When to Contact a Speech Pathologist

Children (if your child is experiencing difficulties in any of the following):

- Unintelligible speech
- Producing sounds
- Late talking
- Understanding and following instructions
- Grammar
- Sentence Structure
- Literacy
- Comprehension
- Verbal expression
- Stuttering
- Learning difficulties
- Complex/Special needs
- Hearing Impairment
- Vocal quality

Adults

- Rehabilitation following a stroke or brain injury
- Neurological disorder
- Neurodegenerative Disease
- Stuttering/Fluency issues
- Poor vocal Quality
- · Difficulty finding words



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Speech Pathology Intervention

All About Speech is a **MOBILE** Speech Pathology service that comes to you at **NO EXTRA COST.** We Provide assessment and treatment options to children and adults with communication difficulties.

We cover Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Cessnock and Port Stephens.



Making a Word of Difference



What is a Speech Pathologist?

A Speech Pathologist is a health care professional that works with children and adults in a number of communication areas.

Speech

Sounds in words. Difficulty with particular sounds (e.g. /s/ is said like /th/) or being understood by others.

Language

Receptive Language – understanding Expressive Language – Use of language

Social Skills/Pragmatics

Language used in social situations

Literacy

Reading, Writing and Comprehension

Fluency

Stuttering – repetitions of words and/or phrases, blocks or prolongations of sounds.

Voice

Unusual vocal quality (e.g. rough/husky)

All About Speech offers the following services;

Screening Assessments: A quick 30 minute assessment of speech and language skills in order to identify possible communication difficulties.

Comprehensive Assessment: Usually conducted following a screener or reported concerns with a child's communication development. Identifies specific areas of difficulty and includes recommendations and therapy goals provided by the speech pathologist. A full comprehensive report accompanies all assessments.

Therapy/Intervention Services: Mobile therapy provided weekly to your child targeting the identified areas of difficulty.

Clients with special or complex needs:

are also offered assessment and therapy services and may include the introduction/training of Alternative and Augmentative Communication Devices (AAC).

Collaboration: With any and all members of 'the team' which include but are not limited to parents/guardians, teachers, Dr's, and other health care professionals.

Funding Options;

Private Health Care Insurance

If the appropriate level of cover is available for claims of speech pathology services you may be reimbursed through various services such as Medicare and private health insurance.

Enhanced Primary Health Care/ Chronic Disease Management

You or your child may be eligible to receive five (5) Speech Pathology lessons claimable through Medicare per year. However, it is at your GP's discretion whether you qualify for the EPC/ Chronic Disease Management Plan.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

All About Speech – Speech Pathology are registered providers for NDIS. You may be eligible for funding. To find out more go to 'My Access Checker' on the website; www.ndis.gov.au



Call our office to find out about your eligibility for funding on 0458 798 444