

WHAT DOES SPEECH THERAPY INVOLVE?

An Assessment

This is just a snapshot in time telling us your child's strengths and weaknesses. It is helping us to set goals and priorities to move your child forward.

Immediately After the Assessment

A report will be prepared (within 2 weeks of the assessment).

The receipt will be issued at the assessment appointment.

Your clinician will discuss the results and schedule times for intervention.

How do I know speech therapy is working?

Sometimes therapy can be a lengthy process, but it is important to keep in mind that we can only go as fast as your child will allow us. We have a number of initiatives to help you see how well your child is doing.

1. Regular feedback sessions with your therapist discussing the goals and achievements
2. Goal achievement charts in your homework folder
3. Great achievement certificates
4. Review assessments (when required)
5. Other people comment on how well your son/daughter is talking.

What is my role as a parent?

Parental involvement in speech therapy is crucial. For some children this means

- Sitting in the room throughout the session watching and trialing techniques with the therapist
- Waiting in the waiting room and getting some feedback at the end of the session
- Reading the homework folder and trialing the strategies at home
- Sharing the homework folder with the preschool and school so they can be involved in helping your child reach their goals
- Attend all appointments, consistency is the key.

Therapy

So, my child needs some therapy.... What next?

Ideally weekly appointments are scheduled. The appointments are 30 mins. At Hurstspeech we base our therapy on goals and work with a five-therapy appointment approach (we schedule 5 appointments to get started on the goals). If your child achieves those goals FANTASTIC. If not, we move forward with further sessions.

Everything at HURST SPEECH is GOAL based and based on how your child responds to treatment

