

SPALS SPEAKS

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SPEAKERS for 2012 CONFERENCE

He's BACK for 3 years running by popular request for a Full day session...STEVE GRIF-FIN . Joining him will likely be Dr. Wayne Secord, speaking about articulation, Susan Hall speaking about RTI, Jeff Simmons speaking

on Cochlear Implants, Dr. Jim Ball talking about Aspergers/ Autism, iSLP talking about technology, Sam Johnson speaking about applications of DIBELS data, Nancy Teilan talking about reading with TLC, Dr.

Carol Flexor speaking about Hearing Loss and amplification.



iSLP Initiative
"App of the Month"
Wordventure!
Mad Libs

Wordventure! is a free app produced by In A Day Development. Three Wordventure! stories are included in the app; students pick nouns, verbs, adverbs, and additional parts of speech (a total of 16 parts of speech with explanations) to create a personalized, hilarious story. Wordventure! stories can be individually saved and edited for additional discussion and changes during therapy. However, emailing a Wordventure! story is not possible at this time. Wordventure! motivates and appeals to students from second grade through high school.

Mad Libs is a free app produced by Penguin Group USA. 'Vacation' Mad Libs is the story pack with the free app and consists of 4 stories. Additional story packs (Goofy Mad Libs and Cool Mad Libs) cost \$4.00 and consist of 16-20 stories in each pack. Students create stories through an interactive fill-in-the-blank process with accompanying hints. The Mad Libs stories are saved and can be emailed to share with parents, students, and further therapeutic use. However, all Mad Libs stories are overwritten when used in future therapy sessions. Mad Libs motivates and appeals to students from first grade through high school.

Deadlines for Grants, Scholarships and Liz Borel Award

SPALS is offering 3 grants up to \$1000. The deadline for application is August 1, 2012.

SPALS is offering 2 Scholarships up to \$1500. The deadline is August 1, 2012

Liz Borel Award nominees are due by July 1, 2012

Please see Website and Feb. newsletter for more information. Do not let these valuable opportunities pass by.

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SPALS CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

The SPALS 2012 conference will be in Downtown Baton Rouge at the River Center on September 27 and 28th, 2012.

A block of rooms at The Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel will be held until



9/21/12 therefore register early.

Belle of Baton Rouge
102 France Street
Baton Rouge, LA
70802

Room Rate \$119 a night plus 13% Tax per night. There will be an additional charge of \$10 per person per room per night over double occupancy. Guest are subject to \$3 luggage fee per re-



Just Another Boring Article...Or Is It?

A little over a month ago a (now) friend of ours pinned one of our images on [Pinterest](#). The title she wrote for the pin said "Simplifying Speech Therapy (as if that's possible)".

At HomeSpeechHome we think that it is.

In fact...it's our mantra.

When my wife Hollie and I started [HomeSpeechHome](#) almost 2 years ago we saw a need to present information about our profession in a way that everyone would be able to understand it.

You know the saying "Knowledge is Power." Our feeling is that if you teach someone so that they understand, they are much more likely to teach and tell others.

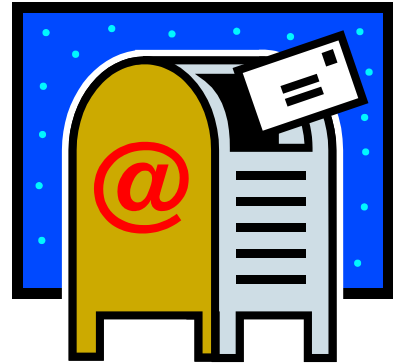
2 years and almost 115,000 visitors later...I guess a few people felt the same way.

Along the way we have developed some tools for both SLPs and Parents to use. One of the tools we are most proud of is our [online speech and language screeners](#).



Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools

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Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound (but not always school firewalls) our screeners allow anyone to check the present levels of speech and language performance for children ages 0-11.

The screener questions target receptive and expressive language skills, social language skills, articulation, apraxia, stuttering, voice, hearing, autism, feeding, and sensory issues.

Both screeners give general recommendations and treatment suggestions based on the child's age and skills.

We developed them to help parents confirm or dismiss their concerns, and to help SLPs and other professionals find out key speech and language information in a quick and easy manner.

To date, they have assisted Parents, SLPs, Teachers, & other professionals.

We have also added a number of free tools that have helped us as SLPs in the past. Some of which include...

- An online chronological age calculator w/ matching iPhone app

- Printable "Meet Your Speech Helpers" e-Book

- Printable Phonological Processes & Speech Sound Development Charts

- Test Description Templates for Report Writing

And our most recent additions...

- Online word lists for target sounds

- Developing your iPhone/iPad App. with us



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We are also excited about our first four [“Teaching the Sound” e-books](#) designed to help SLPs and parents teach the /k,g,s,z/ sounds using professional but simplified techniques.



Our overall goal is to help people 24 hours a day, all year long.

If you are on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) we would be very happy to connect with you there.

If you have suggestions or recommendations that you feel would help you...

...please [let us know](#).

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I am happy to present this resource to our SPALS members. I have used this site so many times and always found the information accurate and helpful....Luke and Hollie do a great job with this site and are easy to contact...Sincerely, Celeste...SPALS Historian and Newsletter Chair.



Next months newsletter will feature an upcoming conference speaker ...Tune in to see....