\text{SNP-}h^2 P < 0.05$ and $\text{SNP-}h^2$ Z-score ≥ 4 , Table S9). All traits included in HDL- r_g analyses had sufficient SNP overlap (>99%) with either the HapMap2 or HapMap3 reference panel. Genome-wide summary statistics for the studied cognition-, development and health-related traits are described below in brief, while more detailed information can be found in the original studies:

Word reading: GWAS summary statistics on word reading(55) (5-26 years, N=27,180) were obtained from the international GenLang network (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/c2a16081-d0b7-4a59-a80f-b9ee72244ae3>). Word reading skills were assessed via eleven different validated psychometric tests that showed little evidence for genetic heterogeneity when jointly analysed (55).

Non-word reading: GWAS summary statistics on non-word reading(55) (5-26 years, N=16,746) were obtained from the international GenLang network ([https://hdl.handle.net/1839/c2a16081-d0b7-](https://hdl.handle.net/1839/c2a16081-d0b7-4a59-a80f-b9ee72244ae3)

4a59-a80f-b9ee72244ae3). Non-word reading skills were assessed using eight different validated psychometric tests that showed little evidence for genetic heterogeneity when jointly analysed (55).

Spelling: GWAS summary statistics on spelling(55) (5-26 years, N=17,278) were obtained from the international GenLang network (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/c2a16081-d0b7-4a59-a80f-b9ee72244ae3>). Spelling skills were assessed using eleven different validated psychometric tests that showed little evidence for genetic heterogeneity when jointly analysed (55).

Phoneme awareness: GWAS summary statistics on phoneme awareness(55) (5-18 years, N=12,411) were obtained from the international GenLang network (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/c2a16081-d0b7-4a59-a80f-b9ee72244ae3>)(55). Phoneme awareness was assessed using four different validated psychometric tests that showed little evidence for genetic heterogeneity when jointly analysed (55).

Intelligence: GWAS summary statistics on intelligence across the lifespan(56) (5-98 years, N=279,930) were obtained from the Complex Traits Genetics lab (https://ctg.cncr.nl/documents/p1651/SavageJansen_IntMeta_sumstats.zip). Each cohort assessed intelligence with different instruments that were re-defined to index a common latent factor of general intelligence (56).

Educational attainment: GWAS summary statistics on years-of-schooling(57) (>30 years, N=766,345 excluding 23andMe) were obtained from the Social Science Genetic Association Consortium (https://www.dropbox.com/s/ho58e9jmytmpaf8/GWAS_EA_excl23andMe.txt?dl=0). Educational attainment (EA) was coded according to the International Standard Classification of Education (1997) scale (57) and analysed as a quantitative variable defined as an individual's years of schooling (57).

Infant head circumference: GWAS summary statistics on infant head circumference(58) (6-30 months, N=10,768) were obtained from the Early Growth Genetics Consortium ([15](http://egg-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

consortium.org/HC/EGG_HC_DISCOVERY.v2.txt.gz). Head circumference was measured from the occipital protuberance to the forehead, using a flexible, non-stretching measure tape following standardized procedures (58).

Childhood head circumference: GWAS summary statistics on childhood head circumference(59) (6-9 years, N=10,600) were retrieved via Dr. Beate St Pourcain (beate.stpourcain@mpi.nl). Head circumference was measured with a measuring tape at the widest horizontal circumference in the majority of participants (59).

Childhood aggressive behaviour: GWAS summary statistics on childhood aggressive behaviour(60) (1.5-18 years, N=151,741) were obtained via Prof. dr. Dorret Boomsma (di.boomsma@vu.nl). Aggression was assessed on continuous scales, with higher scores indicating more aggressive behaviour, using mothers, fathers, teachers, and self-report based on 26 different instruments (60).

Childhood internalising symptoms: GWAS summary statistics on childhood internalising symptoms(61) (3-18 years, N=64,641) were retrieved via Prof. dr. C.M. Middeldorp (c.middeldorp@uq.edu.au). In the absence of diagnostic data, internalising symptoms were dimensionally measured and positively scored on continuous scales, with higher scores indicating more internalising symptoms, based on different raters and instruments (61).

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: GWAS summary statistics on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)(62) were accessed through the Danish Lundbeck Foundation Initiative for Integrative Psychiatric Research (iPSYCH) and Psychiatric Genetics Consortium (PGC). Analyses were restricted to individuals of European ancestry (<https://ipsych.dk/en/research/downloads/data-download-agreement-adhd-european-ancestry-gwas-june-2017/>). ADHD cases in iPSYCH were identified from a national research register and diagnosed by psychiatrists at a psychiatric hospital according to ICD10(63) (F90.0) and identified using the Danish Psychiatric Central Research Register (64). ADHD cases in

PGC were primarily diagnosed with the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-III (65), DSM-IV (65), DSM-IV-TR (65)) or the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10 (63)).

Autism Spectrum Disorder: GWAS summary statistics on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)(66) were accessed through iPSYCH and PGC (<https://ipsych.dk/en/research/downloads/data-download-agreement-ipsych-pgc-asd-nov2017/>). ASD cases were diagnosed according to ICD-10 (63) and identified using the Danish Psychiatric Central Research Register (64). Registry-based ASD diagnoses were validated previously (62,66). Controls were randomly selected from the same nationwide birth cohort and did not have a diagnosis of ASD or ADHD, or moderate-severe mental retardation (F71-F79)(62,66,67). In addition, data from five family-based trio samples of European ancestry from the PGC were included (68), which based an ASD diagnosis on the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (69), the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (70), and/or the Autism Screening Questionnaire (71). The sample only included individuals of European ancestry.

Power to detect a genetic correlation between single-trait vocabulary data (stage I) and educational attainment was calculated via an online tool (https://eagenetics.shinyapps.io/power_website/) following Dudbridge et al (72). Sample sizes of 8,800, 19,300, 6,300 and 766,300 were used for early-phase expressive vocabulary, late-phase expressive vocabulary, late-phase receptive vocabulary and educational attainment, respectively. SNP- h^2 estimates for these traits are reported in Table S7 and S9. As all traits are continuous, sample and population prevalence were set to one. Alpha was set to the multiple-testing-adjusted significance threshold of 5.57×10^{-3} .

