

## **Preschool Speech and** Language Screeners in **Early Childhood Settings**

Learning Links' speech therapy team is passionate about helping children build the vital speech and language skills - and confidence - they need to learn to their full potential when they start school.

If you have concerns that children in your centre are behind in their speech and language development, Learning Links' speech pathologists offer screeners to help identify gaps and additional supports and strategies to put in place to help them make progress.

Our team can conduct screeners for children at one of our Learning Centres (priced at \$99 each), or we can visit your centre for groups of 5-6 children per day (at a bulk fee) and coach educators on effective strategies to support children's development.

## Evaluating a wide range of speech and language skills

During the screener, children complete different activities to demonstrate their skills in the identified areas of concern. Our speech pathologists can look at:

- Speech skills including clarity of sounds, syllables and words, voice quality and fluency
- Understanding of language including answering questions and following directions
- Use of language including vocabulary and sentence structure
- Social communication and play skills
- Phonemic awareness and literacy skills

## **Reports and recommendations**

After completing a screener, Learning Links will provide a report for parents and educators, providing an overview of the areas screened and recommendations about support for home and their early learning environment.

For children facing more complex difficulties, families may be advised to seek further external support with a speech pathologist or have a more thorough communication assessment.



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