

DIRECTED OBSERVATION 1 - *SPEECH*
SHS 331: NORMAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
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Directed Observation 1 - Speech - The focus of this directed observation is the child's speech development. You will be listening for speech sounds, overall speech intelligibility, and speech patterns that are different from the adult pronunciation.

Independent Study:

1. Read the following excerpt linked to the instructor web site:

Paul, R. (2007). *Language disorders from infancy through adolescence* (pp. 333-338). St. Louis, MO: Mosby.

2. In your textbook (Owens, 2008), prepare by reading the following sections in multiple chapters:

- Phonological Processes, pp. 222-223
- Phonemic and Phonologic Development, pp. 300-308
- Phonologic Development, pp. 347-348
- Appendix A: American English speech sounds, pp. 439-445

Preparation:

1. The above readings should provide a foundation for understanding patterns of typical speech development as well as methods for observing children's speech in conversation.

2. Take a note-taking form (see linked to instructor web site) to direct your observations. You will also need the childcare director's or teacher's signature on your form.

3. Reread the guidelines for the directed observations to make certain that you understand all procedures, including materials and rules for conduct, for going to the childcare program. Please see Dr. Beverly if you are concerned about your setting for observations.