

What's the difference between CAs and SLTs?

A Speech Language Therapist diagnoses and treats speech, language, and communication disorders, while a Communication Assistant supports individuals with communication challenges in various specialised settings.



Speech Language Therapist (SLT): SLTs diagnose and provide continuous treatment for speech, language, and communication disorders.

Communication Assistant (CA): CAs are specifically trained to assess, support, and assist individuals with communication challenges in specific settings such as legal, healthcare, and educational contexts, and care and protection settings. They do not diagnose or provide ongoing therapy but specialise in offering strategies and accommodations to facilitate effective and functional communication.

Focus of the Moretalk team

The Moretalk team includes many Speech Language Therapists contracted to provide Communication Assistance, focusing on supporting individuals in various communication contexts. While historically providing Speech Language Therapy, Moretalk now specialises in Communication Assistance.

If you require Speech Language Therapy, your CA can provide guidance on available providers in your region. Additionally, you can refer to the NZSTA (New Zealand Speech Language Therapy Association) website for further information.