



ROLE OF SPEECH THERAPY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPEAKING SKILL

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ABSTRACT

Speech therapy is concerned with a broad scope of speech, language and voice issues. It can help kids learn to speak more clearly. This helps them feel more confident and less frustrated about speaking to others. Kids who have language issues can benefit socially, emotionally and academically from speech therapy. Present study is targeted to find impact of speech therapy on kids of 2-5 years.

KEYWORDS

Speech Therapy , Speaking Skill , Ability , Pronunciation

Introduction:

Speech therapy is a technique of improving speaking ability based on science and psychology. In developed countries use of this therapy is very common but in India it is in starting stage. There are so many cases of stammering, delay in speaking, unclear pronunciation and other language problems. This field practiced by a speech therapist. Speech therapy is especially beneficial when kids begin early in life. In one study, 70 percent of preschool kids with language issues who went through speech therapy showed improvement in language skills.

Speech therapy improves speaking difficulties, communication skills and language issues such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and auditory processing disorder. It also help kids with other kinds of problems with spoken and written language as articulation problems, fluency problems, resonance or voice problems, oral feeding problems. Speech therapy includes receptive, expressive and pragmatic language problems. It helps to understand language as word-finding and other semantic issues, such as a language speaking delay. Social communication difficulties involve how people communicate with others, structural language impairments; create sentences and modifying word meaning.

Objective of Study:

- Finding of impact of speech therapy among male kids of 2-5 years
- Finding of impact of speech therapy among female kids of 2-5 years

Hypothesis:

- There is no significant impact of speech therapy among male kids of 2-5 years
- There is no significant impact of speech therapy among female kids of 2-5 years

Methodology:

Descriptive survey method was used for this study. Sample of 100 students was taken as sample having 50% male and 50% female. Survey was conducted into 2 steps. In first step, sample was tested for speaking ability. In second step, they were trained through speech therapy for 2 months and again tested. Collected data was tabulated and analyzed using mean, standard deviation and t value as statistical tools.

Finding and Analysis:

Table: Impact of Speech Therapy on Kids

Gender	Before Speech Therapy		After Speech Therapy		t Value
	Mean Value	Std. Deviation	Mean Value	Std. Deviation	
Male	41	0.86	54	1.07	0.83
Female	43	1.02	55	0.97	0.88

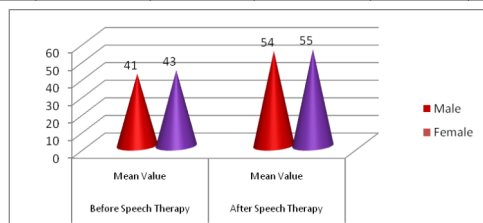


Chart: Impact of Speech Therapy on Kids

Male kids have mean value 41 before speech therapy with standard deviation 0.86. After speech therapy mean value reach 54 with standard deviation 0.83. t value is calculated as 0.83. Thus hypothesis 1, there is no significant impact of speech therapy among male kids of 2-5 years is rejected.

Among female kids variation found from 43 to 55 for mean value. Calculated t value is 0.97 showing significance. Hence hypothesis 2, there is no significant impact of speech therapy among female kids of 2-5 years is rejected.

Conclusion:

Study shows that speech therapy improves speaking ability of kids. To make a child as successful, respectful personality of society, parents should pay attention since childhood. This theory helps to come out of problems related to ability of speaking, perfect pronunciation, interest and confidence in language. It may be an essential part of pre primary and primary education system so that our kids may speak language with fluency and confidence.

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