



Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

Learn How Words Work

8 Year Old Checklist

An 8 year old child should be able to hold an extended conversation, follow complex instructions and be understood by unfamiliar listeners.

When to be concerned?

You may wish to consider a referral if you know a child who...

- IS STUTTERING (REPEATING SOUNDS OR WORDS OR PROLONGING SOUNDS)
- IS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH ANY SOUNDS IN HIS OR HER SPEECH
- IS HAVING DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS APPROPRIATELY
- IS NOT ENGAGING IN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CHILDREN
- IS NOT USING SUBJECT-RELATED VOCABULARY IN AREAS SUCH AS SCIENCE OR MATHS
- HAS DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FACT AND OPINION
- CANNOT EXPLAIN WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED AT SCHOOL
- STRUGGLES TO TELL STORIES OR GETS THE SEQUENCE MIXED UP
- CANNOT READ ALOUD FLUENTLY
- CANNOT UNDERSTAND OR ANALYSE WHAT THEY HAVE READ
- IS BEHIND IN HIS OR HER READING ABILITY
- HAS TROUBLE SPELLING OR WRITING
- HAS DIFFICULTY WITH SCHOOLWORK