



Communication Red Flags for Children

General Checklist

Instructions: The following is a list of red flags that may indicate that a child has communication concerns that need to be checked out by a speech-language pathologist. Check the box next to any of the following red flags that the child seems to have. The more boxes checked, the more likely there is a problem that should be addressed by a speech-language pathologist.

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

- Child uses shorter sentences than peers
- Child doesn't understand or follow directions as well as peers
- Child's speech sounds less mature than peers (missing grammatical markers, etc.)
- Child's speech is harder to understand than peers
- Child isn't reading or writing as well as peers
- Child has trouble making friends
- Child stutters often
- Child has a harsh or rough voice quality (or abnormal in any way)
- Child doesn't respond when others speak to him

Total Number of Checks:

_____ out of 9