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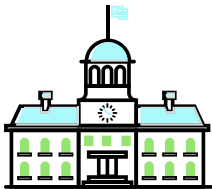
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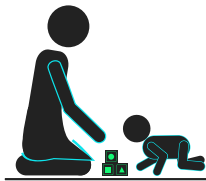
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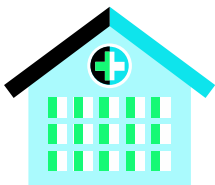
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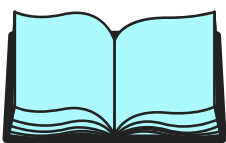
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#### **Consider speech therapy services at a hospital.**



Many hospitals employ speech therapists in their outpatient centers. Call your local hospital and ask if they provide speech therapy services. Usually, they accept various insurance plans for speech therapy, including medicaid and medicare.

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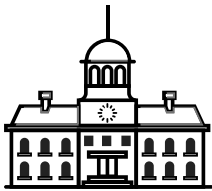
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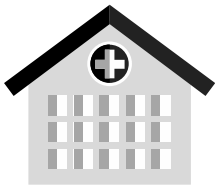
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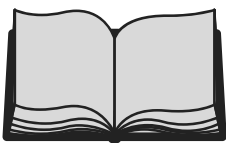
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# About Kimberly Scanlon



I'm Kimberly Scanlon, a speech-language pathologist with over a decade of experience, an author of books to empower readers to facilitate language development, wife to a magnificent Renaissance man, and a mother of two adorable children. I'm also a coffee drinker, book reader, gratitude seeker, and collector of quotes. You'll see some of my favorites sprinkled throughout my books and this site. When I'm not working or writing or running my household or trying to stay organized or picking up crumbs and wrappers in the backseat of my car, I take a deep breath and pause for a moment. Life is good even with the bumps in the road.

**"Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." -Roald Dahl**

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