

Common Elements in Successful Therapeutic Approaches to Apraxia

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Apraxia: A difficulty in programming the motor speech apparatus for execution of running conversational speech.

Praxis: A learned ability to plan and direct a series of temporal movements toward achieving a result.



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COMMON ELEMENTS IN SUCCESSFUL THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES TO APRAXIA

1. Intensive, systematic drill.
2. Pairing a motor act with a speech act.
3. Marking devices.
4. Phonetic placement.
5. Tactile-kinesthetic cues.
6. Holding a position over time.
7. Leaving and relocating the desired position.
8. Attending to prosodic features (melody, rhythm and accent).
9. Eliminating competing responses.
10. Key word derivation.



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A Cueing Hierarchy for Apraxia of Speech

- ❖ Waiting!
- ❖ Physical Manipulation (tactile cueing)
- ❖ Verbal directions and hand cues
- ❖ Visual-Oral model
- ❖ Ideational cueing (key words, automatisms, backward chaining)
- ❖ Graphic Cues
- ❖ Auditory model



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