

# Questions you May Want to Ask Your Child's Speech-Language Pathologist



Names of Speech-Language Pathologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A speech-language pathologist (SLP), sometimes called a speech therapist, is a person trained to test and work with people with speech and language problems.**

If your child has a hearing loss, you will likely work with a speech-language pathologist (SLP). The SLP, sometimes called a speech therapist, will help your family decide the best therapy approach for your child. The therapy approach can differ depending on how much hearing problem your child has. Some SLPs focus on spoken language only, while others focus on spoken language and sign language.

The SLP may work with your family and a team of professionals, such as an audiologist, an ear, nose, and throat doctor (ENT), an early intervention specialist, and a teacher of the deaf to provide you and your child with the best services you need.

For more information about children's hearing visit [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss)



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**Among SLPs, one who has training and experience to work with infants and young children with hearing loss will offer the best care for your child.**



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