

Discussion Questions: Late Talkers

A Glimpse into the Lives of Those Dealing with Communication Impairments.

1. Does anyone in your family have a communication disorder? If so what type of disorder? Does that individual have a diagnosis, are they receiving speech and language therapy, and if not, what are the obstacles, if any?
2. Logan's mother stated, "I'm just thinking he is delayed". What is the process that parents often go through as they struggle to gain information and to understand the journey that is ahead of them?
3. What, if anything, do the families in this documentary share in common? How would you describe their similarities and/or differences?
4. Zach's mother desperately wants answers and tries to gain insight on what it must be like for her son not to talk. She spends a lot of time researching to try to gain more information. What types of support assistance or programs, if any, are available to the parents of children with special needs? What about the siblings? If lacking, what service would fill the void for you?
5. Parents in the film are heard saying comments such as "I don't want to give it time", "you always feel like you can be doing more", "he's not broken". These statements relate to evaluations, diagnosis, therapy, fighting for services, mediation. Can you relate to any these comments? Explain
6. Dan has been stuttering since he was a young boy. He states that he tried to hide it. What are some of the obstacles that an individual who stutters faces? How might societal attitudes impact an individual who stutters?
7. Kieran has been diagnosed with global apraxia. Do you feel that your child's doctor is sufficiently knowledgeable about apraxia? Is this a term that you are familiar with and if so, in what context?
8. Tanner goes to college, drives a car, and places an order at a restaurant. He is independent. However, he still has much to overcome. What challenges might he face as he gets older?
9. Tanner feels that in some ways apraxia has been positive for him. Living with and loving a person with a communication disorder can cause an array of emotions. What words come to mind that explain your personal journey?
10. What are your take aways from today's presentation?