Polygenic scoring analyses

To increase the portability of polygenic scores sample characteristics such as the socio-economic status, age or sex differences between base and target samples need to be considered (73). Due to limited

data availability, only late-phase expressive vocabulary could be studied with out-of-sample prediction in an age-matching dataset. Specifically, we investigated phenotypic and genome-wide genetic data from ELVS (74) as the target sample and single-trait late-phase expressive vocabulary summary statistics (stage I) as the discovery sample.

Phenotypic data: In ELVS, late-phase expressive vocabulary was assessed using an adapted version of the MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences at 24 months of age (N=639, Table S1). ELVS CDI vocabulary scores were adjusted for age, sex, age², their interaction effects, and the first two principal components, and rank-transformed.

Genetic data: ELVS individuals were genotyped using the Infinium Global Screening Array, and standard quality control procedures were applied (75). To assure high-quality genetic data, variants with a call rate <0.98, Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium <1x10⁻⁶ or minor allele frequency <0.01 were excluded. Individuals were excluded based on a call rate <0.98, a non-European genetic ancestry, or relatedness with other participants (IBD >0.125). Cleaned genotype data were imputed using the Michigan Imputation Server (<https://imputationserver.sph.umich.edu/index.html>) against the HRC r1.1 reference panel (76). For polygenic scoring analyses, allele counts for SNPs with an INFO score >0.8, genotyping probability >0.9 in 95% of the individuals and minor allele frequency >0.005 were transformed into bestguess genotypes (N_{SNPs}=6,675,600).

Polygenic scoring: Posterior SNP effect size estimates from late-phase expressive vocabulary summary statistics (stage I) were estimated using PRS-CS (77): a Bayesian-based approach that adjusts SNP effect sizes for LD by applying a continuous-shrinkage parameter. Following the default settings: the global shrinkage parameter was learned from the data using a fully Bayesian approach, parameters a and b in the gamma-gamma prior were set to 1 and 0.5, respectively, and 1,000 Markov Chain Monte Carlo iterations were performed, with 500 burn-in iterations and a Markov chain thinning factor of 5. The 1000 Genomes

phase 3 European reference panel provided by the authors was used as LD reference panel. Individual-level polygenic scores in ELVS were created with PLINK(40) (v1.9b3w) and Z-standardised. Finally, vocabulary measures were regressed on polygenic scores in ELVS using ordinary least square (OLS) regression (R:stats library, Rv4.1.0), and the phenotypic variance explained was assessed with the regression R^2 .

Power calculation: Power to detect a genetic relationship was derived following Dudbridge et al.(72) via an online tool: https://eagenetics.shinyapps.io/power_website/. Parameters included for the discovery trait (meta-GWAS stage I, late-phase expressive vocabulary) were a sample size of 19,300, SNP- h^2 of 0.08, and a population and sample prevalence of 1. For the target trait (ELVS, late-phase expressive vocabulary) these parameters were set at $N=600$, SNP- $h^2=0.08$, and a population and sample prevalence of 1. The alpha was set at 0.05.

Structural equation modelling

To obtain insight into the developmentally changing genetic correlation pattern of ADHD symptoms with vocabulary size across infancy and toddlerhood, we applied genetic-relationship-matrix structural equation modelling (78) (GRM-SEM) using the grmsem R package (v1.1.2, <https://gitlab.gwdg.de/beate.stpourcain/grmsem>) and studied individual-level data from the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents And Children (ALSPAC) cohort. Note that it is not possible to model residual (i.e. joint environmental, non-additive-genetic and error) influences with summary-statistic-based SEM frameworks such as Genomic SEM (79).

Vocabulary data: Data on expressive vocabulary size at 15 months (early-phase expressive vocabulary), 24 months and 38 months (late-phase expressive vocabulary), as well as receptive vocabulary size at 38 months (late-phase receptive vocabulary) from ALSPAC children were analysed in a similar way to the presented meta-GWASs (Table S1, Table S2), except for stricter filtering on relatedness ($IBD < 0.05$)

(78). This resulted in individual-level genotype and phenotype data for 6,524, 6,014, 6,092, and 6,092 children for expressive vocabulary at 15 months, expressive vocabulary at 24 months, expressive vocabulary at 38 months and receptive vocabulary at 38 months, respectively.

ADHD symptom score data: ADHD symptom scores in ALSPAC (showing strong genetic correlations with ADHD status in case-control analyses (80)) were assessed with the hyperactivity subscale of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)(81) at 7, 10, 12, 13 and 17 years of age using mother reports and at 8 and 11 years using teacher reports (Table S5). Only pro-rated scores were selected for the current study. ADHD symptom scores were adjusted for age, sex, their interaction effects and the first two principal components and then rank-transformed.

SNP- h^2 analyses: Across ADHD SDQ symptom scores, SNP- h^2 was estimated using Genome-based restricted maximum likelihood (GREML) analyses (82,83), as implemented in Genome-wide Complex Trait Analysis (GCTA) software (84), based on a GRM including high-quality, directly genotyped SNPs only ($N_{\text{SNPs}}=465,740$). The two ADHD symptom scores with the highest SNP- h^2 Z-score based on mother- and teacher-report (Table S5) were selected for subsequent analyses (see below), as disorder-related genetic effects captured by parent and teacher reports may differ (85).

