

**SPEECH & LANGUAGE QUESTIONNAIRE Spring
2021**

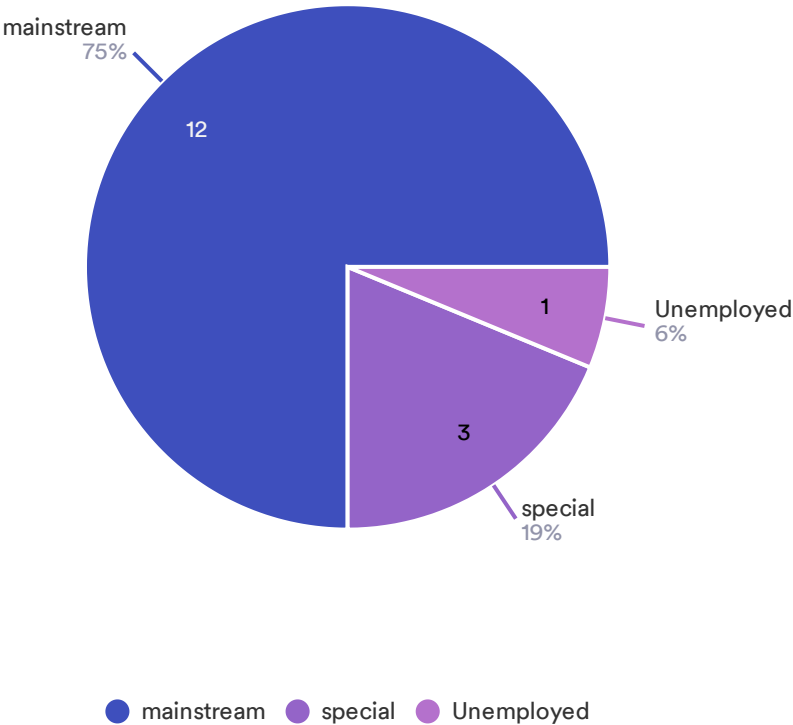
Child/young person's age

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Data	Responses
6	3
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Child/young person's school/college

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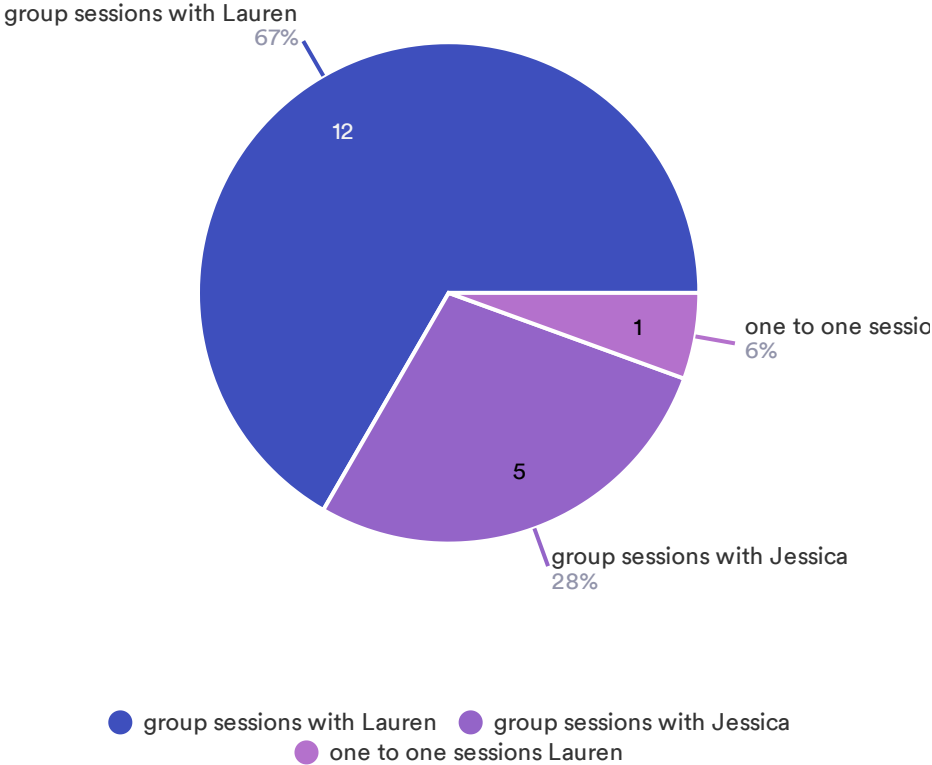
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Data	Responses
Currently at home	2
Left education	1
DSP	1

