CHEETAH INSTRUCTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SPEECH BUDDY™

Give the patient a chance to familiarize themselves with their **Speech Buddy.™** Allow the patient to handle their **Speech Buddy™** themselves, point out the target to them and let them touch it with their finger.



HOW TO POSITION YOUR /ch/ SPEECH BUDDY™

Grip the handle of your **Speech Buddy™** like a pen. Insert the tip of your **Speech Buddy™** into the patient's mouth. Position the <u>bend</u> of the **Speech Buddy™** on the bottom of the <u>two top</u> front teeth.

Ensure that the handle is angled appropriately to bring the <u>target against the roof of the</u> <u>mouth</u>. Adjust handle angle as needed to place and maintain the target in position.

Pull slightly back against the back of the teeth and use just enough pressure to hold the **Speech Buddy™** in position.





SPEECH BUDDY™ IN THERAPY AND AT HOME

Your **Speech Buddy™** has been designed by speech therapists for speech therapists. **Speech Buddies™** can be used in conjunction with your therapist's favored approach for a given patient.

It can also be used by parents. Using the **Speech Buddy™** at home can enable your patient to have more opportunity to practice between therapy sessions and can expedite their learning.

Go to www.speechbuddy.com for more information including a video tutorial.

WARNINGS

- DO NOT use the Speech Buddy™ on multiple patients
- DO NOT use if the **Speech Buddy™** or package is damaged

PRECAUTIONS

- DO NOT allow patient to chew on the **Speech Buddy**™
- DO NOT allow patient to put the handle of the **Speech Buddy**™in his or her mouth
- To wash your **Speech Buddy**[™], use mild soap and water or dip quickly in 70% isopropyl alcohol. Rinse thoroughly with water.
- Store in a cool and dry place. DO NOT expose to temperatures in excess of 110°F (43°C) or below 32°F (0°C)

INTENDED USE

• Exerciser, Non-Measuring

The sound is to achieve a correct production of the sound with the **Speech Buddy™** in place. Once the **Speech Buddy™** is in place, confirm that the patient can feel the target with the tip of their tongue. Have them respond with a simple yes or no.

Instruct the patient to first make contact with the target using the <u>top portion of the tongue</u> <u>near the tip of the tongue</u>. Then instruct the patient to say the /**ch**/ sound <u>while trying to</u> <u>contact the target</u>.

Once a correct production has been achieved, alternate prompting consecutive productions with and without the **Speech Buddy**[™] as needed.

Start first with sounds in isolation, then sounds in simple syllables (e.g. **ch**a). Next move to words with the **/ch/** in initial position (**ch**eetah), medial (mat**ch**ing), final position (wat**ch**), and finally to phrases. MANUFACTURED BY Articulate Technologies Inc. 3150 18th Street, Suite 340 San Francisco, CA 94110 United States T: 415.977.9038 F: 415. 358.4296

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