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