

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

- ☐ Understands & follows two stage commands ("Get your hat and put it in your bag")
- ☐ Knows basic body parts (eg nose, eyes, foot, hand, mouth)
- ☐ Knows basic clothing items (eg shoes, shirt, hat etc)
- ☐ Understands doing words such as *eat, drink* and *sleep* in sentences
- ☐ Understands *me, my* and *your*

Talking

- ☐ Has a word for almost everything
- ☐ Consistently uses 2-3 words when speaking
- ☐ Can ask for objects or direct your attention by naming them (eg cow!) or its attributes (eg Big!) or by commenting (wow!)
- ☐ Asks *why* questions
- ☐ Can say a range of speech sounds (eg p, b, m, t, d, n, h, w, ng)
- ☐ At least 50% of what the child says should be understood

Checklist developed from the following sources:

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