

Secondary school

It's OK to talk about stammering

What is stammering?

Stammering is the term used to describe a difficulty in the timing and flow of speech. It can be referred to as stammering or stuttering.

What you may hear

Repetitions: my-my I-I-I-locker

Prolongations: mmmmy locker

Blocking: my I---ocker

What can teachers do?

- Don't hurry!
 - » Model an easy, relaxed speaking style.
 - » Reduce verbal interruptions in the classroom and do not reward quick answers.
 - » Allow pupils plenty of time to talk and answer questions.
- Create a classroom environment that accepts and accommodates stammering.
- Talk to the pupil privately, acknowledge the stammering and ask what helps. This helps to foster a sense of openness and will help the pupil to feel like it's OK to stammer.
- Discuss reasonable accommodations for oral assessment.
- Pupils who stammer may be able to avail of the DARE scheme to support their CAO application.
- Work together with parents, speech and language therapists, and others to support the pupil, both in and out of the classroom.

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