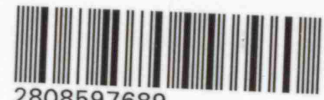


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1. ABSTRACT

A study by Susan Ebbels (2000) showed that it was possible to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) psycholinguistic framework to plan and interpret an investigation of a hearing-impaired child's speech processing skills in order to determine points of breakdown and so inform therapy. The first aim of this study was to examine the speech processing abilities of a ten year old hearing-impaired boy with speech difficulties using the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) psycholinguistic framework.

The subject chosen had literacy difficulties that did not seem to be wholly accounted for by his hearing loss. This led to the study's second aim of using a psycholinguistic hypothesis-led approach to investigate and determine the reasons for the additional literacy difficulties of a hearing-impaired child. Thus the study used a psycholinguistic approach to identify the root of speech processing and literacy difficulties experienced by a hearing-impaired child.

It was found that, despite his hearing impairment and output difficulties for certain consonant clusters, the subject's speech production was not affected by poor auditory discrimination or phonological representations, but that he had faulty motor programmes for some words, in line with the phenomenon of 'frozen phonology'. An exploration of the reasons for his literacy difficulties uncovered phonological awareness difficulties, particularly with blending and segmenting of words and found that his knowledge of the letter-to-sound relationship for vowels was extremely poor.

A set of picture/word/sound colour cards was used to teach the sounds associated with a set of vowels, as suggested by Broomfield and Combley (2003). One teaching session was found to improve the

subject's ability to correctly read the vowels taught, thus demonstrating his potential to acquire this skill.

2. INTRODUCTION

2. 1. Introduction to psycholinguistic approaches in general and the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) approach in particular

For many years speech impairments were categorised using a medical approach. This approach sought to explain underlying causes as due to identifiable organic or structural problems, such as cleft palate, for which medical intervention may have been appropriate. In the mid-70s a linguistic perspective was popularised allowing speech and language therapists greater insight into children's phonological systems and providing new intervention approaches targeting children's phonological rule systems (Baker, Croot, McLeod and Paul, 2001). However, although these approaches provide *descriptive* information, they are limited in their capacity to provide *explanations* of speech impairments, especially those present in children with no accompanying structural difficulties.

The psycholinguistic approach, however, aims to investigate and clarify at a cognitive level the way in which children process speech and language, in order to formulate hypotheses about faulty psychological processes or components. In simplistic terms the approach examines the process between the spoken word entering the child's ear as sound waves and the child producing an utterance which may or may not match that word. It highlights three major aspects of speech processing: the receptive processing of words, the storage or underlying representations of words, and the processes involved in their production (Dodd, 1995; Fee, 1995, both cited in Baker et al, 2001). Each step of this process is scrutinised and the individual cognitive processes examined and tested to identify any which may be faulty.

In 1973 Smith (Baker et al, 2001) devised a simple box-and-arrow model to illustrate the information-processing activities involved in carrying out cognitive functions, such as speech. Each hypothesized level of representation or processing was represented by a box, and the relationships between them by arrows. Menn and colleagues (1977 to 1993) subsequently produced a more complex model than Smith's, introducing the concept of two lexicons for their underlying representations; an input lexicon used in word recognition and an output lexicon used in word production (Baker et al, 2001). Other models exist which differ in the number of psychological processes (and therefore the number of boxes) they contain.

One model which has become popular amongst speech and language therapists is the 1997 model devised by Joy Stackhouse and Bill Wells. This is the model upon which this study is based and is illustrated in Appendix 1. As can be seen in Appendix 1, while Stackhouse & Wells do not explicitly differentiate between an input and an output lexicon, as suggested by Menn and colleagues (Baker et al, 2001), their single lexical representation is broken down into *phonological representation* (akin to an input lexicon), *semantic representation* and *motor program* (akin to an output lexicon), shown by bold boxes. Input processes of *peripheral auditory processing*, *speech/non-speech discrimination*, *phonetic discrimination* and *phonological recognition* are shown on the left of the model, with output processes of *motor programming*, *motor planning* and *motor execution* being shown on the right of the model. The relationship between each process (or box) is represented by arrows, with broad arrows and shaded boxes representing processes hypothesized to occur offline (Baker et al, 2001). It is interesting to note that, while the lexical representation is broken down into semantic, phonological and motor program components, there is no recognition in this model of the grammatical and orthographic components of the lexical representation (Baker et al, 2001). Stackhouse & Wells (1997) do acknowledge that the lexical representation of a word is also likely to

have a *grammatical representation* (the grammatical function(s) of the word), an *orthographic representation* (how the word appears in writing) and an *orthographic program* (how it is produced in writing). Appendix 2 illustrates the relationship between the various proposed parts of the lexical representation. However these grammatical and orthographic components are not included in their commonly used psycholinguistic model as shown in Appendix 1.

Later in this study efforts are made to examine the phonological awareness and phonological decoding skills of a child, in relation to reading (input) and spelling (output) difficulties. Whilst the scope of this study did not allow it, an interesting and useful adjunct would have been further investigations using Stackhouse & Wells' (1997) additional lexical components as shown in Appendix 2 in order to further explore the subject's orthographic processing, on both the input and output sides of the model.

2. 2. Use of the Stackhouse & Wells approach with hearing children to investigate speech processing

Several studies have utilised the Stackhouse and Wells (1997) psycholinguistic model successfully in their investigations of children's speech and language difficulties. One of the best examples is a case study cited by Stackhouse & Wells (1997) of a child named Zoe. The study followed Zoe from the pre-school years to the age of 9;08 and conducted various psycholinguistic and general speech and language assessments at three points during the study. For example, they assessed *auditory discrimination of real and non-word minimal pairs, real and non-word rhyme detection, imitation of sounds and sound sequences, real and non-word repetition and picture naming*. Stackhouse & Wells' (1997) psycholinguistic model was successfully used as a framework for identifying the level(s) of breakdown within speech processing, and led to the formulation of hypotheses about Zoe's speech and literacy, such as:

- Zoe had difficulty with the production of unfamiliar words and consonant clusters due to motor programming problems (Baker et al, 2001);
- Zoe had difficulty with voiced/voiceless contrasts due to weak phonological representations for voiced/voiceless onsets and difficulties with auditory processing (Baker et al, 2001).

The hypothesised deficits were then targeted with intervention tasks such as:

- Syllable segmentation tasks designed to help Zoe acquire new words;
- Voiced/voiceless auditory discrimination tasks.

The psycholinguistic approach has been found to provide a comprehensive framework for the analysis of a child's difficulties and a logical basis for planning intervention. The skills required to carry out different tasks can be analysed with reference to the model – by determining whether they are input or output processing tasks and how dependent they are on stored phonological representations. Underlying deficits can be identified and intervention targeted at the appropriate level.

2. 3. Application of the Stackhouse & Wells approach to hearing-impaired children

Clearly a child with a hearing impairment is likely to experience auditory input difficulties which may affect speech output. The ability of the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) speech processing model, not just to differentiate between input and output, but to identify the precise loci of input and/or output difficulties, makes it an ideal framework for use with a hearing-impaired child. Susan Ebbels (2000) carried out a study of TG, a child of 10;04 years with bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. Although previously diagnosed as both hearing- and language-impaired, traditional assessments were unable to reveal

TG's precise difficulties. Through use of the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) speech processing model Ebbels showed that, rather than one single level of breakdown, multiple levels of breakdown existed. More specifically, TG's hearing impairment was found to be affecting her ability to hear differences between some pairs of sounds, and she was failing to give phonological significance to some contrasts which she could hear, while her output errors were found to result from input deficits (Ebbels, 2000). The study showed that it was possible to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) framework with a hearing-impaired child and in doing so gain insights into the difficulties of the child which could inform therapy. Ebbels (2000) pointed out that, bearing in mind that hearing impairment is likely to affect the perception of some phonemes more than other, and that a child's phonological processing system is still developing, the framework is particularly suited to identifying the precise level of breakdown for each stimulus word (assuming a closed set are used) and each contrast.

