



The Department of Communication Disorders is the longest running institution in New Zealand providing clinical services and training in the field of Communication Science and Disorders. Our clinical and academic team are actively engaged in research ensuring our clinical practice is informed by the latest scientific evidence.

Speech-Language Therapy students gain clinical experience working under the supervision of experienced clinicians to provide a complete range of speech and language assessments and treatment services.

### How to contact us

If you have concerns regarding your own or your child's speech and language skills, please contact the Speech and Language Clinic during business hours to make an appointment.

Referrals can also be made by other health or education professionals who are working with the client, with client or parental consent.

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We are located in the Department of Communication Disorders, in the Geography building. The clinical reception is on Level 1, accessed through the Arts Road entrance.

A map showing our location and the location of available parking can be found at

[www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/clinicalservices.shtm](http://www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz/clinicalservices.shtm)

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# Speech & Language Clinic



## What is Communication?

Communication is the process of being able to understand and be understood. It is something most of us take for granted. However, for some people, communication is not easy.

Communication difficulties may result from problems with speech, using and understanding language, voice, fluency, hearing and reading or writing.

## How are speech and/or language skills assessed?

In this clinic speech-language therapists assess, diagnose and provide therapeutic treatment for speech, language and literacy difficulties.

Assessment of areas of concern is conducted in order to determine appropriate recommendations. In some instances a full comprehensive assessment of all speech-language skills may be warranted. Assessment sessions take approximately one hour, however more than one session may be required.

## Who would benefit from speech-language therapy?

### Children:

- Language delay
- Speech sound difficulties
- Literacy challenges
- Auditory processing difficulties (see APD brochure)

### Adults:

- Voice disorders
- Fluency disorders (stuttering)
- Difficulties communicating following a stroke, brain injury or other illness.
- ESOL speakers who require accent modification.