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什麼是語音障礙？

What is Speech Sound Disorder?

小朋友學講野的過程中發音都會不標準。但一部份小朋友的發音問題會延續。如過一個小朋友的語音發展比同年紀的小朋友慢或出現異常的錯誤，他是有語音障礙，簡單來說就是「咬字唔正」。

Children make a number of typical errors with their speech sounds when learning to talk. However, for some children these errors continue past normal age expectations. A child has a speech sound disorder if their speech developmental is slower than that of a child of the same age or they have an abnormal speech sound error.

語音障礙的成因是甚麼？

What causes Speech Sound Disorders?

大部份語音障礙的小朋友可能沒有其他特殊的病歷。其他的成因包括口腔肌肉無力，口部結構問題或聽力受損。

Most speech sound disorders have no known cause. Other causes include oral muscle weakness, structural problems or hearing impairment.

語音障礙有什麼常見的特徵？

What are some common speech sound errors?

常見的構音錯誤可包括：

- 將某些音取代另一個音，例如key→tea
- 或者將某些音扭曲，例如將舌頭突出牙齒講/s/音。

Common speech sound errors may include:

- replacing certain sounds with another sound e.g. key → tea
- distorting certain sounds like sticking the tongue out between the front teeth when saying the /s/ sound

言語治療師如何幫助患有語音障礙的小朋友？

How can a speech pathologist help a child with a Speech Sound Disorder?

言語治療師會先找出小朋友語音障礙的原因及錯誤的規律。如果小朋友錯誤的音是需要被矯正的，語言治療師會按照小朋友錯誤的情形進一步安排治療課程。

The speech pathologist will first identify the cause and pattern of speech sound errors. If therapy is required, they will use this information to determine the most appropriate intervention plan for the child.