Speech Pathology

A speech pathologist helps people who have troubles with listening and understanding, talking and eating. Speech pathologists work with people of all ages including bubs, kids and adults.

Why do we need speech pathologists?
Talking, (communicating) to each other is something most of us do easily. We all need to understand what is being said to be able to share our messages and stories. When people have trouble with this, speech pathologists can help.

Sometimes kids can have trouble communicating because they have trouble with:
- Ears and hearing and may be slower to learn to talk.
- Finding sounds hard to say
- Talking and joining ideas together
- Understanding others
- Croaky voices
- Stuttering, ("b-b-b-ball")
- Making friends
- Reading and writing

How do speech pathologists work?
If you are worried that your child is not understanding or talking as much as other kids their age, you could talk to a speech pathologist. They will listen to your worries and listen to and watch your child talking and playing. Then by learning about your family and the things your child does every day, a speech pathologist can help parents and carers find ways to help their child.

Where do speech pathologists work?
- Hospitals and community health centers
- Schools
- Childcare centres & playgroups
- Government and non-government health organisations
- Private practice clinics

Where can I find a speech pathologist?
For more information about speech pathology services available in your local area, please contact:
- Your local doctor
- Your local community health centre
- Your child’s Paediatrician
- Yellow pages directory
- Speech Pathology Australia website: www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/

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