

Communication is Not Just Speech!

Everyone has something to say. Successful communication is two-way.
Some people may need help with understanding and giving messages.

Why not speech alone?

- Speech relies on people hearing and understanding what is said
- Some people understand and learn more easily if they see as well as hear



What are other ways to communicate?

- Gestures and body language
- Signing
- Pictures, photos and real objects
- Computers
- Electronic communication

Why does it help to use these other ways as well as speech?

- Makes communication clearer
- Keeps your sentences short and simple
- Seen for longer than speech is heard
- Encourages speech and language development
- Provides a way to communicate, so reduces frustration
- Can be designed to suit the individual person

Ask your speech pathologist about all the different ways to communicate today!