

Positive Prognostic Indicators

1. Demonstrates adequate physical, auditory and visual attention to structured speech tasks.
2. Has average or above average intelligence.
3. Fine motor skills are on target.
4. Has no history of Ear, Nose, and Throat problems.
5. Has “normal” oral/dental structures and no history of digital/oral habits.
6. Has no difficulties sequencing non-speech oral movements.
7. Is able to drink, chew, and swallow various textures and viscosities efficiently.
8. Has no prior negative experience with speech correction.
9. Does not have an excessive speech rate.
10. Can accurately imitate speech sound sequences.
11. Articulation excursion is not faulty.
12. Is able to self-correct productions.
13. Readily “catches” therapist’s errors.
14. Has no prosody abnormalities.
15. Parent practice at home is productive.
16. Sleeps well at night.

Negative Prognostic Indicators

1. Attention span is weak. Sensory issues inhibit ability to attend to speech tasks.
2. Has below average intelligence.
3. Fine motor delays are evident
4. Past or present Ear, Nose, and Throat problems exist
5. Has abnormal oral/dental structures and/or history of digital/oral habits.
6. Shows signs of oral apraxia for non-speech sequencing.
7. Demonstrates feeding difficulties.
8. Has had a negative experience with speech correction.
9. Has a rapid rate of speech.
10. Cannot imitate CV productions without a phonemic break.
11. Articulation excursion is minimal.
12. Requires prompting for corrections.
13. Needs reminders to “catch” errors.
14. Has abnormal prosody.
15. Parent practice at home is minimal or non-productive.
16. Shows signs of sleep deprivation.

