

Finding the Right Speech Therapist For Your Child

You want the best possible speech therapist for your child. The relationship between the child, the family and the therapist is essential for progress to be made. Since the speech therapist will be helping your child learn new skills, the experience can be challenging and even scary for your child without a warm and trusting relationship.

Not every speech therapist, regardless of qualifications* and skills, is a good match for every child. Professional training is obviously essential, but no less important are personal qualities such as compassion, warmth, interest, playfulness as well as genuine excitement about the process.

At CLASS, Inc., we want to make the difficult decision about which speech therapist to hire easy. That's why we offer an initial free consultation: to provide **you** the opportunity to interview **us**. We want to help you to determine if our style feels right for your and your child.

Come in and meet us. Talk to us. Ask us questions. Observe us interacting with your child. Is your child comfortable with our professional and personal manner? Are we listening to you? Did we explain what our therapy sessions are like? Do you agree with our perspectives and philosophies? Do we have experience working with the kind of speech/language/communication challenges that your child is facing? Ask for our references and check them out; your child's future may depend on your decision.

*The Speech-Language Pathologists at CLASS, Inc. have gone through rigorous graduate training, clinical internships and a clinical fellowship year. They have passed their national board exams, are certified by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) and licensed by the Department of Health.