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# Merritt Speech & Learning

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*What is the root problem?*

Is your child struggling in speech, language or learning? Have you worked with your child and is he/she still struggling? He/She may have a Processing Disorder. It could be a speech disorder, language disorder or phonological disorder. The most important question is, "*What is the root problem?*" It could be an Auditory or Visual or Motor Processing Disorder. Check the signs that apply to your child. If there are many, a thorough **Auditory & Visual Processing Screening** should be seriously considered. For more information, go to **www.MerrittSpeech.com**.

### Signs of Processing Deficits Checklist

#### AUDITORY PROCESSING DEFICITS

- Delayed onset of speech and language milestones, in an otherwise normally developing child
- Chronic ear infections, starting before age one
- Difficulty learning the alphabet
- Difficulty playing rhyming games or games like pig Latin
- Frequently asks to have information repeated
- Failure to follow commands
- Difficulty repeating long, complex words
- Difficulty learning to spell and read
- Difficulty sounding out words

#### VISUAL PROCESSING DEFICITS

- Trouble copying
- Frequently loses place when reading
- A short attention span
- Inability to concentrate when reading
- Tilting the head or rubbing one eye
- Reversal of numbers and letters
- Confusing the order of numbers
- Excessive effort is required to do classwork
- Omission and/or substitution of words when reading aloud

#### TIMING, CONCENTRATION AND MOTOR PROCESSING DEFICITS

- Clumsiness
- Uncoordinated
- Delayed mastery of sitting, crawling and/or walking
- Delayed mastery of tying shoes, buttoning shirt and/or using utensils
- Delayed response time for verbal and visual motor tasks
- Problems staying in rhythm when singing or dancing
- Problems staying in rhythm when tapping or clapping
- Snappy, chaotic motor movements
- Previously diagnosed as having Attention Deficit Disorder, with or without Hyperactivity



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