

Have this checklist handy when you telephone Flourish Speech Pathology to discuss your child's speech therapy needs.

*Remember: This not a comprehensive list & does not replace assessment by a speech language pathologist. It should be used as a guide only.*

### Listening & Understanding

- ☐ responds appropriately to "no" or "stop"
- ☐ understands words for family, pets or things (eg mum, ball, where's daddy? etc)
- ☐ follows simple commands ("Push the bus!", "Don't touch; it's hot!")
- ☐ understands simple questions ("Where's the bunny?", "Who likes cake?", "What's in your bag?").
- ☐ likes listening to simple stories
- ☐ points to pictures in books when named



### Talking

- ☐ Uses at least single words
- ☐ Vocabulary is developing rapidly & is learning new words all the time
- ☐ Beginning to combine 2 words such as "where ball?" "More push" "want drink"
- ☐ Words are becoming clearer for familiar listeners
- ☐ More sounds are used at the beginning of words

Checklist developed from the following sources:

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