

# THE LISTENING PROGRAM

## LISTENING CHECKLIST

Listening is an ability that cannot be seen. The only way to gauge listening is indirectly, through an evaluation of related skills. This checklist offers a catalog of skills related to listening. This information is helpful in assessing receptive and expressive listening ability.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cycle #: \_\_\_\_\_ Pre or Post (please circle)

### RECEPTIVE LISTENING AND LANGUAGE

This is listening which focuses outside the self, relative to what others are saying, or what is going on in the work, school or home environment. Mark the most appropriate option.

	RARELY	SOMETIMES	OFTEN	ALWAYS
Difficulty staying focused .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Short attention span.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Easily distractible, especially by noise.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Oversensitivity to certain sounds.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Misinterprets questions or requests .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty in sound discrimination.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Confuses similar sounding words.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Needs repetition and clarification more than usual.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Able to follow only one or two instructions in a sequence .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty understanding discussions.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Poor short-term memory.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Poor long-term memory.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Must read material several times to absorb content.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tires easily.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Becomes sleepy when listening to speakers or reading .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty hearing low male voices.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty hearing high female voices.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seems that most people speak too fast.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

### EXPRESSIVE LISTENING AND LANGUAGE

This is listening which focuses inside the self, including checking, monitoring and reproducing correctly what one hears, especially one's own voice and speech. Mark the most appropriate option.

	RARELY	SOMETIMES	OFTEN	ALWAYS
Flat and monotonous voice quality.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Speech lacks fluency and rhythm is hesitant .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty recalling exact word usage .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sings out of tune .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty with reading, especially out loud .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Poor spelling.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty summarizing a story.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Difficulty relating isolated facts.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stumbles over words.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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### MOTOR SKILLS

This is listening to the body. These skills are related to the integration of several sensory systems, and involve balance, coordination, body image, spatial awareness, and temporal orientation. Mark if any of the following apply.

- Poor posture, including slouching and slumping
- Inadequate sense of personal space and or physical boundaries
- Atypical drive for movement and or touch
- Uncoordinated body movement
- Fidgeting
- Clumsiness, including tripping and stumbling
- Confusion of right and left
- Frequent confusion about location and direction
- Poor sense of rhythm and/or timing of movement
- Poor athletic skills
- Messy handwriting
- Difficulty with organization and structure

### BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT

A wide variety of behaviors and attitudes maybe related to listening problems. Mark if any of the following apply.

- Low frustration tolerance
- Poor self-image or low self-confidence
- Difficulty in making and keeping friends
- Withdraws from or avoids social interactions
- Inordinately tired at end of school day
- Low motivation, minimal interest in school, little desire to participate
- Tense and anxious
- Limited sense of aliveness
- Difficulty setting goals and priorities
- Difficulty in beginning and completing projects
- Difficulty with time concepts and punctuality
- Difficulty making judgements and generalizing to new situations
- Hesitant to accept responsibility
- Does not complete assignments
- Lack of tactfulness
- Tendency to act immaturity
- Does not tolerate stress well

### LEVEL OF ENERGY

The ear acts as a dynamo, providing us with electrical energy that affects the brain and nervous system. This energy is necessary for our survival and for us to achieve fulfilling lives. Mark if any of the following apply.

- Difficulty getting up
- Tiredness at the end of the day
- Habit of procrastinating
- Hyperactivity
- Tendency toward depression
- Feels overburdened with everyday tasks

### DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

Listening difficulties also develop early in life and are related to other developmental issues. Mark if any of the following apply.

- Delaying motor development
- Delayed speech development
- Delayed language development
- Recurring ear infections
- Experienced emotional trauma
- Had dangerous experiences
- Had frightening experiences
- Mother had stressful pregnancy
- Mother had difficult delivery
- Experienced early separation from mother (i.e. hospitalization, incubation or mother ill)

### ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

Environmental factors or trauma may affect listening. Mark if any of the following apply.

- Exposure to loud sounds as gunfire or loud concerts
- Ringing in one or both ears
- Suffered from concussion or head trauma
- Suffers from headaches (please describe)

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Different languages offer unique sound characteristics. Repeated exposure to specific languages is thought to affect listening.

List the languages (other than English) spoken in your home.

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### COMMENTS:

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