2. 4. Application of the Stackhouse & Wells approach to hearing-impaired children who may have phonological awareness difficulties as well as speech difficulties

One direction of investigation which appears not to have received much attention is the use of the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) model to investigate speech processing *and* phonological awareness deficits in a hearing-impaired child. "Phonological awareness refers to the ability to reflect on and manipulate the structure of an utterance as distinct from its meaning" (Stackhouse & Wells, 1997, p.53). Many authors and clinicians recognise the value of phonological awareness skills as a predictor of reading ability. Joy Stackhouse and Bill Wells devote a chapter of their 1997 book to the subject of testing phonological awareness. They demonstrate how investigation from a psycholinguistic perspective of certain skills often used to examine phonological awareness in isolation (e.g. rhyme, spoonerisms,

blending and segmenting) can help to illustrate the relationship between speech, literacy and phonological awareness. As the development of phonological awareness is dependent on an intact speech processing system, so testing of phonological awareness assesses the integrity of the underlying speech system (Stackhouse & Wells, 1997). Furthermore, given the correlation between reading achievement and the ability to demonstrate good phonological awareness (Dyer, MacSweeney, Szczerbinski, Green & Campbell, 2003), it is incumbent upon the speech and language therapist to include an investigation of phonological awareness in psycholinguistic assessments, especially where any signs of literacy difficulties exist.

Dyer et al (2003) state that the reading and writing skills of most hearing-impaired students fail to reach levels appropriate to their age and intelligence. Given that “many hearing-impaired children exhibit speech and language levels below that which would be predicted from their hearing loss” (Ebbels, 2000, p.3), it would seem a logical progression to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) approach with hearing-impaired children, not just to identify speech processing problems but also to highlight any additional phonological awareness difficulties.

2. 5. Phonological awareness, phonological decoding and their contribution to reading and spelling

In their 2003 study, Dyer et al made a clear distinction between tasks of phonological awareness and of phonological decoding. As discussed above, phonological awareness involves recognising and manipulating parts of phrases and words and does not necessarily require an orthographic representation. Phonological decoding, on the other hand, involves mapping speech sounds onto orthographic symbols, a skill which enables a child to read and spell new and unfamiliar words (Dyer et al, 2003). Dyer et al (2003) found that

measures of both phonological awareness and phonological decoding were negatively correlated with reading delay. Spelling correlates were not examined.

2. 6. Aims of the study

In line with the theoretical issues discussed above, this study aims to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) assessment framework to conduct a single case study of a hearing-impaired child with literacy difficulties in addition to speech processing difficulties. It aims to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) model to do the following:

1. Investigate the child's speech processing skills;
2. Identify the specific point(s) of breakdown for certain problematic consonant contrasts;
3. Establish the nature of any phonological awareness problems in the light of identified literacy difficulties.
4. Explore the child's phonological decoding skills in the light of identified literacy difficulties.

2. 7. Hypotheses

Table 1: Pre-assessment hypotheses, based on the theoretical findings above, with rationales.

Pre-assessment hypothesis	Rationale
1. <i>Assessment based on the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) speech processing model will identify areas of breakdown for particular consonant contrasts.</i>	Previous studies (mentioned above) have shown this to be the case.
2. <i>The subject will be found to have phonological awareness difficulties and/or difficulties with phonological decoding.</i>	As discussed above, a strong correlation exists between poor performance on phonological awareness and phonological decoding tasks and poor literacy skills.

2. 8. Questions the study aims to answer

In line with the pre-assessment hypotheses above, the study aims to answer the following questions:

1. Given that the subject is hearing-impaired, to what extent is speech production affected by poor auditory discrimination?
2. Precisely where on the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) model do the subject's speech processing difficulties lie?
3. Is the subject's poor spelling and reading due to more than just his hearing loss?

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. Selection of subject

Criteria used to select a child for the study are shown in Table 2, along with factors which were not considered important.

Table 2: Inclusion and exclusion criteria used for subject selection, and factors considered unimportant.

Inclusion criteria. The child should:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ be aged between six and 11 years▪ have a spoken vocabulary of at least four years▪ have a non-verbal IQ within normal limits▪ have speech which is mostly intelligible in context▪ have a reduced system of consonant contrasts and difficulties with consonant clusters▪ have some literacy difficulties not wholly explained by his/her degree of hearing impairment▪ have adequate attention to complete the tests▪ understand the concept of same/different▪ be able to discriminate between minimal pairs (with amplification)
Exclusion criteria. The child should not:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ have such severe deafness that listening tests are inaccessible
Factors which were not considered to be important	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Age of onset of hearing loss▪ Presence of cochlear implant▪ Type of amplification worn▪ Presence of home languages other than English

Following discussion with the Speech and Language Therapist at a hearing-impaired unit, the subject LS was proposed. LS' teachers of the deaf reported that his reading and spelling were extremely poor, in comparison to his general progress in other subjects, despite having good aided hearing levels, being an enthusiastic worker and being considered to be a 'bright' child. In short, LS' literacy difficulties appeared to be more severe than would be suggested by his degree of hearing impairment. For these reasons he was selected as an

ideal subject for the author's aims of using the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) approach to identify speech processing problems whilst simultaneously exploring phonological awareness skills. Examples of his difficulties follow under case details, below.

In line with ethics protocol, permission to use LS as a subject was obtained from LS' parents prior to testing.

3. 2. Case details and description of subject

LS was a boy of ten years and one month at the start of testing. He first received a cochlear implant at 2 years of age and at the time of testing was a well-established cochlear implant user, taking responsibility for changing the batteries and setting the controls of his speech processor. He had a Clarion CII implant and used an Auria Behind The Ear speech processor in his left ear. Hearing in his right ear was not aided. LS used a radio aid during lessons.¹

Audiological Information¹

LS' hearing thresholds through his cochlear implant were assessed at various frequencies, as shown in table 3, below.

Table 3: LS' hearing thresholds at various frequencies

Frequency (Hz)	500	1000	2000	4000
Hearing threshold (dB HL)	30	25	30	40

Listening Skills¹

LS' listening skills were evaluated as 97% using the Meaningful Auditory Integration Scale – a parent-reported scale designed to assess behaviour in everyday situations. The only reported difficulty was hearing speech signals in high levels of background noise.

¹ Information in this section was taken from a recent hospital implant review report.

Speech Perception Skills¹

LS scored 71% on the PBK Word Test – where the child is required to repeat back single words.

Further Background Information

Table 4: Summary of background information on LS

Date & CA	Assessment	Aim of assessment	Results		
			RS	SS	AE or %ile
31/10/05 9;11	The Coloured Progressive Matrices (Raven, 1984)	Assessment of non-verbal reasoning skills	33		90 th %ile
31/10/05 9;11	British Picture Vocabulary Scale (Dunn, 1997)	Assessment of receptive vocabulary	62	71	6;01 3 rd %ile
31/10/05 9;11	Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (Semel, Wiig & Secord, 2000)	Comprehensive assessment of receptive and expressive language	Sentence structure 17 Word classes 18	6 ² 7	9 th %ile 16 th %ile
21/11/05 9;11	Test for Reception of Grammar (Bishop, 1989)	Assessment of comprehension of grammatical structures	11 blocks passed		5;06 1 st %ile
21/11/05 9;11	Action Picture Test (Renfrew, 1997)	Evaluation of spoken language in terms of information provided and grammatical form used	Information 37½ Grammar 25		Ceiling for age 8;05 6;06 to 6;11

² LS' raw score was below the floor for his chronological age. The standard score of 6 relates to the chronological age of 7;0 to 7;11.

