



# Speech Pathology at DURRI

## What does a Speech Pathologist do?

A speech pathologist can help children who are having difficulty learning how to communicate. These difficulties can include:

- Understanding words and sentences
- Not saying many words
- Making sentences
- Having conversations and play skills
- Speech is hard to understand
- Mixing up or leaving out sounds
- Husky or hoarse sounding voice
- Stuttering
- Listening skills
- Learning, reading and spelling

**We will play games & do exercises that will help your child learn to talk & understand.**



**Children usually enjoy visits to speech pathology as they get to play games and will have fun**

Your child's individual needs are considered & different treatment options may be offered.

- Support for preschool children involves a carer and the child regularly attending sessions with the speech pathologist.
- Older children may receive visits at school.



## You are very important!

Many carers are not sure when to ask for help. If you are worried at all then seek help as soon as possible.

To access speech pathology services you must be a Durri client.

Talk to a child and family health nurse at your child's health assessment for a referral. Or call Durri directly and ask to be put on the speech pathology waiting list.

Speech therapy works best when families are involved.



**Parents, Grandparents,  
Aunties & Uncles are the  
most important people to  
help a child learn to talk**

### What can I do?

- Make sure your child gets to all appointments
- Get involved in therapy games
- Practice at home

