

- Welcome to our inaugural newsletter.
- Please post questions, comments, information etc on our forum.
- Please check out our new website at www.askaspeechie.com.au

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ASK A SPEECHIE

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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter from Ask a Speechie,

This newsletter will be produced every two months,

Ask a Speechie is a new clinic working with primary school children to assist them develop their full potential. We do this by providing parents with skills and resources to target any areas requiring support, at home.

Therefore the more you put into the therapy the more you will get out of it!

As this is our first ever newsletter we thought we should provide some background information.

The information contained in each newsletter will target one area of speech and language each week.

We welcome all feedback and hope to hear from you all.

Any stories of success that you have for us we will be happy to share. As you are the person who spends most of the time with your child, any funny comments, great ideas or interesting facts that you would like to share will be appreciated.

Ask a Speechie understands the difficulty and stress attending visits to specialists can cause. We would therefore like to advise you of our new online therapy session service.

We are looking forward to working and talking with you and your children in the future.

We are so excited about the future and look forward to seeing where it leads us.

Until next time...

Natalie Jones
Principal Speech Pathologist



Topic 1: Newstelling

There are three main types of newstelling - object, activity and event recall. The three types of newstelling fall on a continuum increasing in complexity.

Object based newstelling is generally found at the start of kindergarten. Children are encouraged to take an object to school and talk about it. They

can talk about things such as what it looks like (colour, shape, size), where it's found, what you do with it.?

Activity based newstelling involves your child telling you about something they have made. They will still use their describing skills but will also add information about how they

made it such as what they used, what the steps were and what they are going to do with it. You may also find that they use more complex describing language such as the group and what it's made from, and feels like, smells like or tastes like.



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Event newstelling is the third and most complex level of telling news, a story or retelling an event.

It involves your child using more complex language and connectors such as “but”, “so”, “because” to join sentences together.

In addition to this your child has to recognize that the person they are telling the story to was not there and therefore the child needs to give the listener more details and information so that they

can understand the story.

Being able to tell news clearly and with a lot of information is a very good indicator that your child will have no difficulty being able to construct sentences and provide information at a written level. Research shows that there is a continuum which starts with oral language and leads onto written language. Therefore if there is no difficulty constructing a story or information orally there will

in high probability be no difficulty constructing ideas for a written format.

If your child finds newstelling difficult you can do things such as ask them questions to help them provide more information.

Use pictures to help them recall information. This especially helps in activity recall as you can draw pictures of objects used to do the activity/make the object and then use pictures to demonstrate what was done

Effective communication and language skills are fundamental to young people’s learning, developing social skills and fulfilling their potential.”

Ed Balls



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at each step and finally show the object or activity that was done and talk about what your child thinks about it, wants to do with it etc.

This information and more can be found on our website in the parent section under newstelling.

Please feel free to post any ideas, questions, suggestions or information regarding newstelling on the forum.

We look forward to hearing from you.

What does Ask A Speechie offer?

The Speech Pathologists at Ask a Speechie have a minimum of 5 years experience.

We provide assessments and treatment for your children. While assessments are all required to be face to face, we do provide online therapy sessions if it is too difficult for

you to attend the sessions in person. Please contact us for more information.

Ask a Speechie offers weekly, fortnightly, three weekly or monthly appointments. We try to be as flexible as possible to allow attendance to be consistent. However there is often a direct

correlation between the amount of work completed at home, the timeliness of the work and your child’s progress.

Ask a Speechie has developed a range of products that can be purchased online aimed at children from 3 to 6 years.

What is our role?

As Speech Pathologists we have a strong wish to help all the children we see to reach their full potential and achieve all their goals and dreams.

We are trained with the skills to help many children in areas such as language, literacy, articulation, communication, story telling, pre-literacy skills and comprehension and we are more than happy to pass these skills on.

However, to your child you are the most important person or people in their world. They take their cues from you.

Therefore it is very important that you are onboard with the therapy and in particular home practice. The more work you do at home and the more enthusiastic you are the more likely your child will move forward.

We promise to provide you with all the resources you need to help your child and in return we ask you do the work with your child.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your speech pathologist if your work load is too high.

Good luck!



“Communication is at the heart of child

development, be it social, cognitive, emotional or behavioural.” L.S Vygotsky

Our website

If you are not yet familiar with our website we invite you to have a look around.

We are always interested in your opinions and constructive feedback.

Our parents' section gives you information on different areas of speech pathology.

Please feel free to print out this information and use it with your

child.

We have also produced a range of games and books.

Our games are designed for children from 3 to 5 years of age. We also have some 6 year old games.

They are based on themes and have questions which are both language and pre-literacy based.

The books are story books

introducing different themes for language. Don't forget to look out for the workbooks that link up with the story books.

You will notice we have a question section. All questions are answered within 24 to 48 hours. Please do not hesitate to post a question.

Forums for those who are interested will be run with chosen

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online at specified times to discuss topics and any questions you may have. This will be subject to people being interested and preferred times. Please do not hesitate to chat among yourselves at other times, and please register your interest for online chats with our speechies!

We are in the process of developing online games for

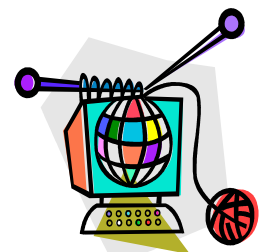
children to target their language and literacy skills. This has only just started and will probably be a long process. We will keep you updated. A monthly fee will be payable for you and your child to access these games once they are completed.

In the meantime download information for free, get your child to sign up on our wall (just their

first name).

Depending on interest we are also looking at developing a forum for kids to ask questions or talk to each other. Your feedback is appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Ask a Speechie is a new speech pathology clinic established January 2010. We work with children from 3 years of age to end of primary school in areas such as language, literacy, articulation, comprehension, pre-literacy skills and story telling.

We offer treatment and assessment for your child's needs. While all assessments must be completed face to face, you can choose to have some treatment sessions online. Please contact us for more details.