18/10/05 9;10	Oxford Reading Comprehension	Assessment of reading comprehension	6/20		
21/10/05 9;10	Oxford Brookes Word Spelling Assessment	Assessment of spelling	2/44		
18/10/05 9;10	Schonell Graded Word Spelling Test	Assessment of spelling	9/50		

CA = chronological age, RS = raw score, SS = standardised score,

AE = age equivalent, %ile = percentile

Notes on table 4

- The Coloured Progressive Matrices (Raven, 1984), British Picture Vocabulary Scale (BPVS) (Dunn, 1997), Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF) (Semel et al, 2000), Test for reception of Grammar (TROG) (Bishop, 1989) and the Action Picture Test (RAPT) (Renfrew, 1997) are all standardised on hearing children. This means that the norms and age equivalents are not likely to be accurate for a hearing-impaired population. However a qualitative examination of a collection of assessment results can give a broad picture of the hearing-impaired child's language profile.
- The Oxford Reading Comprehension, Oxford Brookes Word Spelling Assessment and Schonell Graded Word Spelling Test are not standardised, but are used by the teachers of the deaf to assess reading comprehension and spelling.
- Copies of the scoresheets listed in table 4 can be found in appendices 3 to 10.

LS' **non-verbal reasoning** skills, as highlighted by the Coloured Progressive Matrices (Raven 1984), showed his general level of intelligence to be higher than average. **Receptive language**, as assessed by the BPVS (Dunn, 1997), CELF (Semel et al, 2000) and TROG (Bishop, 1989) was lower than the average expected of a

hearing population. LS' **expressive language**, as assessed by the RAPT (Renfrew, 1997) showed a higher score for information than grammar. This was not dissimilar to findings by Myklebust (1960) and Fries (1952) (both cited in Bamford and Saunders, 1991) that deaf children have a tendency to use nouns over function words. Whilst not standardised or norm-referenced, the Oxford Reading Comprehension, Oxford Brookes Word Spelling Assessment and Schonell Graded Word Spelling Test supported the reports by LS' teachers of the deaf that his **literacy skills were particularly poor**; poorer than his peers with similar levels of hearing impairment, and **worse than would be expected given his degree of hearing loss**.

3. 3. Identification of contrasts for further testing

Procedure

The overall aims of the naming section of the PETAL are to examine the phonetic and phonological features of an individual's speech in relation to his/her intelligibility and communicative abilities. Initially the precursors naming section of PETAL (Parker, 1999) was carried out, giving an opportunity for LS and the author to familiarise themselves with the testing procedure. The author transcribed LS' speech whilst administering the test and the procedure was recorded onto video using a Sony digital video camera recorder, model no. DCR-HC14E. The author checked and amended her transcription as indicated by the video recording. This transcription was then checked by an independent Speech and Language Therapist with many years experience of working with and transcribing the speech of hearing-impaired children.

Having established that her transcription skills were adequate, the author then carried out the following naming sections of PETAL (Parker, 1999):

- T3: Initial Plosives
- T4: Initial Affricates and Fricatives

- T5: Initial Nasals and Approximants
- T7: Initial Clusters

Sections T3, T4 and T5 provide information about the contrastive relationships of sounds within words in their simplest forms (CV or CVC), while section T7 allows the tester to examine an individual's speech features of syllable-initial consonant clusters.

Again, the procedure was transcribed and recorded onto video, enabling the author to check and amend the transcription accordingly.

Results

The PETAL (Parker, 1999) speech assessment naming results are shown in Appendix 11. Examples of problematic cluster realisations are as follows:

bread → [fʊə]

crisp → [fɹɪ]

glove → [lʌf]

green → [φuin]

pram → [φɹæm]

quack → [wæʔ]

school → [du]

slide → [tɹaɪ]

snake → [nəɪ]

spoon → [bun]

stick → [gɪk]

sweet → [φwi]

As LS appeared to have particular difficulty with clusters, these were analysed further using the PACS (Grunwell, 1985) Cluster Realizations assessment sheet in Appendix 12. In order to keep the study containable, four word-initial cluster contrasts were selected for

further investigation. Table 5 lists the contrasts chosen and their realisations elicited by the PETAL (Parker, 1999) naming tasks.

Table 5: Cluster contrasts chosen for further investigation

Cluster	Target	Realisation
sk/g	school	[du]
	skirt	[gɜ]
	skate	[geɪ]
sm/m	smoke	[məʊ]
	small	[mɔ]
	smile	[maɪəl]
st/d	star	[da]
	stairs	[deɪ]
	stick	[gɪk]
	stamp	[dæm]
	stitch	[dɪʃ]
sw/w	swing	[ɸwɪŋ]
	sweet	[ɸwi]

3. 4. Selection of psycholinguistic tests and stimuli

Combined use of sections of the PETAL (Parker, 1999) and a PACS (Grunwell, 1985) assessment sheet led to the identification of cluster contrasts that LS was not marking. However, as discussed previously, such assessments gave no further information regarding the source of LS' difficulties. Further investigation from a psycholinguistic viewpoint attempts to classify the child's difficulties with particular consonant contrasts as resulting from a breakdown at one or more of the following levels (Stackhouse and Wells, 1997):

- Input, e.g. auditory discrimination;
- Stored linguistic knowledge, such as phonological representations;
- Output, e.g. motor programming, planning or execution.

A number of computerised tests was administered, along with associated formal and non-formal assessments, during various assessment sessions. These various tests adopted a hypothesis-testing approach based on the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) model of speech processing and allowed the author to test and refine hypotheses concerning LS' speech production difficulties. Tests administered, along with their rationales, are listed under paragraph 3. 5. c) on page 19.

Stimuli used in the computerised tests were selected according to certain criteria as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Criteria for selection of real words and non-words used in the computerised tests

Real words selection criteria	Non-words selection criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Able to be represented visually, ▪ Familiar words, bearing in mind a child's limited vocabulary, ▪ Of one syllable, as the purpose of the study is to investigate speech processing of initial consonant clusters, not word length effects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Matched to real words by retaining the consonants and substituting the vowel, e.g. /swɪtʃ/ → [swetʃ], /stɪk/ → [stik], /sməʊk/ → [smɔɪk] ▪ Phonologically legal in English.

3. 5. Testing

3. 5. a) Procedures and dates

Testing took place on five dates over the course of five and a half months. Each session was administered by the author in a quiet room at LS' school. At all times the author ensured that LS was provided with phonetic and visual information by speaking clearly at a normal volume and ensuring that her mouth and face were visible. Testing took place in the morning as it was felt that LS sometimes became tired in the afternoons. Sessions lasted no more than an hour, and were carried out in a relaxed manner with the tester

providing verbal encouragement throughout the session. LS earned merit-style rewards for each session and was co-operative and attentive throughout.

The computerised tests were run using a Pentium III, Dell Latitude CPx laptop computer, attached to a Yamaha MS101 II Monitor Speaker. All sessions were recorded using a Sony digital video camera recorder, model no. DCR-HC14E. The use of video recordings helped to ensure accurate transcriptions and scoring of tests.

3. 5. b) Rationale for selection and order of tests

A large number of tests was administered, falling into three broad categories: Tests to look at LS' speech processing for four problematic contrasts; tests to examine phonological awareness and decoding in the light of LS' literacy difficulties; and finally a collection of tests designed to examine the source of hypothesised difficulties with vowels.

3. 5. c) Examining speech processing: tests administered, with rationale for each test

Input tests

According to the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) speech processing model a breakdown or difficulty on the input side will feed through and be manifested as certain difficulties in speech output.

Non-word Auditory Discrimination

LS was presented with pairs of computer-generated non-words, e.g. /skil gil/, /smpl mbl/, /stau dau/, /swen wen/. (For this and subsequent computerised tests, the computer played words which

were recorded live, as opposed to synthetic speech.) LS was then required to press one of two computer keys to indicate whether he thought the two non-words were the same or different. There were 32 pairs of non-words presented for each contrast. 16 pairs of non-words were presented first using audio-visual stimuli: The computer simultaneously played a video clip of the speaker's face and an audio recording of the speaker saying the pairs of non-words. The test was then carried out using 16 audio only stimuli in which the audio recording was accompanied by a screen image of empty speech bubbles.