GRM-SEM analyses: A Cholesky decomposition was fitted to the data using genetic-relationship-matrix structural equation modelling (GRM-SEM)(78) with the grmsem R package (v1.1.2, <https://gitlab.gwdg.de/beate.stpourcain/grmsem>). A Cholesky decomposition is a saturated model that decomposes the phenotypic variance into as many latent genetic (A) and residuals (E) factors as there are observed variables, without any restrictions on the structure (86). Subsequently, genetic (r_g) and residual (r_e) covariance and correlations were estimated as outlined by theory (87). The Cholesky model included all four early vocabulary measures available in ALSPAC (expressive vocabulary at 15 months, 24 months and 38 months, as well as receptive vocabulary at 38 months) in addition to ADHD symptom scores at 8 and 13 years (in this order). Cholesky decompositions were fitted allowing for missing data.

Supplemental Note

Polygenic scoring results

Polygenic scoring analyses for late-phase expressive vocabulary showed limited predictive value in ELVS ($\beta=0.04$ (SE=0.04), $P=0.35$, $R^2=0.14\%$). The power to detect genetic overlap was, however, low (≤ 0.11) due to a combination of low SNP- h^2 and low target sample size (Early Language in Victoria Study(11), N=639).

Statistical power for single-variant association analyses

The single-variant association analyses with the largest sample size (late-phase expressive and receptive vocabulary, stage II) had 99% power to detect association with a genetic variant explaining 0.3% of the trait variance (assuming an additive model, an increase in allele frequency of 0.1 and complete LD between marker and genetic risk variant)(88). However, the power to detect variants with smaller contributions to trait variance was modest (e.g. 27% power to detect a genetic variant explaining 0.1% of the trait variance)(88).

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Supplemental tables

Table S1: Overview of participating cohorts

Analysis	Cohort	Measure	Psychological Instrument	Raw vocabulary score (SD)	Age (SD) in months	N individuals (males)
meta-GWAS	ALSPAC	Early-phase EV	MacArthur CDI:Words & Gestures ^a	14.34(17.84)	15.42(0.98)	6,741(3,445)
		Late-phase EV	MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences ^a	64.10(35.20) 113.28(17.5)	24.39(1.02) 38.48(1.19)	6,208(3,197) 6,291(3,226)
		Late-phase RV	MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences ^a	109.66(23.78)	38.48(1.19)	6,291(3,226)
	BIS	Late-phase EV	MCDI:UKSF	78.31(20.08)	29.62(1.92)	383(210)
	COPSAC	Late-phase EV	MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences	253.00(158.12)	24.18(0.28)	487(256)
	GenR	Early-phase EV	N-CDI-2A	17.51(17.05)	18.36(0.96)	2,058(1,054)
		Late-phase EV	LDS	245.86(53.67)	31.32(2.04)	1,825(937)
	LSAC	Late-phase EV	MCDI	56.95(23.60)	33.51(2.51)	1,134(558)
	Raine Study	Late-phase EV	LDS	185.60(83.44)	25.52(1.74)	980(504)
	TEDS	Late-phase EV	MCDI	48.66(24.79)	24.48(1.20)	5,515(2,665)
PGS	ELVS	Late-phase EV	MacArthur CDI:Words & Sentences	269.82(157.16)	24.13(0.29)	639(314)

a. abbreviated form

Expressive and receptive vocabulary size were assessed between 15 and 38 months of age using parental questionnaires. Data from seven independent cohorts were studied as part of meta-genome-wide association analyses. Polygenic scoring analyses were performed the independent ELVS sample. For each cohort, the psychological instrument, mean raw vocabulary score and age, with corresponding standard deviation, as well as sample size are reported. The instruments for early vocabulary assessment are described in detail in Supplemental Methods.

Abbreviations: ALSPAC, Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; BIS, Barwon Infant Study; CDI, Communicative Development Inventory; COPSAC, Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood; ELVS; Early Language in Victoria Study; EV, expressive vocabulary; GenR, Generation Rotterdam; LDS; Language Development Survey; LSAC, Longitudinal Study of Australian Children; MCDI, MacArthur Communicative Development

Inventory; PGS, polygenic scoring; RV, receptive vocabulary; TEDS, Twins Early Development Study; UKSF, UK short form

Table S2: Vocabulary assessments in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children

	Early-phase EV (15m)	Late-phase EV (24m)	Late-phase EV (38m)	Late-phase RV (38m)
Early-phase EV (15m)	6,741	0.54	0.25	0.22
Late-phase EV (24m)	5,950	6,208	0.46	0.40
Late-phase EV (38m)	6,018	5,705	6,291	0.65
Late-phase RV (38m)	6,018	5,705	6,291	6,291

Four vocabulary assessments were studied in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children. The sample size is provided on the diagonal, the sample overlap between two datapoints is provided in the lower triangle and pairwise complete phenotypic (Pearson) correlation coefficients between scores are provided in the upper triangle.

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; m, months; RV, receptive vocabulary

Table S3: Vocabulary assessments in the Generation R Study

	Early-phase EV (18m)	Late-phase EV (31m)
Early-phase EV (18m)	2,058	0.45
Late-phase EV (31m)	1,741	1,825

Two vocabulary assessments were studied in the Generation R Study. The sample size is provided on the diagonal, the sample overlap between the two datapoints is provided in the lower triangle and the pairwise complete phenotypic (Pearson) correlation coefficient between both scores is provided in the upper triangle.

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; m, months; RV, receptive vocabulary

