



AUDITORY PROCESSING CENTER

About 43% of children with
Learning Difficulties have
Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

Does Your Child Have Trouble Understanding & Remembering What He/She Hears?

Children with APD have faulty neural pathways between the ears and the brain causing distortion and/or delay in auditory signal transmission. This causes listening problems that mimic a hearing loss since these individuals struggle to process (or interpret) what they hear. No two people with APD are alike and symptoms will vary from child to child.

Common Symptoms of APD

- Frequently ask “huh?” or “what?”
- Slow or delayed responses to verbal instructions
- Misinterpretation of questions
- Articulation errors that persist
- May have poor to ability to sing in tune
- Distractible when conversations or activities do not include visuals
- May misinterpret sarcasm or tone of voice and get feelings hurt easily
- Frustration with certain tasks:
(saying “I don’t understand,”
“I don’t know what you mean,” or
“I can’t do this”)

Difficulty with

- Understanding in noisy environments
- Following multi-step directions
- Spelling, reading fluency, and reading comprehension
- Hearing the differences between sounds in words
- Memory for lists of words and numbers
- Understanding complex language (such as word problems)
- Directing, sustaining, or dividing attention
- Remembering spoken information
- Finding the right words to use
- Following classroom discussions
- Understanding riddles and jokes or interpreting words too literally

Since many symptoms of APD overlap with other disorders, children are sometimes misdiagnosed as “*inattentive*,” “*ADD/ADHD*,” “*dyslexic*,” “*learning disabled*,” having “*behavior problems*,” “*developmental delay*,” or a “*receptive language disorder*.”

APD is treatable. Call **(601) 488-4189** or visit **www.auditorycenter.com** to find out if your child could benefit from an auditory processing evaluation.

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