LS completed this test for each of the contrasts sk/g, sm/m, st/d and sw/w as well as the contrast p/b, which acted as a control to indicate whether he understood the task. For each contrast he was presented with 16 pairs of randomised same or different minimal pairs.

Rationale

The ability to detect differences between certain speech sounds or pitch changes is crucial to speech processing. Bishop (1992, cited in Stackhouse & Wells, 1997) cites auditory processing difficulty as a likely cause of language difficulties. Non-word auditory discrimination is a 'bottom-up' processing task in that it is achieved without accessing stored linguistic or semantic knowledge; the test items are novel and do not match any stored representations.

Picture Yes/No Judgement

For each contrast being investigated the computer showed an empty speech bubble alongside a picture, accompanied by a live recording of either the correct word (e.g. 'swing'), or an incorrect word (e.g. 'wing' or 'ling'). LS was required to press one of two computer keys to indicate whether he thought the word that he heard was correct or incorrect. For each contrast two pictures were shown (e.g. 'swing'

and 'sweet' for /sw/) one at a time. Each of the two pictures was shown eight times, in randomised order, giving a total of 16 items for each target consonant/consonant cluster. As with non-word discrimination, the test was carried out using audio-visual stimuli, then using audio stimuli only.

Rationale

This task investigates how accurate LS' phonological representations are for each target word. It is a challenging investigation of a child's phonological representations, particularly for a hearing-impaired child, as the stimuli are phonetically close to one another and the incorrect stimuli (e.g. 'wing' for 'swing') usually correspond to the child's errors. Thus it involves good auditory discrimination alongside accurate phonological representations of the target words.

Output tests

A child may have speech output problems whether or not input difficulties exist. Output tests investigate the child's spoken production.

Picture Naming

For each contrast a series of eight different pictures was presented, four of them beginning with the target consonant cluster (e.g. scarf, skate, skirt, school for the sk/g contrast) and four of them beginning with a typically incorrect realisation for the target consonant cluster (e.g. goat, girl, gun and gate for the sk/g contrast). Each picture was shown twice, in random order. LS was required to name each picture in turn. The tester used the mouse to select 'correct', 'incorrect' or 'unsure' after each response and the use of video recording was used to verify the results. As the initial focus of this study was LS'

word-initial cluster contrasts, this was the only part of the response that was scored, although naming realisations were transcribed in full.

Rationale

In order to name a picture LS had to access his stored representations for the word and then say the word, without hearing an auditory (input) prompt from the tester. Successful naming is a complex task requiring a child to identify a visual stimulus semantically, and then access his motor programme for that word. Thus, provided no input difficulties are found, poor naming scores may indicate a breakdown at one or more of the levels of phonological representations or motor programmes, planning or execution.

This task was an extension of the initial PETAL (Parker, 1999) naming tests as it provided more stimuli for each contrast.

Real Word Repetition

LS was presented with spoken versions of the words used in the naming test, without picture stimuli, and was asked to repeat each one. Each word was presented twice, in random order, giving a total of 16 stimuli for each contrast. The words were presented as audio-visual stimuli, then as audio stimuli only. The test was scored and checked with a video recording as in Picture Naming.

Rationale

As LS was asked to repeat real words it is likely that he would have accessed a stored motor programme for each word. However he may have treated it like an unfamiliar word and created a new motor programme for each word.

Non-Word Repetition

This test proceeded in the same way as Real Word Repetition except that the stimuli were matched to the real word stimuli by changing the vowel in each case (e.g. 'sweet' became /swat/ and 'smell' became /smul/). Again each word was presented twice, in random order, giving a total of 16 stimuli for each contrast

Rationale

When asked to repeat non-words, a child has no phonological representations or existing motor programmes to access. He is required to create a new motor programme. Comparison of real word and non-word repetition scores can help to narrow down the location of an output difficulty.

Real Word Reading

Real word stimuli from the naming and repetition tests were presented to LS in a written form and he was asked to read each word. Each of the stimuli words was presented once, giving eight stimuli for each contrast. Responses were transcribed and checked later using the video recording.

Rationale

A comparison of reading and naming responses may indicate whether visual (i.e. orthographic, or written letter) clues produce a more accurate output of initial clusters.

Non-Word Reading

Again, stimuli from the repetition tests were presented to LS in a written form (eight stimuli for each contrast). He was told that they were made-up words and he was asked to read each one.

Responses were transcribed and checked later using the video recording. Non-word reading and segmentation of non-words were also explored further in the investigation of LS' letter-to-sound awareness described on page 26.

Rationale

As the stimuli are non-words, phonological representations are not accessed. If non-word reading is superior to real word reading, this may suggest that inaccurate phonological representations are responsible for real word reading errors, and that 'bottom-up' processes are superior to 'top-down' processes. If the individual can not draw on his/her representations to tell them what the word is, it is assumed that they need to utilise some degree of phonological awareness, and letter-to-sound conversion rules, in order to identify which sounds are needed, in what order (Stackhouse & Wells, 1997). Alternatively the reader may read the non-word by analogy, matching part of its written form to a known word, using the sound for that part and then substituting the sound for whichever letter is different. This process also requires competent phonological awareness skills. Whichever method is used, phonological awareness skills are considered to correlate with non-word reading skills (Treiman, cited in Sawyer and Fox, 1991)

Conversation

LS was encouraged to have an informal conversation with the tester about his forthcoming holiday. A video recording (approximately four and a half minutes long) was made of the conversation.

Rationale

Analysis of the video recording allowed the tester to see whether speech errors highlighted during testing were consistent with those demonstrated during continuous speech.

3. 5. d) Phonological awareness and decoding: tests administered, with rationale for each test

Investigation of LS' Phonological Awareness

The Phonological Assessment Battery (PhAB) (Frederickson, Frith and Reason, 1997) was administered.

Rationale

When faced with an alphabetic script, such as English, a child's awareness of and ability to manipulate the structure of a word is crucial to his development of reading and spelling skills. As LS was known to have marked difficulties with reading and spelling, an investigation of his phonological awareness and processing was likely to be informative.

Test of Letter and Sound Knowledge

LS was asked to provide the name and the common phoneme, or sound, of each letter of the alphabet. If he was unable to produce the sound, he was asked to imitate it. Responses were recorded and checked using the video recording. Note was made of any particular help that was needed to produce a correct sound

Rationale

Knowledge of the sound that is commonly represented by each written letter is essential for the reading and writing of words, in

particular novel words. This test would highlight any gaps in LS' letter sound knowledge and would indicate whether LS could imitate sounds he failed to produce in naming or reading.

Investigation of LS' Letter-to-sound awareness

This was an informal investigation of LS' ability to produce the correct sounds in response to segmented phonemes of simple CVC words presented in their written form. The tester used a small number of CVC non-words (e.g. 'tib', 'lut') and words (e.g. 'bed', 'sit') and, for those he was unable to read correctly, asked him what the first, middle and last sounds were.

Rationale

"Explicit awareness of sounds is predictive of future reading ability." (Broomfield & Combley, 2003, p.25). Bearing in mind LS' poor reading and non-word reading, the aim of this assessment was to find out whether LS had difficulties matching phonological representations and motor programmes of *phonemes* (as opposed to whole words) with their orthographic form.

3. 5. e) Exploring vowel difficulties: tests administered, with rationale for each test

Previous data collected indicated that LS had particular problems with reading and writing vowels and producing the correct sounds associated with vowels. Further tests were administered to explore the possible sources of these difficulties with vowels.

Non-word Reading Test (looking at vowels)

This was administered in the same way as the previous non-word reading test, except that the stimuli were ten CVC non-words, such

as 'wib', 'zob' and 'nuck', each containing one of the five short vowels /æ, e, ɪ, ɒ, ʌ/. All realisations were transcribed and the number of vowel phonemes pronounced correctly was recorded.