Table S4: Overview of genotyping, imputation and analysis software

Cohort	ALSPAC	BIS	COPSAC	GenR	LSAC	Raine Study	TEDs	
Genotyping platform	Illumina HumanHap550 quad chip	Illumina Global Screening Array platform	Illumina Infinium HumanOmni ExomeExpress	Illumina 610K	Illumina Infinium® Global Screening Array-24 v1.0	Illumina Human660W Quad BeadChip	AffymetrixGeneChip (Affy) 6.0 and HumanOmniExpress Exome-8v1.2 (OEE)	
Quality control	MAF	≥0.01	≥0.01	≥0.01	≥0.01	≥0.01	≥0.01	
	SNP call rate	≥0.99	≥0.99	≥0.95	≥0.95	≥0.95	≥0.99	
	HWE	≥5x10 ⁻⁷	≥5x10 ⁻⁷	≥1x10 ⁻⁵	≥1x10 ⁻⁵	≥5x10 ⁻⁷	≥1x10 ⁻⁶	
	Individual call rate	≥0.97	≥0.97	≥0.95	≥0.95	≥0.97	≥0.99	
	N SNPs genotyped	440,476	451,479	566,755	477,033	468,271	517,183	Affy: 608,517 OEE: 502,434
Imputation	Platform	Sanger Imputation Server	Sanger Imputation Server	Sanger Imputation Server	Michigan Imputation Server	Sanger Imputation Server	Michigan Imputation Server	Sanger Imputation Server
	Reference panel	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)	HRC (r1.1)
GWAS	Analysis software	SNPTEST	SNPTEST	SNPTEST	SNPTEST	PLINK	Proabel	GEMMA
	N SNPs after QC	Early-phase EV: 8,663,580			Early-phase EV: 8,610,574			
		Late-phase EV: 8,665,928 (24m) 8,667,217 (38m) Late-phase RV: 8,667,217	7,244,741	7,795,895	Late-phase EV: 8,607,086	7,518,913	8,654,834	8,293,360

Genotyping data for each cohort were obtained using high-density SNP arrays. Standard genomic quality control procedures were applied and genotypes were imputed against the HRC r1.1. reference panel (76) using either the Sanger imputation server (EAGLE2 (89) v2.0.5 and PBWT (90) software, <https://imputation.sanger.ac.uk/>) or Michigan imputation server (91) (Minimac 3/4 and Shapeit v2.r790, <https://imputationserver.sph.umich.edu/>). Association analyses within cohorts of unrelated individuals (IBD<0.125) were performed using SNPTEST (37), PLINK (40) and Proabel (38). Genome-wide association analyses of related individuals were performed using GEMMA (39).

Abbreviations: ALSPAC, Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; BIS, Barwon Infant Study; COPSAC, Copenhagen Prospective Studies on Asthma in Childhood; EV, expressive vocabulary; GenR, Generation Rotterdam; GWAS, genome-wide association study; HRC, Haplotype Reference Consortium; HWE, Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium; LSAC, Longitudinal Study of Australian Children; m, months; MAF, minor allele frequency; RV, receptive vocabulary; SNPs, Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism; TEDS, Twins Early Development Study

Table S5: ADHD symptom scores in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children

Trait	Reporter	Raw trait score (SD)	Age (SD) in years	N individuals (males)	SNP-h ² (SE)	SNP-h ² Z-score
ADHD symptoms		3.33(2.35)	6.79(0.11)	5,348(2,782)	0.08(0.06)	1.26
		2.90(2.23)	9.65(0.12)	5,516(2,797)	0.08(0.06)	1.19
	Mother	2.74(2.21)	11.72(0.13)	5,110(2,546)	0.19(0.07)	2.77
		2.90(2.22)	13.16(0.18)	4,929(2,458)	0.22(0.07)	3.16
		2.53(2.11)	16.84(0.36)	4,061(1,979)	0.09(0.09)	1.08
	Teacher	2.48(2.62)	8.33(0.31)	3,572(1,801)	0.27(0.10)	2.86
		2.15(2.60)	11.16(0.33)	4,254(2,132)	0.16(0.08)	2.05

ADHD symptom scores for unrelated children (IBD<0.05) were obtained from the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children. ADHD symptoms were assessed with the hyperactivity subscale of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (81) as reported by mothers or teachers at different ages. For each assessment, the mean raw trait score and age, with corresponding standard deviations, as well as sample size are reported. SNP-h² estimates were derived using Genome-based restricted maximum likelihood (GREML) analyses (82,83), as implemented in Genome-wide Complex Trait Analysis (GCTA) software (84), based on a genetic-relationship matrix including directly genotyped SNPs only. SNP-h² Z-scores were calculated by dividing SNP-h² by its standard error.

Abbreviations: ADHD, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; SNP, Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism

Table S6: MAGMA gene-set and gene-property analyses

Analysis		Early-phase EV	Late phase EV	Late phase RV
Gene-set	4,527 GO biological pathways	$P \geq 5 \times 10^{-5}$	$P \geq 2 \times 10^{-5}$	$P \geq 8 \times 10^{-6}$
Gene-property	GTEx v8 30 broad tissue types	$P \geq 0.09$	$P \geq 0.05$	$P \geq 0.04$
	GTEx v8 54 specific tissue types	$P \geq 0.14$	$P \geq 0.13$	$P \geq 0.02$
	BrainSpan 29 ages	$P \geq 0.06$	$P \geq 4 \times 10^{-4}$	$P \geq 0.12$
	BrainSpan 11 developmental periods	$P \geq 0.07$	$P \geq 0.11$	$P \geq 0.12$

MAGMA(47) gene-set and gene-property analyses were performed in FUMA (v1.3.6a)(48). Association with 4,527 GO biological pathways containing between 10 and 200 genes was tested and the significance threshold adjusted for multiple-testing was determined at $P \leq 4.64 \times 10^{-6}$, correcting for both the number of gene-sets tested and the estimated number of independent traits studied. Gene-property analyses were based on gene expression data from 30 broad tissue types and 54 specific tissue types from the GTEx v8 RNA sequencing database (52). In addition, gene expression data from 29 different age groupings and 11 developmental stages from the BrainSpan database (53) were utilised. The lowest P -value obtained for each association analyses is reported. Gene-property analyses were considered significant if they passed a multiple-testing-adjusted P -value threshold of 1.45×10^{-4} .