My child/young person attends

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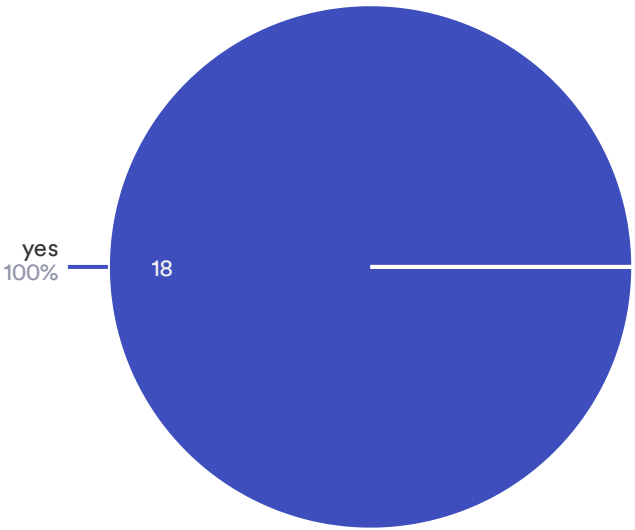


Any comments you would like to add about your therapist

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are you happy with your speech & language therapist

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● yes

Data	Responses
Now that G is older we're not party to the sessions so it's hard to comment	1
She is very helpful and friendly person for adults and children. I think the group feels very comfortable during the session and children enjoy talking a lot and sharing their thoughts.	1
She's very good at seamlessly working between real life and zoom.	1
Continued Speech therapy is vital for our young person whatever you the age. Having Down syndrome doesn't limit this it makes it more vital We need them properly trained in Down syndrome and learning disabilities for the our young people to benefit. Because without it a lot of damage can be done and they may stop speaking The support group therapists have this knowledge and we are grateful	1
Lauren is very patient and engages A very well. A is focussed in her session and loves Lauren	1
I would like to see Lauren using techniques taught in your behaviour training, such as ignoring unwanted behaviour. Example if a child refused to sit on a chair, ignore it and praise when child then sat.	1
Lauren is so lovely with R and he loves her lesson I think it's been great for him	1
Innovative and enthusiastic	1
Lauren is lovely understanding and patient to A	1
Great sessions and some good ideas to help improve his speech	1

How would you rate your child/young person's speech & language therapist

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Best Response

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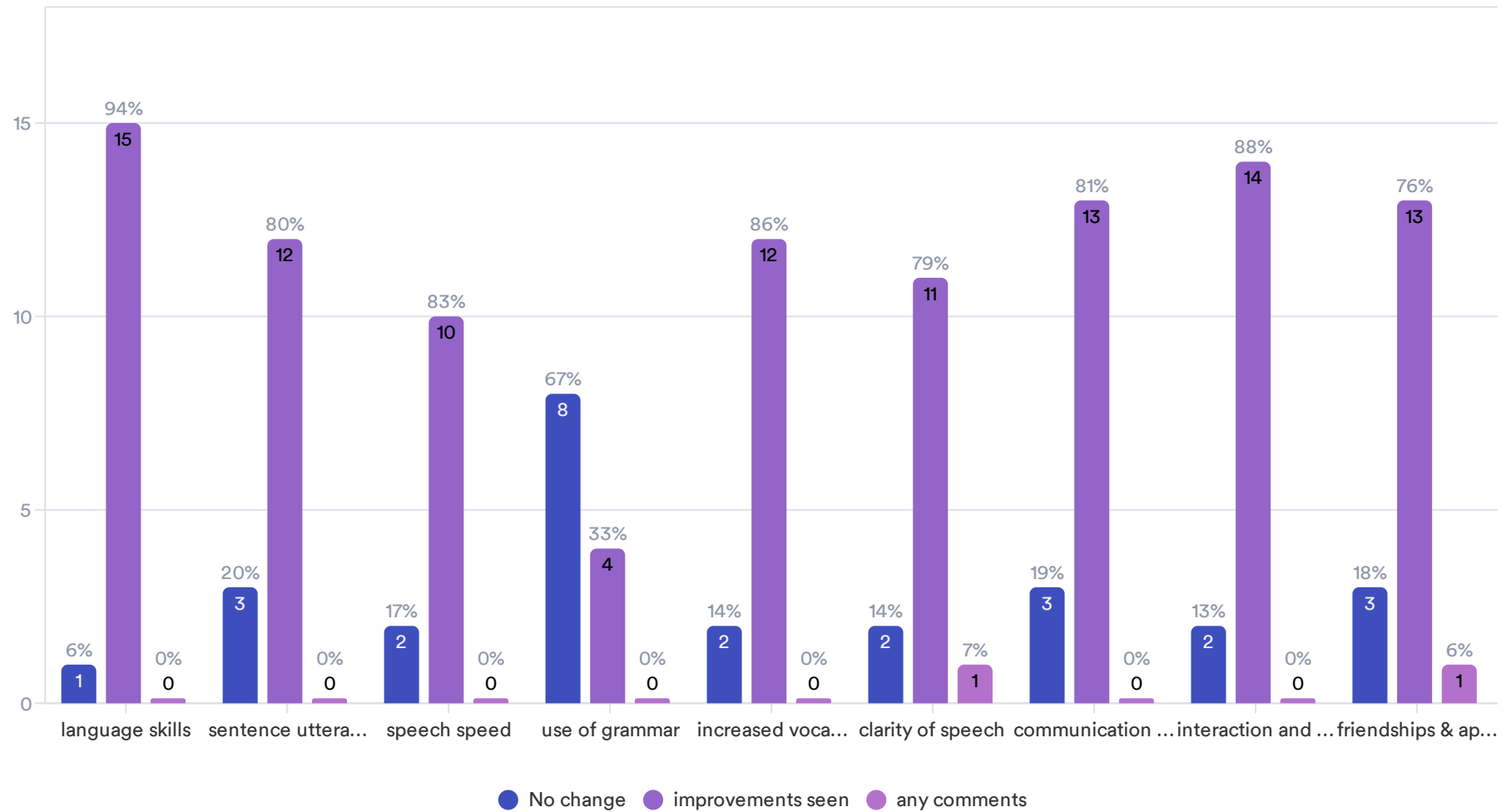
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Responses

