

SCIENCE

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What is Communication?

Communication is the process of being able to understand and be understood. It is something most of us take for granted. However, for some people, communication is not easy.

Communication difficulties may result from problems with speech, using and understanding language, voice, fluency, hearing and reading or writing.

How are speech and language assessed?

In this clinic speech-language therapists assess, diagnose and provide therapeutic treatment for speech, language and literacy difficulties.

Assessment of areas of concern is conducted in order to determine appropriate recommendations. In some instances a full comprehensive assessment of all speech-language skills may be warranted. Assessment sessions take approximately one hour, however more than one session may be required.

What should be expected from a speech and language assessment?

Conditions:

- Language delay
- Speech sound difficulties
- Literacy challenges
- Auditory processing difficulties (see APD brochure)

Adverse effects:

- Voice disorders
- Fluency disorders (stuttering)
- Difficulties communicating following a stroke