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; GO, gene ontology; RV, receptive vocabulary

Table S7: SNP-heritability of vocabulary size based on summary statistics

meta-GWAS	Trait	N _{ind}	HDL			LDSC
			SNP-h ² (SE)	Z-score	P	SNP-h ² (SE)
Stage I	Early-phase EV	8,799	0.24(0.02)	8.64	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰	0.12(0.05)
	Late phase EV	19,296 [‡]	0.08(0.01)	5.53	3x10 ⁻⁸	0.09(0.03)
	Late phase RV	6,291	0.20(0.04)	5.21	2x10 ⁻⁷	0.09(0.07)
Stage II	EV	22,104 [‡]	0.10(0.01)	6.91	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰	0.10(0.03)
	Late-phase ERV	23,466 [‡]	0.07(0.01)	5.00	5x10 ⁻⁷	0.11(0.03)

SNP-heritability (SNP-h²) was estimated for both single- (stage I) and multi-trait (stage II) vocabulary summary statistics using High-Definition Likelihood (HDL)(54), and LD Score Regression (LDSC)(92) for comparison. SNP-heritability, corresponding standard error and P-value were estimated with HDL using a HapMap3 reference panel. SNP-h² Z-scores were calculated by dividing SNP-h² by its standard error. For comparison, SNP-h² estimates derived using LD Score Regression (LDSC) are also shown.

‡ Estimated sample size based on the increase in mean χ^2 statistic using multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association (46).

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; ERV, expressive and receptive vocabulary; GWAS, genome-wide association study; N_{ind} – Number of individuals; RV, receptive vocabulary

Table S8: Comparison of beta coefficients and corresponding standard errors for MTAG-derived analyses

MTAG analysis	Max. FDR	Fixed effect meta-analysis	All SNPs			$P < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ SNPs		
			N	r_{β}	r_{SE}	N	r_{β}	r_{SE}
Late-phase EV (stage I)	0.42	Late-phase EV excl. ALSPAC 38m	7,355,069	0.84	0.97	37	0.99	>0.99
EV (stage II)	0.41	Late-phase EV excl. ALSPAC 38m	7,343,861	0.84	0.97	37	0.99	>0.99
Late-phase ERV (stage II)	0.38	Late-phase EV excl. ALSPAC 38m	7,355,069	0.77	0.97	37	0.99	>0.99

For each multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association (MTAG) meta-analysis, beta coefficients and standard errors were compared with corresponding estimates from fixed-effect meta-analyses for late-phase expressive vocabulary (stage I, excluding ALSPAC expressive vocabulary at 38 months) across all shared SNP signals ($N_{SNPs}=7,343,861-7,355,069$) and across a subset of highly-associated SNPs ($P < 5 \times 10^{-6}$, $N_{SNPs}=37$) using Pearson correlations. Meta-analysis SNP estimates were robust, despite high maximum false discovery rates.

Abbreviations: ALSPAC, Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; EV, expressive vocabulary; FDR, false discovery rate; m, months; max, maximum; MTAG, multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association; SNPs, single-nucleotide polymorphism; ERV, expressive/receptive vocabulary

Table S9: SNP-heritability of external traits included in genetic correlation analyses

Trait	Reference panel	SNP-h ² (SE)	Z-score	P	N
Spelling	HapMap3	0.13(0.02)	5.44	5x10 ⁻⁸	17,278
Word reading	HapMap3	0.12(0.02)	7.47	<10 ⁻¹⁰	27,180
Non-word reading	HapMap3	0.13(0.02)	6.72	<10 ⁻¹⁰	16,746
Phoneme awareness	HapMap3	0.12(0.03)	3.98	7x10 ⁻⁵	12,411
Intelligence	HapMap3	0.17(5x10 ⁻³)	6.29	<10 ⁻¹⁰	279,930
Educational attainment	HapMap3	0.10(2x10 ⁻³)	43.71	<10 ⁻¹⁰	766,345
Infant head circumference	HapMap2	0.27(0.02)	12.03	<10 ⁻¹⁰	10,768
Childhood head circumference	HapMap3	0.26(0.04)	6.29	3x10 ⁻¹⁰	10,600
Childhood aggression	HapMap3	0.03(3x10 ⁻³)	9.79	<10 ⁻¹⁰	151,741
Childhood internalising symptoms	HapMap3	0.03(7x10 ⁻³)	4.50	8x10 ⁻⁶	64,641
ADHD	HapMap2	0.22(0.01)	31.28	<10 ⁻¹⁰	53,293
ASD	HapMap3	0.23(0.01)	26.48	<10 ⁻¹⁰	46,350

SNP-heritability, corresponding standard error and *P*-value were estimated with High-Definition Likelihood (54). SNP-h² Z-scores were calculated by dividing SNP-h² by its standard error.

Abbreviations: ADHD, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder; N – (effective) sample size

Table S10: Genetic correlations with cognition-, development- and health-related outcomes

Trait 1	Trait 2	r_g (SE)	P
Early-phase EV	Spelling	0.58(0.19)	3×10^{-3}
	Word reading	0.33(0.15)	0.03
	Non-word reading	0.25(0.18)	0.16
	Phoneme awareness	0.22(0.20)	0.28
	Intelligence	0.12(0.07)	0.07
	Educational attainment	-0.01(0.03)	0.71
	Infant head circumference	0.02(0.24)	0.94
	Childhood head circumference	-0.02(0.14)	0.90
	Childhood aggression	0.42(0.16)	9×10^{-3}
	Childhood internalising symptoms	0.08(0.17)	0.63
	ADHD	0.23(0.08)	5×10^{-3}
	ASD	-0.04(0.06)	0.52
Late-phase EV	Spelling	0.79(0.25)	2×10^{-3}
	Word reading	0.61(0.17)	4×10^{-4}
	Non-word reading	0.40(0.19)	0.04
	Phoneme awareness	0.66(0.25)	9×10^{-3}
	Intelligence	0.32(0.08)	8×10^{-5}
	Educational attainment	0.26(0.05)	6×10^{-8}
	Infant head circumference	-0.53(0.33)	0.11
	Childhood head circumference	-0.11(0.15)	0.47
	Childhood aggression	0.05(0.14)	0.73
	Childhood internalising symptoms	-0.08(0.17)	0.65
	ADHD	0.02(0.11)	0.88
	ASD	-0.13(0.08)	0.09
Late-phase RV	Spelling	0.67(0.48)	0.16
	Word reading	0.63(0.41)	0.13
	Non-word reading	0.69(0.43)	0.11
	Phoneme awareness	0.67(0.48)	0.16
	Intelligence	0.36(0.12)	3×10^{-3}
	Educational attainment	0.37(0.06)	1×10^{-9}
	Infant head circumference	-0.28(0.38)	0.45
	Childhood head circumference	0.17(0.18)	0.35
	Childhood aggression	-0.49(0.35)	0.16
	Childhood internalising symptoms	-0.45(0.39)	0.25
	ADHD	-0.31(0.20)	0.12
	ASD	-0.03(0.05)	0.56

Genetic correlations (r_g) were estimated using summary statistics and High-Definition Likelihood (HDL)(54). The multiple-testing adjusted significance threshold was determined at $P < 5.57 \times 10^{-3}$.

