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Interview with Professor **Sharynne McLeod**, Professor of **Speech** and **Language** Acquisition at Charles Sturt University, about a new study that has found that children with **speech** and **language** impairments can be aided in communication through drawing. **McLeod** will be presenting her findings at the **Speech Pathology Australia** 2009 national conference in Adelaide. **McLeod** says national and international presenters have been talking at the conference about how to improve the quality of life for those with **speech** and **language difficulties**. An art exhibition was hosted where children with these **difficulties** presented their views on talking through images. **McLeod** talks about where the idea came from and what she saw in the drawings, noting that the children tended to draw people with very large ears emphasising the importance of listening. The art exhibition will be going to Hawaii, Norway and the US. **McLeod** says there are not a lot of services for these children in parts of Australia.
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