Rationale

As before, non-word stimuli meant that representations of words were not accessed so that LS could not use a whole word recognition approach, but rather had to match written letters to representations of individual phonemes. The selection of the five short vowels in the stimuli words allowed the tester to determine whether LS was able to produce accurate representations for the vowels tested and to match them to written letters.

Auditory Discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs

The tester devised her own test, introducing three grades of difficulty:

Grade 1: Easiest

Short vowel versus diphthong, e.g. /fep/ versus /faup/

Grade 2: Medium

Long vowel versus short vowel and long vowel versus diphthong, e.g. /lɔp/ versus /lʌp/ and /dɜp/ versus /dɔɪp/

Grade 3: Hardest

Short vowel versus short vowel, e.g. /pæs/ versus /pes/

The grade 3 minimal pairs contained vowels which are close together on the cardinal vowel chart (Ladefoged, 2001), making them harder to discriminate than vowels far apart on the cardinal vowel chart (Ladefoged, 2001), such as those used in the grade 1 minimal pairs. In this way the test got progressively harder.

For each grade of difficulty LS was presented with five minimal pairs (interspersed with five identical non-word pairs), spoken by the tester, and in each case had to say whether the two non-words in the

pair were the same or different. This gave a total of 30 non-word pairs. The tester ensured that the two words in each minimal pair or identical pair were spoken with the same length, pitch, volume and intonation. LS' eyes were covered as each pair was spoken, making the stimuli auditory only.

Rationale

This test is designed to indicate whether LS' difficulties with reading vowels are on the auditory input side; namely, whether he is able to discriminate between vowels auditorily.

Picture Yes/No Judgement – changing vowels

LS was presented with pictures of four words (smell, stamp, switch, skirt) from the computerised output tests for which he made vowel reading errors. (He read 'stamp' as [stɪmp] and 'skirt' as [deɪk].) For each of these four pictures the tester gave four correct spoken words and four incorrect spoken words, with only the vowel changed (e.g. /smul/ for 'smell') in random order. LS was asked to indicate whether the word was right or wrong.

Rationale

As with the previous picture Yes/No judgement test, this test investigated the accuracy of LS' phonological representations for each picture stimulus. More specifically, as only the vowel was changed, it investigated the accuracy of the specifications of vowels in LS' system of phonological representations.

Segmenting of real words and non-words into phonemes

Using the words 'dog', 'cat' and 'ship' as examples to ensure that he understood the task, LS was given five CVC real words ('mat', 'let', 'zip', 'hot' and 'bus') and five matched CVC non-words ('mot', 'lat', 'zup', 'het' and 'bis') and asked to segment them into separate 'sounds'.

Rationale

A study by Muter, Hulme, Snowling and Taylor. (1998, cited in Stackhouse & Wells, 2001) suggests that early segmentation skills and letter name knowledge interact and are predictive of later reading and spelling development. This simple segmentation task was designed to test LS' ability to manipulate phonological units. The results were expected to back up the PhAB (Frederickson et al, 1997) assessment results.

Investigation of paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels

The author used simple 2-sided laminated colour cards, illustrated in appendix 13, as suggested by Broomfield & Combley (2003) to teach LS the vowel sounds which most commonly correspond to the short vowels a, e, i, o, u (/æ e ɪ ɒ ʌ/) and the four following diphthongs:

'ai' → /eɪ/ as in 'train'

'or' → /ɔ/ as in 'fork'

'ar' → /ɑ/ as in 'star'

'oa' → /eʊ/ as in 'boat'.

LS was given a short spelling and reading test of words containing these vowel sounds before and after the teaching session. Each test comprised one word containing each of the target vowels (e.g. 'cost', 'bat', 'farm', 'mend'), giving nine (different) words in each test. During

the post-teaching reading test LS was helped and encouraged to identify the vowel in the stimulus word, to locate the correct colour card showing that vowel and to say the vowel out loud before attempting to read each word. In order to do this, the tester used such questions as 'What is the sound in the middle?', 'Show me the right card' and 'Say the sound'.

Rationale

The pre- and post-teaching tests were designed to investigate whether LS may have the potential to learn sound-letter correspondences, or paired associations, for vowels when they are taught explicitly, and whether such correspondence knowledge would manifest itself in improved reading or spelling scores for the vowels taught.

Blending of consonants and vowels (real words and non-words)

As with the segmenting task, the words 'dog', 'cat' and 'ship' were used as examples to ensure that LS understood the task. He was then given five CVC real words ('mat', 'let', 'zip', 'hot' and 'bus') and five matched CVC non-words ('mot', 'lat', 'zup', 'het' and 'bis') as segmented phonemes. He was required to blend the phonemes and was asked for a description or definition of the blended word, to check his understanding of the word. In an effort to present the segmented parts as separate phonemes, the tester did not add schwas to consonants if possible and made sure that voiceless consonants were not voiced, so that the segmented version of 'mat' was [m æ t], not [mə æ tə].

Although the segmenting, paired associations and blending tests are presented in this order to reflect the order that a child carries them out when reading, the blending test was administered before the

segmenting test so that the subject would not remember the segmenting test stimuli and reproduce them as answers in the blending test.

Rationale

The ability to blend phonemes or syllables in this way “correlates well with reading achievement and is a good predictor of reading performance” (various, cited in Stackhouse & Wells (1997), p. 67). In addition a study by Muter, Hulme, Snowling, et al. (1998, cited in Stackhouse & Wells, 2001) suggests that early segmentation skills and letter name knowledge interact and are predictive of later reading and spelling development. As with the segmentation task, this blending task was designed to test LS’ ability to manipulate phonological units. The results were expected to back up the PhAB (Frederickson et al, 1997) assessment results.

4. RESULTS

Test results are presented in the following order:

Examining speech processing

- a) Input tests**
 - Non-word Auditory Discrimination
 - Picture Yes/No Judgement

- b) Output tests**
 - Picture Naming
 - Real Word Repetition
 - Real Word Reading
 - Non-Word Repetition
 - Non-Word Reading

- c) Conversation**

Phonological awareness

- a) Investigation of LS' Phonological Awareness**
- b) Test of Letter and Sound Knowledge**
- c) Investigation of LS' Letter-to-sound awareness**

Exploring vowel difficulties

- a) Non-word Reading Test (looking at vowels)**
- b) Auditory Discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs**
- c) Picture Yes/No Judgement – changing vowels**
- d) Segmenting of real words and non-words into phonemes**
- e) Investigation of paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels**
- f) Blending of consonants and vowels (real words and non-words)**

In Tables 7 and 8, below, p represents the probability of performance being due to chance, based on Siegel & Castellan's Binomial Test, (1988). Where p is less than .05 ($p < .05$), the score or performance is considered to be 'significant', i.e. not due to chance, with a 'highly significant' score being represented by values of p less than .001 ($p < .001$). Where p is greater than .05 ($p > .05$), the performance may be due to chance.

Non-word Auditory Discrimination

Table 7: Non-word auditory discrimination scores for each consonant cluster with their associated p values.

Cluster	Audio-visual or Audio Alone	Score	p	s or hs or ns
p/b	Audio-visual	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs
	Audio Alone	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs
sk/g	Audio-visual	13/16	$p < .05$ ($p = .011$)	s
	Audio Alone	11/16	$p > .05$ ($p = .105$)	ns
sm/m	Audio-visual	14/16	$p < .005$ ($p = .002$)	s
	Audio Alone	16/16	$p < .0005$	hs
st/d	Audio-visual	16/16	$p < .0005$	hs
	Audio Alone	16/16	$p < .0005$	hs
sw/w	Audio-visual	13/16	$p < .05$ ($p = .011$)	s
	Audio Alone	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs

p represents the probability of the results occurring by chance

s represents a statistically significant result ($p < .05$)

hs represents a highly significant result ($p < .001$)

ns indicates that the result is not significant ($p > .05$)

Picture Yes/No Judgement

Table 8: Picture yes/no judgement scores for each consonant cluster with their associated p values.

