LANGUAGE

Language problems can result in difficulty expressing or understanding speech, both verbal or written.

LOOK FOR:

- Lacking verbal filter
- Dominate interactions with others
- Slurred production of words/slowed rate of speech/rapid nonstop talking
- Difficulty remembering the desired word when speaking or writing, following directions, or recalling what was said
- Lack of initiation or joining in conversation/social isolation



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Don't be afraid to advocate for what you need (e.g., ask people to speak slower, repeat what they said, or to rephrase their question in a different way)
- Write down important points or tasks or use a voice recorder (option on cell phone)
- Try using paper notes or electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, computers, tablets) to communicate your ideas if it is hard to say things out loud
- Try reading aloud to yourself in a place with no distractions and use a bookmark or finger to focus on one line at a time to avoid losing your place
- Speech-language therapists can help with communication as well as many other needs



