

Positive Reinforcers for Young Children Who Stutter

** Instead of saying...*

Think about what you want to say before you say it.

Slow down!

You didn't stutter!

Why are you stuttering?
Stop stuttering!

Hurry up and say it!
Just get it out...

I'm proud of you when you don't stutter.
It makes me happy when you don't stutter.

What did you say?

** Consider the following alternatives depending on the situation...*

Use your thinking time!
You can take your time.
You can take your time to find your words.

We're not in a hurry...
We're not rushing...

I like how you can change your bumpy into smooth!
Talking is so easy when we're smooth!
I like how you told me that!
I like that easy talking!
I like how smooth you were!

Getting bumpy is not a big deal to me!
You're just learning, no big deal to me!
That seemed tough for you. It's okay, sometimes I get bumpy too.
It's okay, that happens to me too!

I'm listening, go ahead...
You have my attention...
We're not in a hurry, take your time.

I like how you told me that!
You're a really good talker!
You have good ideas!
You're a really good thinker!

My silly ears aren't working! You want...