Abbreviations: ADHD, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder; EV, expressive vocabulary, RV, receptive vocabulary

Table S11: Statistical power for genetic overlap of early-life vocabulary with educational attainment

Trait	r_g value		
	0.1	0.2	0.3
Early-phase EV	0.46	1	1
Late-phase EV	0.32	0.97	1
Late-phase RV	0.24	0.92	1

Statistical power to detect genetic overlap between single-trait vocabulary summary statistics and educational attainment was calculated online (https://eagenetics.shinyapps.io/power_website/) following Dudbridge et al (72). The exact parameters used to derive power estimates are reported in the Supplemental Methods.

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; RV, receptive vocabulary; r_g , genetic correlation

Table S12: Cholesky decomposition of early-life vocabulary size and later ADHD symptoms

Genetic (co)variance			Residual (co)variance		
Label	Factor loading (SE)	<i>P</i>	Label	Factor loading (SE)	<i>P</i>
a11	0.34(0.07)	1.9x10 ⁻⁶	e11	0.94(0.03)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a21	0.20(0.10)	0.04	e21	0.50(0.04)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a31	0.14(0.11)	0.21	e31	0.22(0.04)	4.6x10 ⁻⁸
a41	-0.02(0.10)	0.84	e41	0.24(0.04)	4.4x10 ⁻¹¹
a51	0.28(0.13)	0.03	e51	-0.16(0.05)	0.001
a61	0.27(0.12)	0.03	e61	-0.14(0.04)	0.002
a22	0.33(0.06)	1.7x10 ⁻⁸	e22	0.78(0.03)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a32	0.28(0.09)	0.002	e32	0.32(0.04)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a42	0.31(0.08)	9.0x10 ⁻⁵	e42	0.22(0.04)	3.4x10 ⁻⁹
a52	-0.41(0.11)	3.4x10 ⁻⁴	e52	0.04(0.05)	0.46
a62	-0.25(0.12)	0.05	e62	-0.01(0.05)	0.75
a33	0.30(0.08)	3.1x10 ⁻⁴	e33	0.81(0.03)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a43	0.14(0.11)	0.20	e43	0.46(0.03)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a53	0.04(0.20)	0.85	e53	-0.11(0.06)	0.05
a63	-0.03(0.17)	0.84	e63	-0.04(0.05)	0.45
a44	0.15(0.08)	0.07	e44	0.74(0.02)	0
a54	0.09(0.19)	0.62	e54	0.04(0.05)	0.43
a64	-0.34(0.14)	0.01	e64	0.08(0.04)	0.06
a55	-7.1x10 ⁻⁵ (NA)	NA	e55	0.84(0.05)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰
a65	-8.7x10 ⁻⁶ (0.31)	1.00	e65	0.24(0.07)	3.0x10 ⁻⁴
a66	-7.8x10 ⁻⁵ (0.19)	1.00	e66	0.82(0.04)	<1x10 ⁻¹⁰

Cholesky decomposition of early-life vocabulary scores including infant expressive vocabulary (15 months), toddler expressive vocabulary (24 and 38 months) and toddler receptive vocabulary (38 months) and childhood and adolescent ADHD symptom scores (teacher-report at 8 years and mother-report at 13 years), in that order. The phenotypic covariance of the six measures was dissected into six genetic (A1-A6) and six residual factors (E1-E6). Analyses were based on all available observations for children across development (N≤6,524) and estimated with Genetic-relationship matrix structural equation modelling (GRM-SEM) (Figure 4). Factor loadings originating from genetic factors are labelled with 'a', whereas factor loadings originating from residual factors are labelled with 'e'. The first number indicates the measure onto which the factor loads, while the second number indicates the respective factor. Individual-level data were retrieved from the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children.

