

Auditory Processing Disorder Assessment

Auditory Processing disorder (APD) is also referred to as Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)

Auditory processing describes the way the brain assigns significance and meaning to the sounds in the environment. Effective auditory processing involves a relatively high speed of information transfer. It also requires a good attention span, a well-functioning memory, and sensitivity to the many subtleties of sound. When parts of this complex system break down or don't operate efficiently, listening is compromised. Ensuing problems are collectively known as Auditory Processing Difficulties (APD) which is diagnosed by an Auditory Processing Disorder Assessment. Read more at auditoryprocessing.com.au

How do I know if I or my child may have Auditory Processing Difficulties?

Auditory processing tends to manifest as poor listening skills and there are a number of signs to look out for such as:

Skill	 
Difficulty following verbal instructions	
Needing instructions repeated or simplified	
Taking a long time to respond verbally	
Poor short-term auditory memory	
Over-sensitivity to certain sounds	
Misinterpreting auditory information	
Weak vocabulary	
Broken or hesitant speech	
Delayed speech and language	
Word retrieval difficulties	
Weak, flat or monotone voice	
Reading, writing and spelling difficulties	
Letter and number reversals	
Poor coordination and motor planning	
Poor sense of balance or rhythm	
Clumsiness	
Left and right confusion	
Restlessness, fidgeting and/or hyperactive behaviour	
Being easily distracted by ambient noise	
Daydreaming	
Low self-esteem and confidence	
Disorganised syntax / sentence structure	