

## How to measure efficacy in this programme

It is important to monitor efficacy for evidence of generalisation. There are a number of ways to measure efficacy (e.g. pre-post, ABA withdrawal, multiple baseline, alternating treatments, see Dodd, 1995 for a description of these designs).

In this programme we suggest the use of a set of 10 probe words that are elicited each fortnight. The 10 probe words are provided with a monitoring sheet.

- Ask the child to name the pictures three times and separate each trial with a therapy activity.
- Compare the three productions for each word.
- If the three productions are the same, assign the word a score of 0.
- If the three productions differ, assign the word a score of 1.
- Calculate the percentage of inconsistency by dividing the number of words that received a score of 1 by the number of words produced 3 times x 100.

An example of the information gained from monitoring efficacy:

*Katie: 4 years; 10 months*

