

Dale (5;6 yrs)
Data analysis and interpretation

(1) Phonetic Inventory

- What consonants does Dale have in his phonetic inventory?

- What consonants (if any) are absent? NB. Check that these have been tested.

(2) Processes/patterns

- What natural phonological processes are evident in the sample?

- Which of these are delayed for Dale's age? Give the expected age of suppression for each process with the appropriate reference, e.g., Grunwell (1987) cited in Bowen (2012).

- Are there any atypical patterns?

(3) Progressive variability

- What evidence is there of progressive change within Dale's sound system, i.e., that processes/patterns are moving towards suppression?

(4) Target selection

- Which targets would you prioritise for therapy?
 - Select one phonological process and state which two phonemes and word positions you would work on first.
 - Give a brief rationale for your choice of target/s and list four minimal pairs for each one.

NB. You may find it helpful to look at Bowen's description of traditional vs newer therapy selection criteria – see link on LS. www.speechtherapy.com