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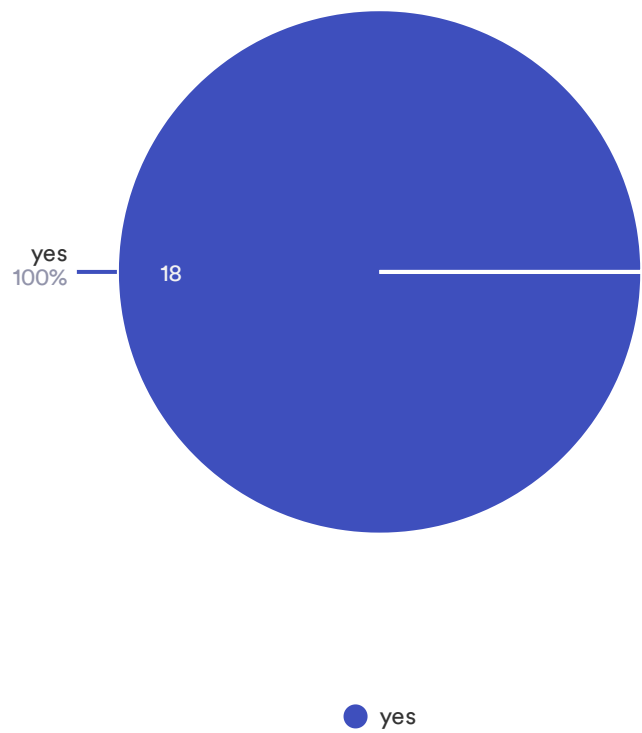
Have you noticed any improvement in any of the following areas due to attending the speech & language sessions

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do you and your child enjoy coming to the sessions

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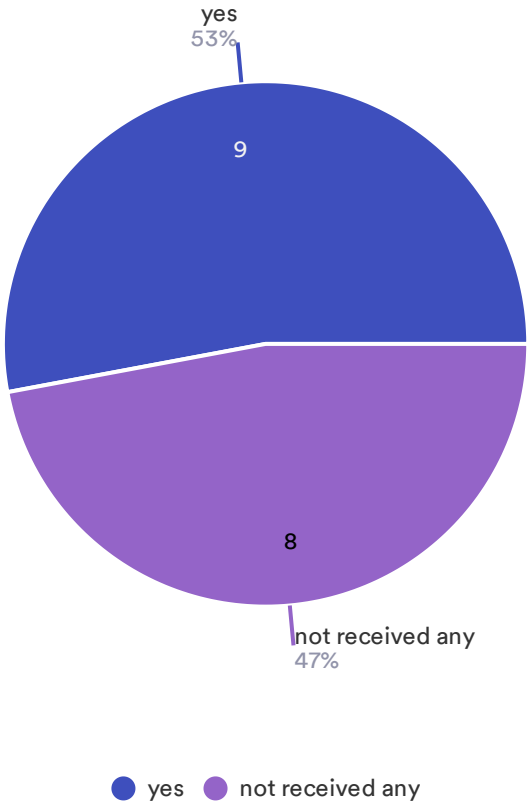
Any comments on the sessions

