

Facts at Your Fingertips

Speech Language Pathology

Did You Know . . .?

1. A child's vocabulary upon entering school is a prime predictor of school success or failure.
2. Watching TV does not improve a child's vocabulary or communication skills; there is no substitute for conversation when it comes to learning to talk!
3. Early language abilities are directly related to later reading abilities.
4. It is projected that the number of adults with low-literacy skills in Canada will increase from 12.4 million in 2006 to 15 million by 2031.
5. Stuttering is not caused by parenting practices, a bad scare, or psychological trauma.
6. A shocking 70% of young offenders in the UK have speech, language, and communication needs that are often undetected.
7. Twenty teachers in an average school in Australia will take time off work each year because of voice problems – that's 28%!
8. At least 30% of people post-stroke suffer loss of language (aphasia).
9. 85% of people with Parkinson's disease have voice, speech, and/or swallowing difficulties
10. The opportunity to communicate is a basic human right. Read more about the International Communication Project (ICP) at www.communication2014.com

One in six Canadians has a speech, language, or hearing problem

For more information regarding the
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