



Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

Learn How Words Work

6 Year Old Checklist

A 6 year old child should be able to hold a conversation, follow most instructions and be understood by most 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 (EXCEPT TH) IN HIS OR HER SPEECH
- HAS A LIMITED VOCABULARY COMPARED TO SAME-AGED PEERS
- FINDS IT HARD TO MAKE OR MAINTAIN FRIENDSHIPS AND PLAYS ALONE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T 'KEEP UP' WITH THEIR PEERS
- IS HAVING DIFFICULTY ASKING OR ANSWERING QUESTIONS (WHO, WHAT, HOW, WHY, WHEN, WHERE)
- FINDS IT CHALLENGING TO TELL STORIES
- IS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS OR LETTER-SOUND KNOWLEDGE TASKS
- IS BEHIND IN HIS OR HER READING ABILITY
- HAS TROUBLE SPELLING SIMPLE WORDS
- TAKES A LONG TIME TO REMEMBER WHAT A WORD 'LOOKS LIKE'
- IS HAVING DIFFICULTY WRITING
- HAS TROUBLE WITH COMPREHENSION TASKS
- IS NOT ENGAGING IN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CHILDREN