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Data	Responses
Online has worked but not as well as everyone meeting up.	1
It's been tough through the pandemic as my child will only engage for a short time over zoom. However the face to face sessions are great. My child's concentration and speech have improved so much since attending these sessions.	1
I find they are a bit chaotic waiting for children to settle down. I don't feel like we cover as much as we did 1:1.	1
Zoom has drastically helped our young person benefit from talking in a safe environment with no distractions I hope that flexible sessions are a continuing approach for those young people who need it	1
Lovely small group everybody is participating	1

Have you found the resources/information provided helpful?

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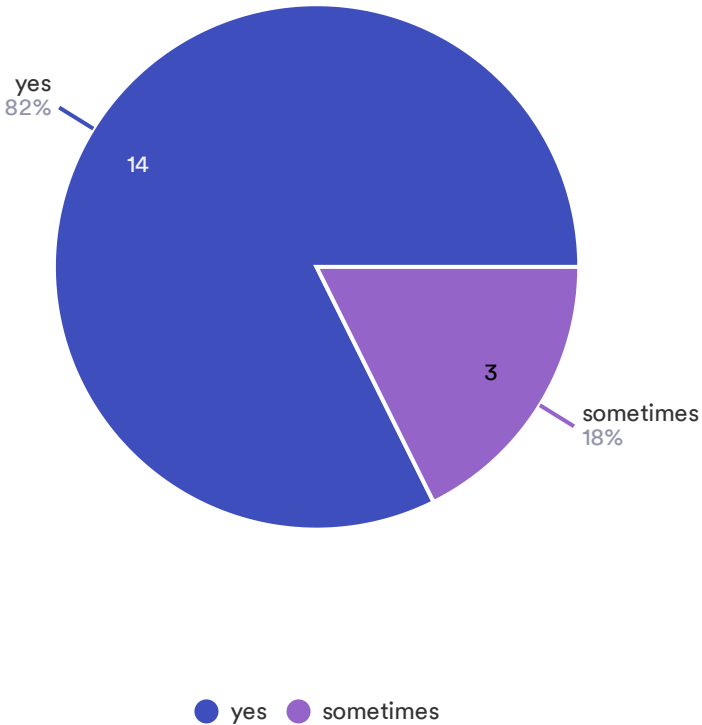
any comments

2 Responses- 18 Empty

Data	Responses
I know group sessions are useful but it was easier when there were only two children in the group. It worked much better than 4.	1
Although we haven't received any physical resources I've taken pics to share with school, such as the story/sentence making activity which I think is great	1

Has attending the sessions benefitted you as a parent?

17 Responses- 3 Empty



any comments please

7 Responses- 13 Empty

Data	Responses
It's really helpful to talk to other parents. We've found out a lot of useful information from parents we've talked to during the sessions and it's a supportive environment for parents too.	1
Yes I've got ideas and bought the same books, and printed hands off to use for syllables.	1
I try and practise the session with Almira so she remembers it and learns it by repetition sessions at home	1
Yes looking at different ways to learning	1
To know more about their behaviour and characters	1
I always find the sessions reignite my determination to try improve my sons speech. Each month I leave with new ideas and game ideas.	1
Yes I have had ideas to try at home and have bought the same books.	1

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What do you hope your child/young person will get out of the speech& language sessions?(for example - friendships, independence,inclusion, confidence, life skills.)

