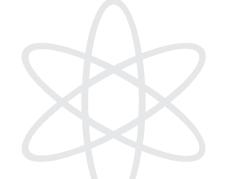
# 'The child whose standards are too high' handout 1 of 2



### Think

What kinds of things does my child want to get exactly right or do well in?

How does he react when it's not quite right or he's not the winner?

How might this have something to do with his stammering?

#### A vicious circle

If a child aims too high, he may be more aware of his speech 'mistakes'

His anxiety may make him stammer more

This distress about stammering may make him feel more anxious

## How can parents help?

#### Think

How do I react when I make a mistake or things go wrong for me?

For example:

When I lose my keys

When I forget something

When I make a mistake.

# The child whose standards are too high 2 of 2

When something goes wrong for us, we often show anger or distress. If we make a big deal of it, the child will think it is a big deal. If we are able to make light of it, the child will see that things are not so bad after all when we make mistakes.

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łow d	o I react when my child gets something wrong?
low co	ould I react so that my child feels OK about not getting it quite right?
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	and the room looks lovely now.
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