

Ten 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.

A Cueing Hierarchy for Apraxia of Speech

1. Waiting!
2. Physical Manipulation (tactile cueing)
3. Verbal directions and hand cues
4. Visual-Oral model
5. Ideational cueing (key words, automatisms, go-to words, backward chaining)
6. Graphic Cues
7. Auditory model