

Ages 3 to 11

Warning Signs

of Speech/Language difficulties
to refer to your Speech Pathologist

3 and 4 year olds

- Not understood by strangers
- Lack of conversational skills
- Limited vocabulary growth
- Lack of grammatical markers (i.e., jumped)
- Does not tell personal stories (narratives)
- Speaks in short phrases rather than sentences

Kindergarten

- Not understood by strangers
- Difficulty following directions
- Difficulty with letter-sound associations
- Difficulty expressing themselves
- Difficulty with phonological awareness (i.e. rhyming)
- Little interest in learning about print concepts

1st and 2nd Grade

- Difficulty learning to read
- Lack of conversational skills
- Small vocabulary
- Difficulty comprehending spoken language
- Difficulty making inferences
- Difficulty blending sounds
- Difficulty with topic maintenance
- Speech sound errors

3rd and 4th Grade

- Difficulty answering questions
- Difficulty formulating verbal messages
- Deficits in listening comprehension
- Deficits in reading comprehension
- Difficulty decoding unfamiliar words
- Difficulty making inferences and predictions
- Difficulty with topic maintenance
- Difficulty with spelling
- Speech sound errors

5th and 6th Grade

- Difficulty with topic maintenance
- Difficulty with reading comprehension
- Difficulty with math word problems
- Difficulty with writing
- Difficulty with spelling
- Speech sound errors

Other Factors:

Stuttering (Dysfluency)

- Repetition of the 1st sound of words
- Frequent pausing while talking
- Stretching sounds (r-r-r-r-run)

Voice

- Hoarse voice
- Breathy voice
- Nasal sounding voice

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