

## Teaching Speech To Non-Vocal Individuals With Autism

“A combined Applied Behaviour Analysis and Oral Placement Therapy (OPT) program to teach functional speech to non-vocal individuals with Autism and related disabilities”

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### Course Description:

Developing functional speech in non-vocal individuals with autism can be one of the biggest challenges for speech and language therapists as well as behaviour analysts. This course presents a systematic approach to developing functional speech with individuals who are non-vocal. The course is a comprehensive program which combines principles of applied behaviour analysis with oral placement therapy. For behaviour analysts the course demonstrates the importance of using specific techniques within hierarchies to develop the oral placement skills for speech and feeding. For speech and language therapists, this course demonstrates techniques developed within the applied behaviour analysis field to maximize learning for functional speech using reinforcement based procedures. The course will guide participants through a complete program beginning with developing cooperation. Videos will be shown throughout the presentation to demonstrate the techniques. This course will benefit Speech and Language Therapists, Behaviour Analysts, Teachers, Parents and others working with non-vocal individuals with autism.

Find out more about TalkTools oral-motor speech and feeding techniques at [www.talktools.net](http://www.talktools.net)

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Learn how to gain cooperation with an unwilling learner.
2. Learn some of the techniques in the applied behaviour analysis research which have been used to develop vocalizations.
3. Learn how the principles of applied behaviour analysis, such as motivation, reinforcement and shaping can be used to maximize individuals' learning of functional speech.
4. Learn specific techniques to apply TalkTools hierarchies to individuals with autism.
5. Learn how oral placement hierarchies target foundational motor skills as a prerequisite to standard speech.
6. Learn specific techniques to transition oral placement skills to functional speech.

**Duration:** 2 day course (09.00 to 17.00)  
**Dates:** 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
**Course fee:** £353.00 per person ( Inc. VAT)  
**Discounts:** ASLTIP members are entitled to a £10 discount.

**Venue:** Menzies Chequers, Horley. Nr. Gatwick

Lunch, refreshments, course manuals and course practicum equipment are included.

**Early booking is essential** – Closing date for bookings - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Course delegates will also receive a 10% discount voucher for their next purchase of TalkTools equipment purchases through the **UK TalkTools Supplier – Eg (Training) Ltd.**

Please visit our website for equipment details or to download a course booking form

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