Preschoolers, we need your help!

Did you know that most children have the amazing ability to learn about 8 new words per day, reaching over 14,000 words by the time they start primary school? We want to find out how preschoolers learn and say words.

**WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?**

- Did you know that children who can read well often have good vocabularies? They learn many of their words before they start school.
- Children who have good listening skills often also develop good vocabularies.
- We want to find out three things:
  1. What types of speech sounds are easier for children to hear in words?
  2. What types of words in books help children learn new words?
  3. Is the clarity of a child’s speech related to their ability to listen to sounds in words, and learn words?

**WHO CAN TAKE PART?**

- Preschool children who:
  - are 4 or 5 years old
  - speak English
  - have typically developing speech OR a speech difficulty
  - have no other developmental concerns
- Children may or may not be seeing a Speech Pathologist.

**WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?**

- You and your child will attend the Communication Disorders Treatment and Research Clinic (CDTRC) at the University of Sydney, in Lidcombe for two 90-minute visits, 1 week apart.
- During these visits, your child will receive a free assessment of their speech, language and hearing.
- Your child will listen to 4 short stories. Each story will contain 1 new made-up word.
- We will also give you a DVD recording of the stories to play to your child at home, between the two visits.

**WHY TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?**

- Your child’s involvement will help Speech Pathologists better understand how to help children listen to and learn new words.
- You will receive a brief summary report about your child’s speech, language and hearing skills.

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