Cluster	Audio-visual or Audio Alone	Score	p	s or hs
sk/g	Audio-visual	-	-	-
	Audio Alone	8/8	$p < .005$ ($p = .004$)	s
sm/m	Audio-visual	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs
	Audio Alone	19/20	$p < .0005$	hs
st/d	Audio-visual	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs
	Audio Alone	15/16	$p < .0005$	hs
sw/w	Audio-visual	13/16	$p < .05$ ($p = .011$)	s
	Audio Alone	16/16	$p < .0005$	hs

p represents the probability of the results occurring by chance

s represents a statistically significant result ($p < .05$)

hs represents a highly significant result ($p < .001$)

ns indicates that the result is not significant ($p > .05$)

Note: Due to technical difficulties, the audio-visual section of the test for the sk/g cluster was not available, and only eight stimuli were available for the audio alone section of the test. Also due to computer error 20 items were presented for the audio alone condition of the sm/m contrast, so the results are presented out of 20.

Picture Naming

The picture naming results are shown in Tables 9 (i) to 9 (iv), below.

Real Word Repetition

The real word repetition results are shown in Tables 9 (i) to 9 (iv), below.

Real Word Reading

The real word reading results are shown in Tables 9 (i) to 9 (iv), below.

Non-Word Repetition

The non-word repetition results are shown in Tables 9 (i) to 9 (iv), below.

Non-Word Reading

The non-word reading results are shown in Tables 9 (i) to 9 (iv), below.

Table 9 (i): Output realisations for sk/g cluster

Real word stimulus	Naming	Real word repetition		Real word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
scarf	[da, ga]	[gʌp, gʌf]	[(s)kʌ, gʌ]	[sfʌ, dʌ ³]
skate	[geɪʔ, geɪ]	[geɪ, (s)geɪ(k)]	[keɪt, geɪʔ]	[sdʌ, sdeɪk]
skirt	[gɜ, gɜ]	[gɜ, (s)gɜ]	[(s)gɜ, gɜ]	[deɪk, gɜ ⁴]
school	[duo, duo]	[(s)dul, dul]	[stul, stul]	[sdul]
Initial clusters correct	0/8	0/8	1/8	0/7
Non-word stimulus		Non-word repetition		Non-word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
skɪf		[ʔkɜpʔ, (s)kɜf]	[gɜp, gɜf]	[skʌf]
skɔt		[stɔ, gɔ]	[skɔ, dɔk]	[skʌ]
skʌt		[stʌ, skʌ]	[skʌ, skʌ]	[gɪn]
skeel		[skil, (s)kil]	[skil, skil]	[skim]
Initial clusters correct		4/8	5/8	3/4 (75%)

³ In response to description of object

⁴ In response to 'what girls wear'

Table 9 (ii): Output realisations for sm/m cluster

Real word stimulus	Naming	Real word repetition		Real word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
smile	[maɪjo, maɪo]	[maɪl, maɪl]	[maɪl, smaɪl]	[maɪl ⁵ , smaɪl]
small	[mɔ, mɔ]	[mɔl, mɔl]	[smɔl, smɔl]	[smɔl, smɔl]
smoke	[məʊ, məʊ]	[(s)məʊk, məʊ]	[məʊ(j), (s)məʊ]	[swɔ, sməʊ ⁶]
smell	[meo, meo]	[(s)mel, mel]	[mel, smel]	-, -
Initial clusters correct	0/8	2/8	5/8	4/6 (67%) ('smell' not attempted)
Non-word stimulus		Non-word repetition		Non-word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
smarl		[smaɪl, maɪl]	[smaɪl, smaɪl]	[smɜg]
smol		[(s)mɔl, maɪl]	[mɔl, smɔl]	[smɔl, smɔl]
smoyk		[(s)mark, (s)mart]	[(s)maɪt, (s)maɪt]	[smɜ, smə]
smool		[(s)mɔl, mɔl]	[smɔl, smuəl]	[swɔn]
Initial clusters correct		5/8	7/8	5/6 (83%)

⁵ In response to a visual demonstration

⁶ In response to 'it comes out of a chimney'

Table 9 (iii): Output realisations for st/d cluster

Real word stimulus	Naming	Real word repetition		Real word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
stamp	[dæm, dæmp]	[dæmp, dæmp]	[dæmp, dæmp]	[mɔl, stɪmp]
star	[da, da(d)]	[da, ga]	[da, da]	[dæŋ, da ⁷]
stick	[dɪʔ, dɪ]	[gɪp, dɪp]	[dɪp, dɪp]	[stak]
stairs	[deə, deə]	[deəs, deə]	[deə, deə]	[da]
Initial clusters correct	0/8	0/8	0/8	2/6 (33%)
Non-word stimulus		Non-word repetition		Non-word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
stimp		[stɪmp, (s)tɪmp ⁷]	[stɪm, stɪnk]	[dɪp, stɪn]
stowe		[stau, stau]	[dau, stau]	[sɒ, {ɒ}]
steek		[(s)tɪk, stɪk]	[sti, stɪm]	[di]
stowse		[stau, staus]	[staum, stau]	[staus, staus]
Initial clusters correct		8/8	6/8	3/7 (43%)

⁷ In response to being shown a drawing of a star

Table 9 (iv): Output realisations for sw/w cluster

Real word stimulus	Naming	Real word repetition		Real word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
sweet	[wit, wit]	[wi, swit]	[φwi, φwi]	[φwit, swit]
swimming	[φwɪmɪn, wɪmɪn]	[swɪmɪn, swɪmɪn]	[φwɪmɪn, φwɪmɪn]	[φwɪmɪn, φwɪmɪn]
switch	[wɪtʃ, wɪtʃ]	[wɪtʃ, wɪtʃ]	[wɪtʃ, wɪtʃ]	[rʌm, wɪtʃ] ⁸
swing	[wɪn, wɪn]	[wɪn, wɪn]	[wɪŋ, φwɪŋ]	[φwɪm, swɪm]
Initial clusters correct	0/8	3/8	0/8	2/8 (25%)
Non-word stimulus		Non-word repetition		Non-word reading
		Auditory-visual	Auditory alone	
swart		[(s)wɑt, swɑ]	[(s)wɑ, (s)wɑ]	[swæ]
swoming		[φwɪmɪn, φwɪmɪŋ]	[φwɔmɪn, wɔmɪn]	[jə]
swetch		[swetʃ, wetʃ]	[(s)weʃ, wetʃ]	[wi, swæ]
sweng		[(s)wenʃ, wenʃ]	[swenʃ, wenʃ]	[swe, swet]
Initial clusters correct		4/8	4/8	4/6 (67%)

⁸ In response to 'to turn the lights on'

'we're gonna stay there five days' → [wɪtʃ ɡe dɪz jee fɪv deɪ]

'Playstation' → [plæɪtʃjən]

'go back to school' → [ɡəʊ bæk tuː skuːl]

Investigation of L.S. Phonological Awareness

The PHAS score sheets (Frederickson et al., 1997) can be found in appendix 14. Table 10 shows the standardised scores for each of the subjects. The normal range of scores for a child of 1;5 chronological age lies between 86 and 115. Standardised scores below 86 indicate that the child's performance is in the bottom 15% of the population. The presence of three or more standardised scores below 86 is

Further Non-word reading information

- LS' teachers of the deaf report that he finds non-word reading extremely difficult (consistent with the PhAB result (Frederickson et al, 1997), below).
- During testing LS appeared to have no strategies in place for attempting to read novel words. Occasionally he substituted a word that he already knew. Often he made a guess, inserting a random vowel in place of the correct one.
- When learning to read a new word in class, LS was reported to ask the teacher what the word was, and learn it as a whole.

