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"At North Naples Speech and Language Services Inc., we believe that each child needs to possess the tools for effective communication. Effective communication is essential in a child's ability to develop friendships, solve problems, seek information, and express their feelings, wants and needs. Competent speech and language skills impacts a child's success in academics as well as interpersonal relationships."

Lori Tinney, Speech Pathologist/Director/Owner

Speech-Language Development 6-year old (and above) Checklist

By six years of age, a child has mastered most adult-like speech and language patterns and says all sounds correctly. Children at age 6 understand connected conversational speech and most social-language rules.

Specific skills mastered at age 6 and older include:

- Correctly produces all speech sounds. No distortions or substitution errors.
- Uses correct grammar and syntax.
- Is easily able to verbally sequence steps in a familiar routine.
- Is able to clearly relate an experience or event.
- Understands the meaning of all Wh-questions and can answer efficiently.
- Is able to formulate complete answers to How and Why questions.
- Can use expressive language for verbal reasoning tasks such as problem solving, predicting outcomes, and making comparisons.
- Uses language to demonstrate cognitive flexibility, for example can verbalize more than one way to solve a problem.
- Recognizes non-verbal language cues and norms, for example tone of voice, appropriate loudness level, eye contact when speaking
- Recognizes social rules of language, for example turn-taking during conversation and avoiding interrupting.