

# 8 tips for teachers

- 1** Don't tell the student to "slow down" or "just relax."
- 2** Don't complete words for the child or talk for him or her.
- 3** Help all members of the class learn to take turns talking and listening. All students — and especially those who stutter — find it much easier to talk when there are few interruptions, and they have the listener's attention.
- 4** Expect the same quality and quantity of work from the student who stutters as the one who doesn't.
- 5** Speak with the student in an unhurried way, pausing frequently.
- 6** Convey that you are listening to the content of the message, not how it is said.
- 7** Have a one-on-one conversation with the student who stutters about needed accommodations in the classroom. Respect the student's needs, but do not be enabling.
- 8** Don't make stuttering something to be ashamed of. Talk about stuttering just like any other matter.

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