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## Could speech therapy services help ME?

If you are experiencing **ANY** of the items listed below speech therapy could be beneficial for you:

Do you have **ANY** of the following:

- Difficulty imitating simple speech sounds
- Difficulty imitating non-speech movements, such as sticking out tongue or puckering lips
- Groping when trying to produce sounds
- In severe cases, an inability to produce sound at all
- Difficulty in the ability to produce "automatic speech", such as greetings like  
**"How are you?"**
- "Slurred" speech or Rapid rate of speech with a "mumbling" quality
- Speaking softly or barely able to whisper
- Slow rate of speech
- Limited tongue, lip, and jaw movement
- Abnormal rhythm when speaking
- Changes in vocal quality ("nasal" speech or sounding "stuffy")
- Drooling or poor control of saliva
- Chewing and swallowing difficulty
- Family history of stuttering and stuttering that has continued for 6 months or longer
- Breathiness, harshness, or hoarseness in your voice
- A "rough" or "scratchy" voice
- Shooting pain from ear to ear

- A "lump in the throat" sensation or neck pain
- Decreased pitch range
- Voice and body fatigue
- May have trouble understanding language when it is long and/or complex
- May have trouble finding the words to express an idea or explain himself/herself - this is like having a word "on the tip of your tongue"
- Requires extra time to understand spoken messages
- Finds it very hard to follow fast speech (e.g., radio or television news)
- Takes the literal meaning of figurative speech (e.g., "it's raining cats and dogs")
- Is frustrating to try to communicate
- Speaks only in single words (e.g., names of objects)
- Speaks in short, fragmented phrases
- Omits smaller words like "the," "of," and "and" (so message sounds like a telegram)
- Switches sounds and/or words (e.g., bed is called table or dishwasher a "wish dasher")
- Makes up words (e.g., jargon)
- Strings together nonsense words and real words fluently but makes no sense
- May not understand anything that is said to him/her
- May say little or nothing at all
- May make approximations of common phrases, such as "yes," "no," "hi," and "thanks"

OR, if you have or have had the **ANY** of the following medical conditions:

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| ▪ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) | ▪ Oral Cancer                   |
| ▪ Dementia                            | ▪ Right Hemisphere Brain Injury |
| ▪ Huntington's Disease                | ▪ Stroke                        |
| ▪ Laryngeal Cancer                    | ▪ Traumatic Brain Injury        |