

A global investigation into the personal narrative skills of children and adolescents

Are you **an Australian speech pathologist in private practice**
who works with school-age children with language disorders?



We need your help!

Our team of speech pathologists seek to better understand how children tell stories about past personal events. At this stage we are only looking for children who speak English at home most of the time, do not have a diagnosed hearing impairment, and have not been diagnosed with an intellectual disability.

What we will ask you (the SLP) to do:

- To assist us with recruiting one or more children, ages 5 – 12, with identified language difficulties including developmental language disorder and ASD.
- We will ask you to elicit personal narratives, using standard protocols, from children whose parents have consented to participate (this will take 10-15 minutes).
- We will ask you to email us the recording, a copy of the child's most recent standardised language results (<12 months), and a copy of a hard-copy questionnaire the parent will complete.
- We will send you the child's transcribed and analysed language samples which may assist you in intervention planning.

What we will ask the parent to do:

- To complete an online consent form and three questionnaires, which may take 20 minutes to complete.
- To complete one paper-copy questionnaire, which may take 5 minutes to complete.
- We will ask your child to talk about past personal events with the speech pathologist. This will take 10-15 minutes

Who should I contact?

If you are interested and/or would like some more specific information, please contact Marleen Westerveld (m.westerveld@griffith.edu.au) or Mary Claessen (m.claessen@curtin.edu.au).