Supplemental figures

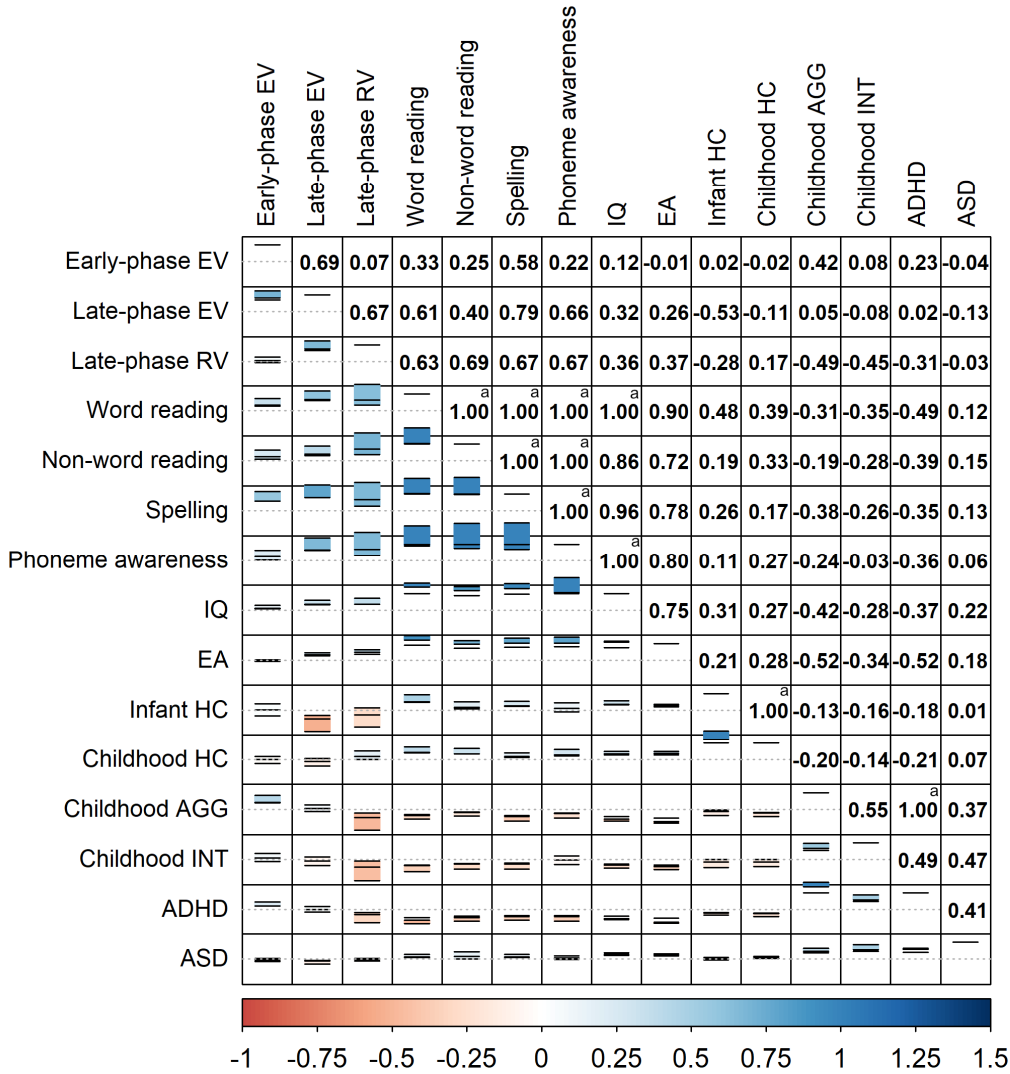


Figure S1: Genetic correlations among traits included in High-Definition Likelihood analyses

Genetic correlations (r_g) were estimated with High-Definition Likelihood (54) based on genome-wide summary statistics and. The lower triangle represents r_g estimates and corresponding standard errors, with the dotted line representing an estimate of zero. The upper triangle represents r_g estimates in number format.

a. r_g estimates >1 were truncated at 1.

Abbreviations: ADHD, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; AGG, aggression; ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder; EA, educational attainment; EV, expressive vocabulary; HC, head circumference; INT, internalising symptoms; IQ, general intelligence; RV, receptive vocabulary

