

JETT SPEECH THERAPY

PREPARING FOR YOUR EVALUATION

What to expect from a comprehensive speech and language evaluation

WHAT AN EVALUATION IS

A comprehensive evaluation is a structured look at communication strengths and areas of need. Depending on the concerns, it may include a conversation about history and goals, standardized assessments, informal tasks and language samples, and plenty of observation. It typically takes 60–90 minutes and results in a written report with recommendations.

HELPFUL THINGS TO GATHER BEFOREHAND

- Any previous speech-language evaluations, IEPs, or school reports, if you have them.
- Relevant medical history (for example, hearing testing results or diagnoses that affect communication).
- A short list of your top concerns and what you'd like to change most.
- Examples: specific words, sounds, or situations that are hard — real examples help.

HOW TO PREPARE (AND HOW NOT TO)

- Come rested and fed — evaluations go better when energy is up.
- Don't rehearse or coach ahead of time. The goal is an accurate picture of everyday communication, not a best-case performance.
- For children: describe it simply — "You're going to play some talking and listening games with Coach Jett."
- Set up your space the same way you would for a therapy session (quiet room, good lighting, stable internet).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARD

- You'll receive a written report summarizing results and recommendations.
- If therapy is recommended, an individualized plan is built around your specific goals.
- You'll have time to ask questions and talk through next steps — nothing moves forward without you.

A NOTE

This guide is general educational information, not individualized medical or therapeutic advice. If you have concerns about speech or language, a licensed speech-language pathologist can evaluate your specific situation. Jett Speech Therapy currently serves clients ages 5 and up, virtually, throughout California.