



Fremantle Speech Pathology Services

Learn How Words Work

Teenager Checklist

A teenager 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
- 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 SUCH AS IN SCIENCE AND MATHS
- HAS DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FACT AND OPINION OR CANNOT COMPARE AND CONTRAST VIEWS AND OPINIONS
- FINDS IT HARD TO ANALYSE ANOTHER PERSON'S POINT OF VIEW
- CANNOT UNDERSTAND, ANALYSE AND CRITICALLY REVIEW WHAT HAS BEEN READ
- CANNOT ANALYSE SOCIAL SITUATIONS AND ALTER LANGUAGE APPROPRIATELY
- CANNOT EXPLAIN WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED AT SCHOOL
- CANNOT READ ALOUD FLUENTLY
- IS BEHIND IN HIS OR HER READING, SPELLING OR WRITING ABILITY
- HAS DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING JOKES OR ABSTRACT USE OF LANGUAGE
- HAS DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS IN A GROUP