



Speech Language Pathology Collection

Welcome to the CNRL SLP Collection – an ever-growing resource of especially chosen books and activities to support early speech and language development.

Hannah Finds Her Voice – 3-6 years

Before Reading: Show your child the title, and the author's and illustrator's names. What do they think this book will be about?

During Reading:

- This book was written by a Speech Pathologist to explain the challenges and journey of speech therapy for young children with Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS). It was written to foster understanding among peers and siblings of children with CAS, and to help children better understand what speech therapy sessions for children with CAS can involve depicted through realistic illustrations.
- This book uses speech and thought bubbles to illustrate how CAS might affect speech – talk about the difference with what Hannah THINKS and what she SAYS. Talk about how she is not less intelligent, she just has trouble getting her mouth to make sounds for speech.

After reading:

- Does your child know anyone who has trouble talking? Talk about what they sound like, and the reasons why (IF YOU KNOW). Talk about how this person may have lots of things to say, like Hannah, and that they are not less intelligent.
- How can your child help someone to talk? Read through the suggestions in the back of the book.

You might also like to read:

- All the Ways to be Smart
- My Body, My Brain
- What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say