



# Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

*Learn How Words Work*

## 3 Year Old Checklist

A 3 year old child should demonstrate the following behaviours

### Understanding

- FOLLOWS 2 STEP INSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS "TAKE OFF YOUR SOCKS AND PUT THEM IN THE WASHING BASKET"
- UNDERSTANDS CONVERSATIONS TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN THE HERE-AND-NOW E.G, "AFTER SWIMMING TOMORROW, WE'LL GO TO NAN'S"
- RECOGNISES SOME BASIC COLOURS AND QUANTITIES

### Speaking

- IS TALKING IN SHORT SENTENCES
- BEGINS TO USE LITTLE WORDS LIKE 'IS, ARE, THE, HAS'
- CAN USE A LARGE NUMBER OF WORDS (3 YEAR OLDS TYPICALLY HAVE AROUND 800 WORDS IN THEIR VOCABULARY)
- ASKS AND ANSWERS SIMPLE 'WHY' QUESTIONS
- START TO NEGOTIATE RULES IN GAMES AND DAILY SEQUENCES
- MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY PRODUCING SOME SOUNDS. SEE OUR SPEECH CLARITY PAGE FOR WHAT IS TYPICAL.
- SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD MORE THAN 50% OF THE TIME BY AN UNFAMILIAR LISTENER