

What is a Speech Pathologist?

A Speech Pathologist is qualified to assess and provide treatment to people with communication disorders.

Approximately 386 000 children in Australia have problems with their speech and approx 577 000 school aged children have difficulty with language (words, grammar and how they are put together)*.

Research shows that speech and language disorders in childhood may lead to difficulties with reading and spelling, difficulties with school curriculum, social challenges and low self-esteem.

Seeing a speech pathologist as early as possible can help your child to achieve their best and put them on the path to successful communication!

* Speech Pathology Australia Publication:
"Who has a communication disability?"



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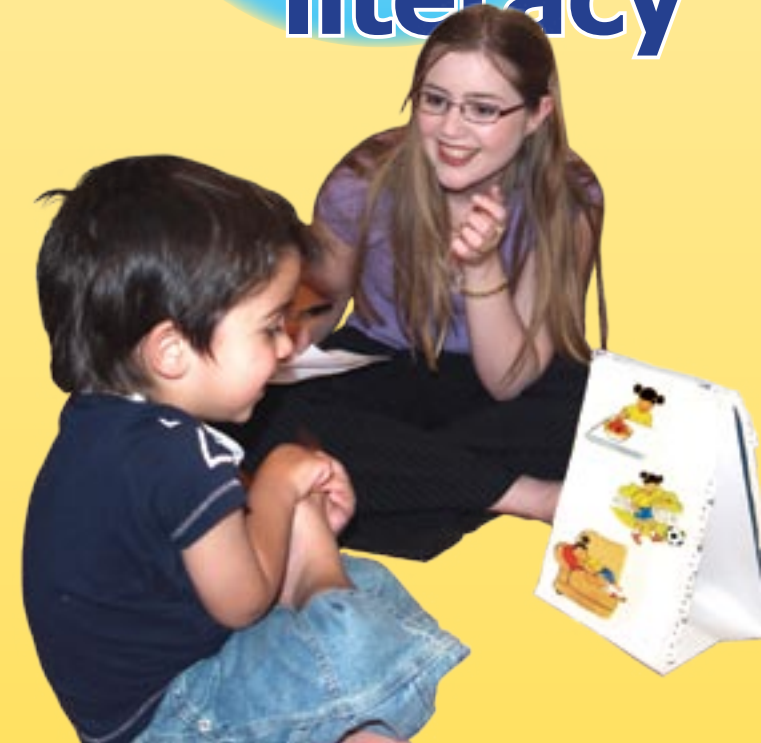
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Please note: Most 'Extras' Health Insurance covers Speech Pathology. Check with your individual health cover to find out the percentage of fee that is covered.

Helping your child achieve freedom in speech, language fluency and literacy



Why does my child or teenager need a Speech Pathologist?

My Child or Teenager:

- Uses incorrect sounds in his speech (eg 'tup' for 'cup')
- Isn't easily understood by family members or teachers
- Stutters
- Has difficulty following instructions
- Doesn't understand what I say
- Uses fewer words than other kids her age
- Gets his words and grammar mixed up (eg 'he' for 'she'; "We walks yesterday")
- Finds it hard to describe something
- Has difficulty answering questions
- Finds it hard to think of the word she wants to say
- Frequently avoids talking
- Gets frustrated because he can't get his message across
- Has difficulty reading and writing
- Doesn't easily follow a group conversation

What to expect from Liberty Speech Pathology

Liberty Speech Pathology is a private speech pathology practice offering services to children of all ages, at two convenient locations in Payneham and Newton.

- On your first visit, your speech pathologist will **ask you** about your child's difficulty, history of their speech and language and other relevant information.
- Your child will be **assessed** to determine their speech, language, stuttering or literacy difficulties and a **report will be provided**.
- **Friendly and fun therapy** using games and motivating activities will be used to improve your child's speech sounds, language, literacy or fluency
- **School visits** and **teacher consultation** can be arranged
- **Fun take-home activities** will be provided for practice
- **Augmentative and Alternative Communication** (AAC) training is also available



Why go to Liberty Speech Pathology?

- For regular therapy to improve your child's speech, language, fluency or literacy
- For short-term therapy while your child is on the waiting list for another service
- Your child goes to a private school and therefore can not access a public service through DECS
- Your child is in the state schooling system but does not meet the criteria to access a public service
- You may only require an assessment for your child