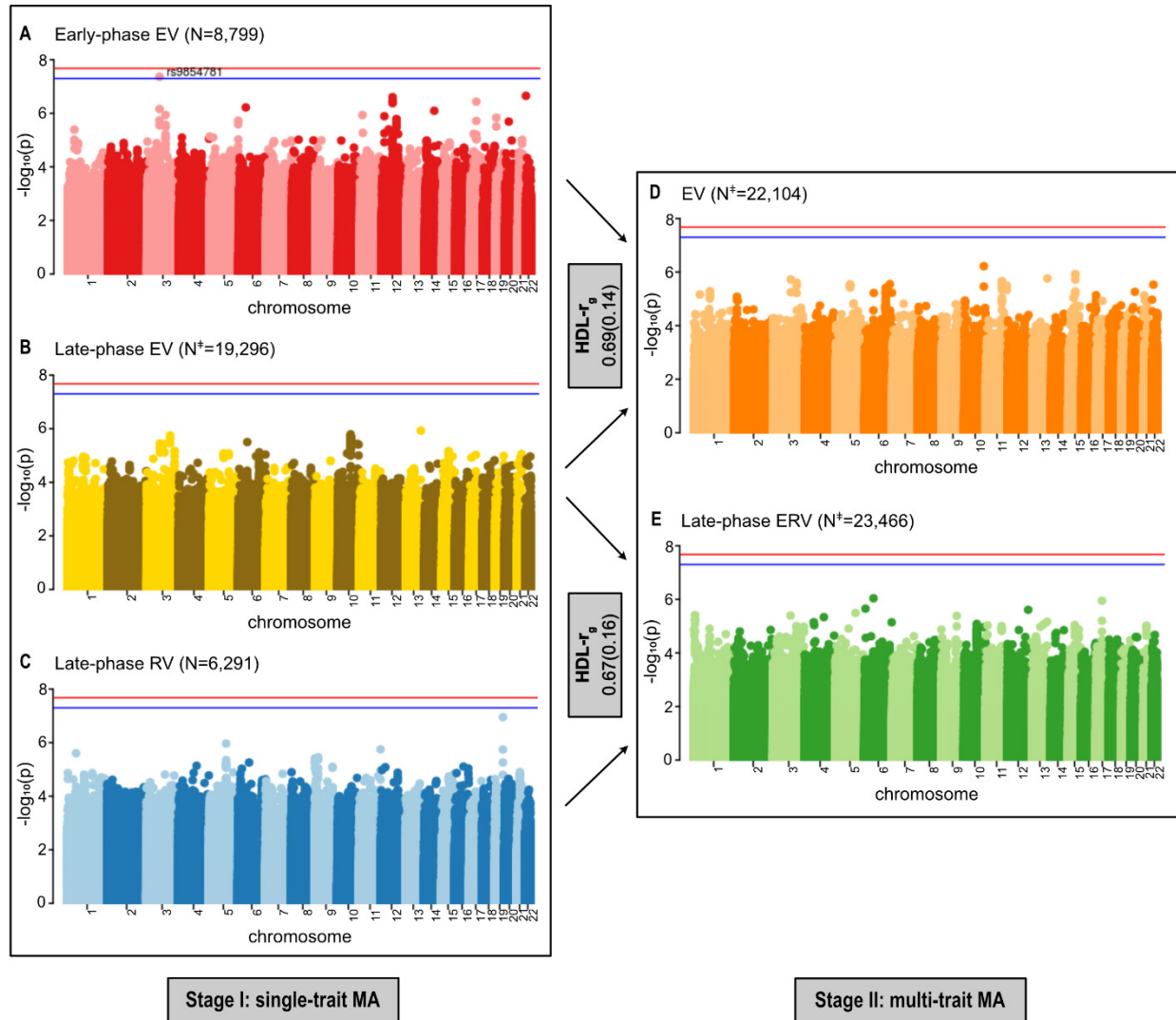


Figure S2: Single-variant genome-wide association meta-analyses

Manhattan plot for genome-wide analyses of **(A)** early-phase expressive vocabulary ($N=8,799$); **(B)** late-phase expressive vocabulary ($N^\ddagger=19,296$) and **(C)** receptive vocabulary ($N=6,291$), as estimated using single-trait meta-analyses as part of stage I. Manhattan plot of multi-trait genome-wide association results (stage II), as estimated with MTAG for **(D)** expressive vocabulary ($N^\ddagger=22,104$), representing early- and late-phase expressive vocabulary (stage I) and **(E)** late-phase expressive and receptive vocabulary ($N^\ddagger=23,466$), representing late-phase expressive and receptive vocabulary (stage I). No association passed the genome-wide significance threshold of 2.10×10^{-8} (red line), adjusted for the number of independent traits studied. The blue line represents the unadjusted genome-wide significance threshold of 5×10^{-8} , variants passing this threshold are labelled in black. Genomic positions are shown according to NCBI Build 37. Genetic correlations between single-trait vocabulary summary statistics were derived using High-Definition Likelihood (54).

‡ Estimated sample size based on the increase in mean χ^2 statistic using multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association.

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; ERV, expressive and receptive vocabulary; HDL, High-Definition Likelihood; MA, meta-analyses; N, sample size; r_g , genetic correlation; RV, receptive vocabulary

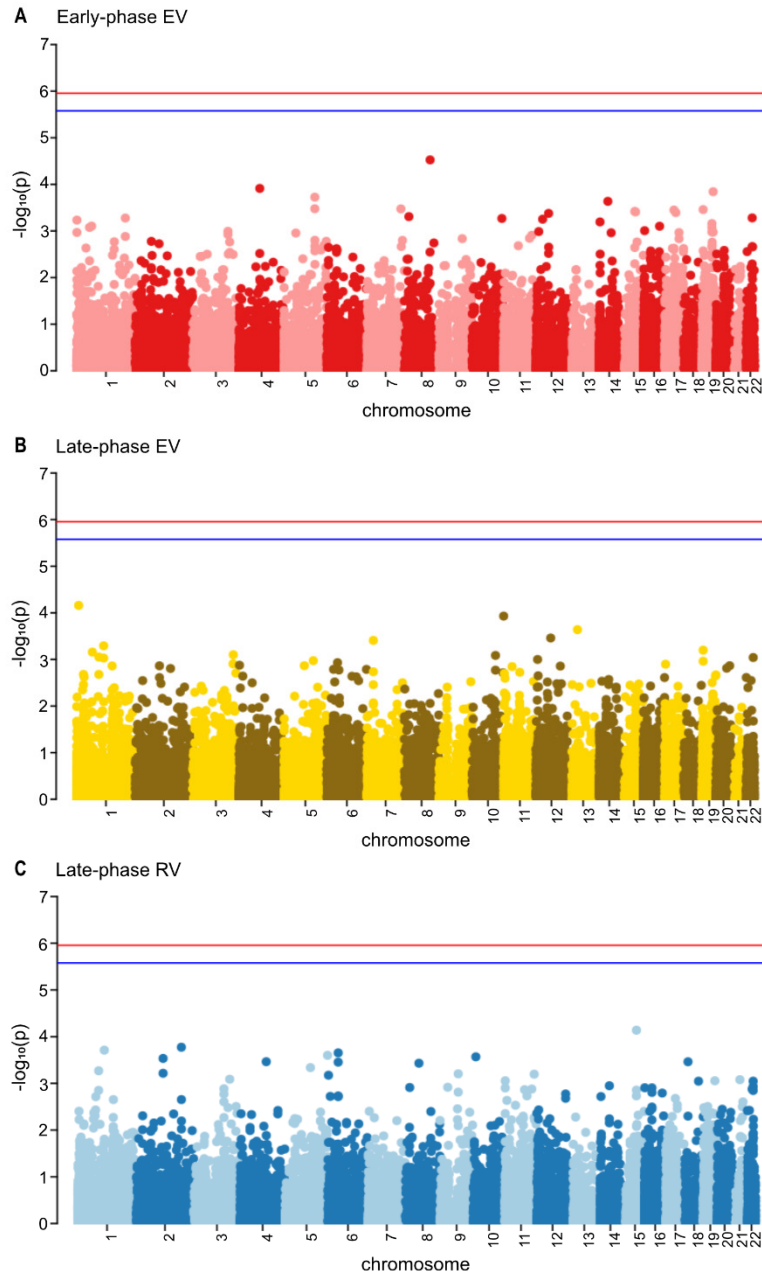


Figure S3: Gene-based genome-wide association meta-analyses

Manhattan plot for genome-wide analyses of **(A)** early-phase expressive vocabulary, **(B)** late-phase expressive vocabulary, and **(C)** late-phase receptive vocabulary. No associations passed the gene-based genome-wide significance threshold of 1.11×10^{-6} , adjusted for the number of genes and independent traits studied (red line). The blue line represents the unadjusted genome-wide significance threshold of 2.64×10^{-6} . Genomic positions are shown according to NCBI Build 37.

Abbreviations: EV, expressive vocabulary; RV, receptive vocabulary

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