



Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) Screener

Auditory Processing Disorder or APD, is a complex problem affecting thousands of school-aged children (as well as adults). These children cannot process the information they hear in the same way as other children because their ears and brain do not fully coordinate. APD affects the way the brain recognizes and interprets sounds, most notably, the sounds composing speech. APD is a type of hearing loss **NOT** located in the sensory organs in your ears where you detect sounds, but in the part of your brain that processes and makes sense out of what you hear. Unfortunately, if the auditory deficits are not identified and managed early, it can eventually manifest in speech/language delays, learning disorders, and academic problems.

Please fill out the questionnaire below to see if your child exhibits any of the following behaviors:

- Difficulty listening in noise
- Easily distracted
- Bothered by loud sounds
- Frequently requests repetition, mishears words, or frequently says "what?"
- Difficulty with determining direction of sounds
- Difficulty understanding spoken language in rapid speech
- Takes longer or seems to need more time to process information
- Poor listening skills
- Fatigues easily from processing auditory information
- Problems carrying out multistep directions given orally
- Needs to hear only one direction at a time
- Difficulty with reading, comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, or other speech/language difficulties
- Confuses similar words like "hat" and "bat" or has difficulties perceiving differences in speech sounds
- Difficulty perceiving what is actually said
- Difficulty paying attention or is inattentive
- Problems relating what has been said with its' meaning
- Difficulty with abstract concepts or takes everything very literal
- Trouble remembering or keeping in sequence what is heard
- Trouble paying attention to and remembering info presented auditorily
- Can cope better with visually acquired information
- Is bright and intelligent but has low academic performance
- Has inappropriately too loud or too soft voice
- Has behavioral problems
- Struggles to complete homework assignments in a reasonable time period

If you checked off 2 or more items, your child may be at risk for an Auditory Processing Disorder.

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