

Your Healthcare Team: Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist

Hello, I'm Dave. Welcome to my toy studio. Today I'm going to use toys and other props to explain what this healthcare professional does.

Now humans love and need to communicate. We have invented so many tools to help us do just that. Like, whoa!

Like this phone. Morse code. I don't know what that means.

Flags. Hey. Pictures and cameras. Writing. I love this book. Humans are clever. But what if you struggle to communicate?

Sometimes that happens with children. They might struggle with stuttering, autism, hearing challenges, language delays, or one of the other many reasons people need help communicating. Because if you can't communicate, you might feel invisible. This is why humans invented the profession of the pediatric speech language pathologist.

That's a big name. But it's simple. They help kids find their voice. Hello! They do this with many different therapies, such as teaching proper tongue and lip placement for sound.

Unique, New York [garbled sound]. I know you got to put the tongue in the back of the mouth for that. Oh, try it again. Unique, New York. See?!

See how that works? Unique, New York. Hey, that's pretty good. They use mirrors to show visual feedback.

Picture cards or stories to improve comprehension. They build confidence in speaking situations. I could keep going because they do a lot. They even can help with swallowing disorders.

They turn communication challenges into communication victories. Remember, you're not alone. You have a health care team.

And the pediatric speech language pathologist? They're making sure every voice is heard. I like that guy. He looks pretty good. That's a wrap.