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Speech Language Treatment **Documentation**

S O A P N O T E S





The SOAP Note

- standardized documentation
- clear communication session to session & clinician to clinician
- essential for tracking progress
- depending on setting / insurance: defensible documentation (medical necessity and skilled intervention)
- ASHA ethical obligation maintain accurate records
- required by state laws or regulations



SOAP NOTE



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P Plan



Subjective



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- **brief description of client's state from your point of view**
- **information gathered from observation, shared by client or caregiver**

Behavior: *e.g. frequent refusals, cooperative, engaged, attentive, transition*

Health Status: *e.g. recent illness*

Current Status: *e.g. alert, lethargic, engaged*

Back up information, direct quote e.g. Grandmother reported, "Erin slept poorly last night and is tired today."



Non_eSLP



Objective

- **measurable or quantitative: goal, targeted percentages, numbers, accuracy level, cueing level provided**
- **data per nearing goal mastery criteria**

Writing performance/progress on goal(s) targeted:

Mr. Kim identified pictured, common, personal items from a field of three in 7 out of 10 opportunities given moderate prompting.

Nedra used irregular plurals at the sentence level with 80% accuracy without a model. (goal met for 2 out of 3 sessions)

Devon produced initial /l/ in words with 70% accuracy given moderate verbal and visual cues.



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Questions?



Let's Practice!

Under which SOAP Section would the following documentation fall?

1

Kenny continues to demonstrate steady progress towards goals in speech therapy.

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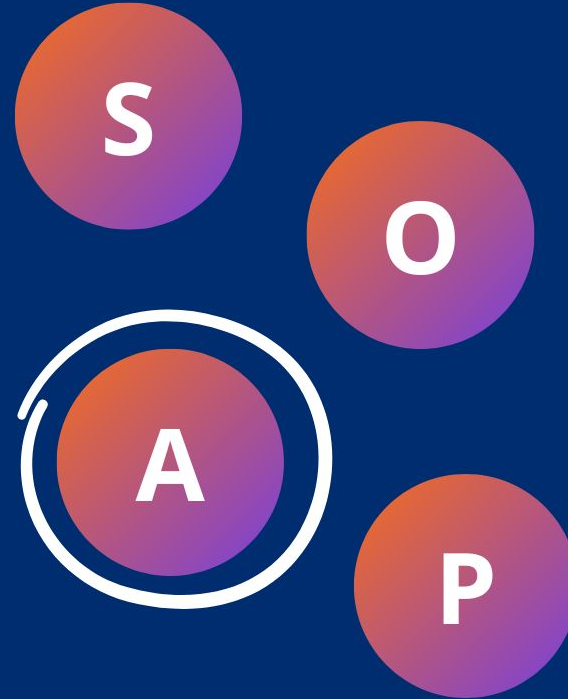
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Under which SOAP Section would the following documentation fall?

2

Gordon produced initial consonant clusters /sp-/ and /st-/ up to the phrase level with 73% accuracy given an immediate model and tactile cues.

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**For each SOAP
example
that follows,
discuss
adjustments
needed**



Something's not quite right.....

Final /k/ words 60%

Objective



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Something's not quite right.....

making progress

Assessment





Something's not quite right.....

Mende wouldn't go with the
clinician.

Subjective



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Something's not quite right.....

Recommend client undergo full
audiological assessment

Plan





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Thank You

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