17 Responses- 3 Empty

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Now that G is older the main things that he gets out of the sessions are friendships and a chance to chat to his peers in a supported environment. This helps his confidence and models social interactions for him. It's been a boost for him during lockdown	1
Hope so my child will feel more confident in the group while talking(as he is very confident already), will build up his listening skills and wait for his turn. Also will be able to make himself clearly understood by others while sharing his thoughts.	1
Friendships and confidence with a bit of practice of life skills.	1
Clear speech and communication and language skills	1
I hope these sessions give him the tools he needs to lead the most independent life possible. We just want him to have as many of the same opportunities as other children and these sessions help him on his way to getting that.	1
More speech sounds and words	1
Improved clarity , confidence to speak to unfamiliar strangers	1
Improvement in L's speech clarity	1
Hoping A will develop clearer speech, comprehension and language skills and give her confidence and grow self esteem	1
All above! To expand on his vocabulary and clarity of speech so that people outside of his family are able to understand him	1
I think my R will get a better understanding of everything which will make his life skills	1
Freindship ,inclusion,confidence,life skills ,independence	1
I would love my son to be able to communicate properly with his peers in the future and make his needs understood.	1

Have you noticed any change in your child/young person because of the sessions?(for example - friendships, independence, inclusion, confidence, life skills.)

16 Responses- 4 Empty

Data	Responses
No	2
G enjoys and is happy after the sessions.	1
He gets more independent by building up his vocabulary, therefore he is more confident while talking to the group.	1
Has certainly developed friendships from the group.	1
Yes able to talk with confidence	1
He has started making more friends at school and can remember and say their names. He can communicate his feelings better which means we have less melt downs.	1
Happy	1
More willing/confident to try speaking in sentences.	1
She's lately regressed for various reasons but she is getting better in sessions and confidence is growing to learn more and keen to do her activities	1
His confidence has grown as his speech has developed more. Not sure if it's a coincidence but we have had a few negative experiences in school which I think may be linked to growth in confidence such as being bossy and not sharing with other children and some pushing incidents	1
Confidence,inclusion	1
Not yet.	1
Confidence	1

Have any of these changes made a difference at home/in the wider environment?

9 Responses- 11 Empty

Data	Responses
Yes	2
Probably it helps him to build up the relation with other children at school.	1
Has been nice to meet up out of the group with others he knows in different settings.	1
Improve confidence	1
Given L more confidence	1
Yes making a lot of difference at home and with her friends circle	1
His improved speech is helping his wider family understand his need more effectively.	1
No	1

Is there anything that we can improve?

6 Responses- 14 Empty

Data	Responses
Smaller groups. 15 mins with 2 children would be more productive than longer with 4.	1
Offer weekly sessions Girls talk groups- the downs group has always considered needs of boys before girls and pushed aside issues ie need for sanitary towels , bullying and touching Well-being sessions Yoga Karaoke Walking groups Wish club doesn't fill this gaping hole and there is a need for provision for over 18s Other support groups have been creative and provided many other opportunities for young people during lockdown and were flexible with days etc. The Downs group sadly haven't	1
Would like guidance on exercises I can try with Lola at home. What to focus on, frequency etc	1
Yes Help on comprehension it seems low at the moment. Teaching inference in comprehension need help and activities	1
For me it's all good	1
Advice for parents - homework!	1

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Has your child/young person coped well with zoom sessions over lockdown? Comments please.

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Yes	3
Yes. They've worked well though face to face is better (when possible)	1
Yes very well. He was so happy during sessions to be able to see his friends and therapist.	1
Bit mixed but on the whole OK	1
We have tried the zoom sessions a couple of times and he just doesn't engage like he does with the face to face sessions.	1
Yes. They work very well and Lauren is fantastic at moving between Zoom children and real life children. Excellent job as I know it's tricky.	1
Yes better no distractions and by doing sessions in a familiar space much more engaged Sadly not a lot of support offered ie mindfulness etc	1
Yes, L enjoys the Zoom sessions	1
We only joined this Few sessions recently and has helped A loads	1
Doesn't cooperate with zoom	1
Yes he's loved doing zoom	1
They have worked well	1
Not really, our son did not really interact with the zoom sessions.	1

Do you feel like your child/young person's speech/language/communication has regressed over lockdown? comments please.

17 Responses- 3 Empty

Data	Responses
No	5
A little.	1
Yes, talking only exclusively to family for long periods and not going on Buses or in shops and meeting friends has been a backward step, clarity has probably got worse and confidence has been dented at a time when progress was steadily being made.	1
No it's definitely improved. Having a sibling at home helped a lot.	1
I have been paying for weekly one to one salt during lockdown because I was very concerned about my young persons regression and mental health It was invaluable	1
Yes almiras speech and signing gs regressed massively and has affected her self esteem and confidence massively. She is very withdrawn and doesn't feel confident.	1
No, opposite	1
I do think he's missed out on so much	1
Slightly	1
I don't feel it regressed but I don't think it improved either.	1
Yes	1
No I feel it has improved	1
Not at all. It's increased being able to talk freely and having his sister home.	1

Thank You!

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