Conversation

Analysis of the video recording confirmed that LS' speech errors highlighted during testing were consistent with those demonstrated during continuous speech, and that the consonant clusters chosen for further investigation (sk/g, sm/m, st/d and sw/w) were not evident during continuous speech.

Examples of continuous speech are as follows:

"loads of small ones" → [ləʊd ə mɔ wʌn]

"we're gonna stay there five days" → [wɪə gə deɪ jɛə faɪ deɪ]

"Playstation" → [pleɪsteɪʃən]

"go back to school" → [gəʊ bæʔ də duɔ]

Investigation of LS' Phonological Awareness

The PhAB score sheets (Frederickson et al, 1997) can be found in appendix 14. Table 10 shows the standardised scores for each of the subtests. The normal range of scores for a child of LS' chronological age lies between 85 and 115. Standardised scores below 85 indicate that the child's performance is in the bottom 15% of the population.

The presence of three or more standardised scores below 85 is

usually interpreted as “indicating marked phonological difficulties” (PhAB, Frederickson et al, 1997, p.59)

Table 10: Standardised scores for the PhAB subtests (Frederickson et al, 1997)

PhAB Test	Standardised score
Alliteration test	94
Rhyme test*	77*
Spoonerisms test*	73*
Non-word reading test*	0*
Naming speed test (pictures)	111
Naming speed test (digits)	87
Fluency test (Alliteration)*	82*
Fluency test (Rhyme)*	69*
Fluency test (Semantic)*	72*
(Non-Phonological test)	

*: Scores fall more than one standard deviation below the mean score of 100.

Test of Letter and Sound Knowledge

Table 11 shows the test of letter and sound knowledge results. Columns two and three show LS' responses when asked for the name and the sound of each letter. Where LS' letter sound was incorrect, he was asked to imitate the tester and his attempts at imitation are shown in column four. Note of any other help required is in column five.

Table 11: Results for test of letter and sound knowledge

Letter	Name	Sound	Produced in imitation	Help needed with imitation
A	[əɪ]	[əɪ, ə]	[æ]	
B	[bi]	[bə]		
C	[ʃsi] (imitation)	[də, gə]	[kə, k]	
D	[di]	[də]		
E	[i]	[i]	[e]	
F	[ef]	[fə]	[f]	Help needed with positioning of front teeth
G	[dʒi]	[gə]		
H	[hertʃ]	[hə]	[h]	
I	[aɪ]	[æ, ʌ, i ⁹]		
J	[dʒeɪ]	[dʒə]	[tʃ, dʒə]	
K	[keɪ]	[kə]		
L	[əl]	[lə]	[ʊ(l)]	
M	[em]	[mə, m]		
N	[en]	[n]		
O	[əʊ]	[ɒ]		
P	[pi]	[pə]		
Q	[kju]	-	[kwə]	
R	[ɔ]	[rə]	[r]	
S	[es]	[ʃs ¹⁰]		
T	[ti]	[t]		
U	[ju]	[u]	[ʌ]	LS produced this when shown the written word 'up' and asked to remove the /p/.
V	[fi, vi]	-	[v]	LS tended to produce a dental [ɱ]. He achieved voicing when asked to feel the 'buzz' in his neck.
W	[dʌdu, dʌbəlju] (imitation)	[wə]	[w]	
X	[e, əs]	-	-	
Y	[waɪ]	[wə, jə]	[j]	
Z	[ded]	[z]	[z]	LS achieved voicing when asked to feel the 'buzz' in his neck.

⁹ LS produced this when shown the written word 'sit', and asked for the middle sound.

¹⁰ LS does not produce a pure [s]. He tends to produce somewhere between a [ʃ] and a [s], with lips spread. Help was not effective in achieving a purer [s].

Investigation of LS' Letter-to-Sound Awareness

- LS was reluctant to attempt to read even simple CVC non-words, but when encouraged to do so, he often appeared to pronounce the consonant phoneme correctly, make a guess at the vowel, and leave the final consonant off, unless reminded to pronounce it.
- LS appeared to have a good consonant phoneme awareness but only minimal awareness of vowel phonemes. For instance, when asked to 'say the sounds' in the non-word 'tib', he indicated that it began with [t] and ended with [b] but he was not able to give the middle sound.
- This lack of vowel phoneme awareness was evident from the test of letter and sound knowledge and from informal questioning on vowels in CVC non-words.
- When given the written stimuli 'tib', and helped to identify the sounds as [t], [ɪ] and [b], he was likely to say [t ɪ bæ] out loud but seemed unable to put them together to make the word 'tib'.

Non-word Reading Test (looking at vowels)

Table 12: Non-word reading test realisations (vowels)

Stimulus	Realisation	Vowel
wib	[wæ]	x
tas	[tɪ]	x
nuck	[nʌk]	✓
kosh	[kɒ]	✓
seck	[dɪ]	x
pab	[pɑ]	x
fesh	[fɪ]	x
pif	[pɪ]	✓
zob	[dʊb]	x
fut	[fʊt]	x

Each of the stimulus words contained one of the short vowels /æ e ɪ ɒ ʌ/.

Auditory Discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs

Table 13 (i): Auditory discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs:

Grade 1: Easiest - short vowel versus diphthong

Minimal pair	Same / different ?	LS' response	
/fep : fep/	same	same	✓
/gok : geɪk/	different	different	✓
/dæp : dɔɪp/	different	different	✓
/nɪf : nɪf/	same	same	✓
/fep : faup/	different	different	✓
/gok : gok/	same	same	✓
/lɒp : lɒp/	same	same	✓
/nɪf : nəʊf/	different	different	✓
/lɒp : laɪp/	different	different	✓
/dæp : dæp/	same	same	✓

Grade 1 score: 10/10 correct.

Table 13 (ii): Auditory discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs:

Grade 2: Medium - Long vowel versus short vowel and long vowel versus diphthong

Minimal pair	Same / different ?	LS' response	
/lɒp : lɒp/	different	different	✓
/fɪp : fɪp/	same	same	✓
/guk : gok/	different	different	✓
/dɜp : dɜp/	same	same	✓
/lɒp : lɒp/	same	same	✓
/fɪp : feɪp/	different	different	✓
/nɒf : nɒf/	same	same	✓
/dɜp : dɔɪp/	different	different	✓
/nɒf : nəʊf/	different	different	✓
/guk : guk/	same	same	✓

Grade 2 score: 10/10 correct.

Table 13 (iii): Auditory discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs:

Grade 3: Hardest - Short vowel versus short vowel

Minimal pair	Same / different ?	LS' response	
/bɒʃ : bɔʃ/	same	same	✓
/mɛd : mæd/	different	different	✓
/jɪn : jɪn/	same	same	✓
/nʌʃ : nʊʃ/	different	different	✓
/pæɪ : pɛɪ/	different	same	✗
/pæɪ : pæɪ/	same	same	✓
/bɒʃ : bɛʃ/	different	different	✓
/jɪn : jʊn/	different	same	✗
/mɛd : mɛd/	same	different	✗
/nʌʃ : nʌʃ/	same	same	✓

Grade 3 score: 7/10 correct.

