



# SASLHA

South African Speech-Language-Hearing Association

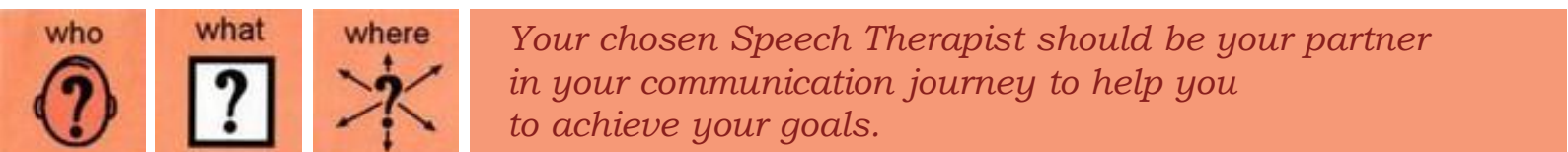


## WHAT IS A SPEECH THERAPIST?

- A Speech Therapist is a highly trained professional who evaluates and treats children and adults who have difficulty communicating with others as well as those who have difficulty sucking, chewing or swallowing food or liquids.
- All Speech Therapists must be registered with the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA).
- You can find Speech Therapists in many different settings including schools, private practice, hospitals, rehabilitation centers as well as universities.

## THE ROLE OF THE SPEECH THERAPIST IN AAC IS TO:

- Establish the client's goals in terms of their communication needs.
- Help the client and their families determine the most suitable method to achieve these goals.
- Work with the client and their families to communicate these goals (needs, wants, beliefs, opinions ....) through their AAC device.



*Your chosen Speech Therapist should be your partner in your communication journey to help you to achieve your goals.*

Contact us for more information or to find a speech therapist in your area



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