

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 most of what is said to them at school and at home
- Able to listen to a short story and can answer simple questions about the story
- Identifies colours
- Understands location words such as *under, behind & next to*

Talking

- Uses sentences that gives lots of details and uses adult-like grammar (eg "*We went to the park but we had to come home early because Jack was feeling sick*")
- Asks many questions
- Tells stories that stay on topic and are easy to follow
- Communicates easily with other children and adults
- Uses the same grammar as the rest of the family
- Unfamiliar listeners can understand all that the child says
- Can say most sounds correctly (eg. m, n, h, w, p, b, t, d, k, g, ng, f, y, s, z, ch, j, sh, l)

Checklist developed from the following sources:

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