Referral criteria for understanding and talking for

children aged 5 to 7

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| Age5 - 7 | Understanding | Talking | Pronunciation |
| No cause for concern | [ ]  Follows a series of instructions[ ]  Able to make predictions and suggest what a character might say or feel[ ]  Can answer ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions  | [ ]  Talks about a range of past and future events[ ]  Fully engages in conversation with both adults and children[ ]  Shares more complex ideas[ ]  Argues, debates and negotiates | [ ]  May not yet use later developing sounds ‘r’, ‘l’, ‘y’ and ‘th’ |
| **Refer to SLT if the child:** | * Has difficulty following class-based instructions involving a sequence of items
* Child has difficulties understanding and learning new words
 | * Can’t maintain a meaningful conversation
* Isn’t using long, complex utterances with words such as ‘but’/‘because’
* Uses lots of immature or unusual grammar, making it difficult for them to get their message across
 | * Is difficult to understand when they speak
* Their pronunciation errors are having a negative impact on the child‘s wellbeing

[ ]  stammers and I am concerned |