

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?

Speech and Language Therapist – Speech and language therapy assistants support people who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking, or swallowing. They also assess, diagnosis and carry out the treatment of speech, language, fluency, and voice disorders caused by disability, injury or illness.

Day to day tasks

- Assess, test and diagnose a client's condition.
- Design and initiate appropriate rehabilitation and/or remedial programmes of treatment
- Attend case conferences and liaise with other specialists such as doctors, teachers, social workers and psychologists.
- Counsel relatives to help cope with the problems created by a patient's disability.
- Write reports and maintain client caseloads.
- run group work and activities

Qualifications

4/5 GCSEs – grades 9 – 4 including English and Maths

Salary

Starting salary for **Speech and Language Therapists** are typically between **£22,383 and £33,800**

Jobs and labour market

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£650	£33,800
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
35h	£19

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth	Replacement
5.3%	52%

The workforce is projected to grow by 5.3% over the period to 2027, creating 1,200 jobs.

Routes into the industry

You can get into this job through:

- a college course.
- an apprenticeship - Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- applying directly. Find out more here: [Speech and language therapy assistant | Explore](#)