**Speech Disorders Activity**

Speech disorders are any condition in which a person struggles to say certain words or sounds. At times, it might be difficult to understand a friend with a speech disorder. The friend might feel frustrated because of this. How might you help a friend with a speech disorder?

# Materials

* **PebbleGo Next** article “Speech Disorders”
* writing utensil
* blank paper
* note cards
* art supplies

# Directions

1. Review the **PebbleGo Next** article “Speech Disorders.” Take notes about the different types of speech disorders and how they might affect someone. For example, you might write, “Stuttering causes someone to repeat the same sound multiple times.”
2. Imagine someone in your class has a speech disorder. As their classmate, you can help them communicate with pictures. Create a set of communication cards. Brainstorm a list of phrases or words relevant to daily activities. For example, you might write “eat lunch” or “begin silent reading.”
3. Write one phrase or word on one side of a note card. On the other side, illustrate the phrase means.
4. Repeat step 3 for at least 15 events.
5. Combine your cards with the rest of your classmates.’ Place your speech communication cards in your classroom for anyone to use if they need to.

# Critical Thinking

1. How might communication cards help someone with a speech disorder?
2. What cards would you add if you made a set of cards to use at home?
3. How could someone using the cards also practice speaking the words   
   or phrases?