

7 THINGS I ALWAYS ASK/TELL PARENTS DURING AN APRAXIA OF SPEECH EVALUATION

1. Did your child babble or play with sounds as an infant? If so, what did the babbling sound like?
2. “Healthy frustration” can be a good thing. It lets us know that your child has the cognitive ability to understand what he/she can’t do, and it provides motivation for therapy and home practice.
3. Has your child ever been introduced to sign language, a Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), or an augmentative device? If so, how do you feel about it?
4. Does your child sleep well at night? Does he/she snore?
5. What are you currently doing for home practice and how is he/she responding to it?
6. On a worry scale of 1-10, with “1” that you feel your child will grow out of his/her speech problem and “10” that you are losing sleep over this speech issue, where would you put your worry level?
7. Please remember to take care of your relationships outside of CAS.

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