



EARLY SIGNS INDICATING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DISORDERS

Here are some of the signs that will help you to determine if your child has a speech and language disorder.

- Doesn't smile or interact with others (birth–3 months)
- Doesn't babble, sounds like /ba ba/ /ma ma/ by 4–7 months
- Child producing only a few sounds even after 1 year
- Does not use gestures e.g., waving, pointing even after 7–12 months
- Doesn't understand what others say even after 7 months–2 years
- Says only a few words even after 12–18 months
- Doesn't put words together to make sentences even after 1½–3 years

- Does not recognize objects
- Has trouble playing and talking with other children even after 2–3 years
- Produces speech that is unclear, even to familiar people even after 3 years
- Impaired reasoning skill
- Hyperactivity



Risk factors for speech and language delay..

- Intellectual disability
- Hearing loss
- Central Nervous System Impairment affecting the speech production mechanism
- Autism

- Extreme environmental deprivation
- Cleft palate
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists can help your infant or toddler who has a speech, language, or hearing disorder.

SLP performs,

- Early identification
- Assessment and treatment of speech and language problems
- Provide rehabilitation
- Home training program
- Counselling

Don't wait and hope your child will outgrow a communication problem.

**Early detection leads to early treatment.
The earlier you get help for your child; the better will be the development.**



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