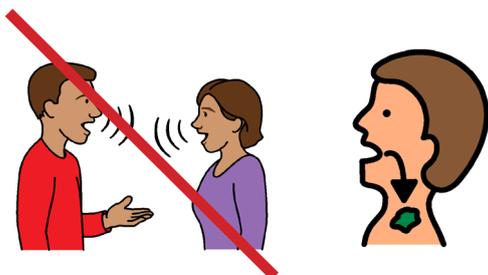




# What is a Speech Pathologist?

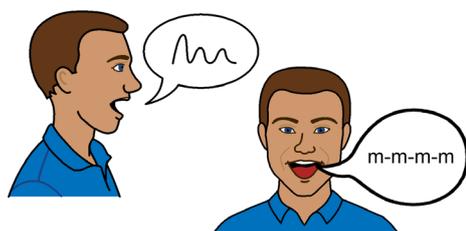


Speech pathologists work with people with

- communication problems
- swallowing problems.

Speech pathologists

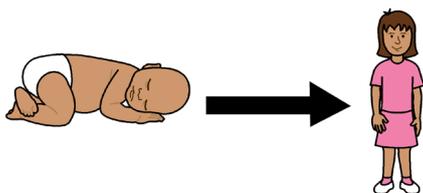
- study
- assess
- work out the problem
- give advice
- give therapy
- find the right tools for you.



Communication problems include problems with

- speech
- language
- swallowing
- stuttering
- voice.





## Why do people have communication and swallowing problems?

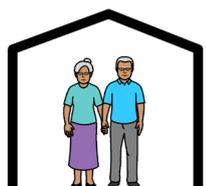
There are lots of reasons. For example,

- delays when growing up
- stroke
- brain injuries
- learning disability
- intellectual disability
- cerebral palsy
- dementia
- hearing problems.



## Where do speech pathologists work?

- Schools. For example,
  - helping a primary school student understand their teacher
  - working with a student with a stutter
- Hospitals. For example, giving tips about feeding to a mum whose baby has a cleft palate
- Aged care homes. For example, helping an old man with dementia to communicate with his family and carers

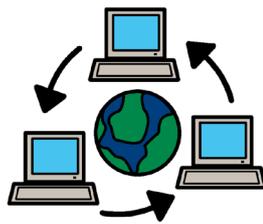




- Universities. For example, training a teacher who loses their voice
- Kindergartens. For example, working with children who are difficult to understand
- Rehabilitation centres. For example, working with a young man after a motorcycle accident to speak again



- Community health centres. For example, treating a person to swallow safely after a stroke
- Private practice. For example, giving tips and aids to a person with cerebral palsy with no speech  
**and**
- Mental health services. For example, working with young people to understand instructions.



### **Find a local speech pathologist**

Speech Pathology Australia

Website [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au)

Click on - Find a Speech Pathologist.



### **How do you become a speech pathologist?**

You need to do a course at University.

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