Total score: 27/30 correct. $p < .0005$

Picture Yes/No Judgement – changing vowels

Table 14: Picture yes/no judgement (changing vowels) results

Picture stimulus	Auditory stimulus	LS' response	
smell	smell	right	✓
	smell	right	✓
	/smul/	wrong	✓
	smell	right	✓
	/smul/	wrong	✓
	/smul/	wrong	✓
	smell	right	✓
	/smul/	wrong	✓
stamp	/stɪmp/	wrong	✓
	stamp	right	✓
	stamp	right	✓
	/stɪmp/	wrong	✓
	stamp	right	✓
	/stɪmp/	wrong	✓
	/stɪmp/	wrong	✓
	stamp	right	✓
switch	switch	right	✓
	/swetʃ/	wrong	✓
	switch	wrong	x
	/swetʃ/	wrong	✓
	/swetʃ/	wrong	✓
	switch	right	✓
	/swetʃ/	wrong	✓
	switch	right	✓
skirt	skirt	right	✓
	/skɔ:t/	wrong	✓
	skirt	right	✓
	skirt	right	✓
	/skɔ:t/	wrong	✓
	skirt	wrong	x
	/skɔ:t/	wrong	✓
	/skɔ:t/	wrong	✓

Total score: 30/32 correct. $p < .0005$

Segmenting of real words and non-words into phonemes

Table 15: Segmenting of real words and non-words into phonemes

Real word stimulus	LS' efforts to segment it
mat	[em æ tə] (m - a - t)
let	[lə ʌ] (l - u)
zip	[zi ɪ pə] (z - i - p)
hot	[hɜtʃ ɒ tə] (h - o - t)
bus	[bʌ æ tə] (b - a - t)
Non-word stimulus	LS' efforts to segment it
mot	[mɒ ɒ tə] (m - o - t)
lat	[lə ɒ kə, gə] (l - o - k, g)
zup	[iʒ ə ɡʊ] (?)
het	[hə pə] (h - p)
bis	[bə] (b)

Investigation of paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels

Table 16 (i): Spelling test results, pre- and post-teaching

Stimulus	Pre-teaching		Post-teaching	
	Reading results	Vowel	Reading results	Vowel
farm	far	✓	farm	✓
mend	man	×	mant	×
drum	drakr	×	darom	×
pain	par	×	pit	×
sport	speat	×	speat	×
coat	cant	×	coat	✓
thin	thre	×	t	×
shot	s	×	s	×
rag	ran	✓	ran	✓

Table 16 (ii): Reading test results, pre- and post-teaching

Stimulus	Pre-teaching		Post-teaching	
	Reading results	Vowel	Reading results	Vowel
cost	[kɒt]	✓	[kɒts]	✓
bat	[bæk]	✓	[bæt]	✓
dark	[drɪŋk]	×	[gɒk]	✓
tom	[tɒ]	×	[tɒ]	✓
flip	[pɒʔ, fɒʔ]	×	[fluʔɪp]	✓
jug	[jɒʔ]	×	[dʒʌ]	✓
paid	[pen]	×	[peɪd]	✓
boat	[bəʊt]	✓	[bəʊt]	✓
test	[tɪk]	×	[tet]	✓

Blending of consonants and vowels (real words and non-words)

Table 17: Blending of real words and non-words

Real word stimulus (given as segmented phonemes)	LS' efforts to blend the phonemes	LS' verbatim response to the question 'What is it?'
m - a - t	[mæ - t]	where you wipe your feet
l - e - t	[lɒg]	tree
z - i - p	[jɪp]	on a coat and zip it up
h - o - t	[hɒʔ]	when you have to jump on one leg
b - u - s	no attempt	
Non-word stimulus (given as segmented phonemes)	LS' efforts to blend the phonemes	
m - o - t	[mɒt, mət]	
l - a - t	[læt]	
z - u - p	[jɪp, dɪp]	
h - e - t	[hə, hək]	
b - i - s	[bə]	

5. DISCUSSION

Input Tests:

Four word-initial clusters contrasts – sk/g, sm/m, st/d and sw/w – were tested in the study. These represented a selection of clusters with which the subject had difficulty in production.

Non-word Auditory Discrimination

LS scored highly on non-word discrimination, under both audio-visual (AV) and audio alone (AA) conditions. The p value for the AA condition of sk/g indicates that the score may have occurred by chance. All the other scores reflected an accurate performance as the probabilities of the scores occurring by chance was less than .001 for six out of the ten scores and less than .05 for the remainder. These results would suggest that, despite LS' hearing impairment, **speech production was not affected by poor auditory discrimination for most of the consonant clusters tested.** The scores also suggest that LS did not favour either AV or AA stimuli. This may have been because the pairs of phonemes tested (sk/g, sm/m, st/d, sw/w) are to some extent visually indistinct; the articulation of /s/ is largely unseen. It was also noted that, under the AV condition, LS often did not look at the screen, suggesting that he was relying on auditory more than visual clues.

Picture Yes/No Judgement

Again, LS scored highly under both AV and AA conditions. For the AA condition of sk/g and the AV condition of sw/w the probabilities of the scores occurring by chance was less than .05; for all others the probabilities of the scores occurring by chance was less than .001. Thus all scores were considered to reflect an accurate performance.

This task required LS to access his representations of the words illustrated by the pictures shown, so the results suggest that **his phonological representations for the target words were accurate**. It also supports the above finding that **LS had good auditory discrimination for the clusters tested**.

Output tests:

LS scored 0/8 in the naming tests for all four contrasts tested. This poor performance may result from one or more of:

- a. Imprecise phonological representations,
- b. Incomplete stored motor programmes,
- c. Motor planning difficulties,
- d. Motor execution difficulties.

Analysis of the input tasks above established the likelihood that LS' phonological representations of words including the four clusters being tested were accurate, discounting reason a). Moreover for some words (scarf, smoke, smell, small, smile) real word repetition produced the correct consonant clusters, suggesting that lower level articulatory skills (i.e. motor planning and execution) were intact for those clusters, discounting reasons d) and e).

Non-word repetition scores for each consonant cluster were better than real word repetition scores suggesting that, for a novel word containing each of those clusters, LS was able to devise a new motor program and articulate it successfully. Stackhouse & Wells (1997) describe the case of DF who, like LS, repeated matched non-words better than real words and better than his naming attempts. (DF repeated and named 'soap' as [dəʊ?], whilst /sæp/ was repeated correctly). The patterns for both LS and DF suggest that speech

output skills for words containing the clusters being examined were in fact greater than was indicated by real word production and naming; a phenomenon known as 'frozen phonology'. When asked to repeat 'school' he said [stul], whereas he was able to repeat /skil/ correctly, suggesting that improved auditory discrimination skills and new motor programming skills acquired subsequently (e.g. differentiating in his output between [sk] and [st]) had not been applied to some words in his vocabulary, such as 'school'. LS was able to successfully devise new temporary motor programmes for the clusters being examined when he heard a novel word or non-word. However, due to his hearing impairment, **he may have laid down erroneous motor programmes for a set of real words that began with certain clusters** and had not updated those erroneous motor programmes.

Again, LS did not appear to favour either AV or AA stimuli, suggesting that he was not making use of the visual information provided under the AV condition. As with the input tests, this could have been because the articulation of /s/ is largely unseen in the clusters being examined, and/or because he was relying on auditory more than visual clues.

LS had known literacy difficulties, so his poor real word and non-word reading scores were unsurprising. The number of initial clusters correct was higher when reading non-words than when reading real words for each contrast. For example, for the sk/g contrast his reading of four real words did not produce any words beginning with /sk/ ('school' → [sdul]), whilst his reading of four non-words produced three words beginning with /sk/ ('skirf' → [skaf], 'skort' → [ska] and 'skeel' → [skim]). This may suggest that, when reading a word he knew was not a real word, rather than attempting to recognise the word as a whole, he used orthographic clues to help him pronounce it. When reading real words it is likely that he was accessing motor

programmes which, as discussed above, were believed to be faulty for some words beginning with the clusters being examined. This would affect output despite relatively good auditory discrimination and motor execution skills.

Discounting those words for which LS was provided with a clue, an informal tally of vowels indicates that a large number were read incorrectly, with slightly more vowels being read correctly in real words (12/23) than in non-words (8/23). These difficulties with vowels reflect those found in the test of letter and sound knowledge, the investigation of letter-to sound awareness and the vowel non-word reading test. LS' vowel difficulties are discussed further on pages 54 to 56.

Although LS scored higher for the number of initial clusters correct when reading non-words than when reading real words, his non-word reading shows marked difficulties (e.g. 'skart' read as [gɪn], 'swetch' read as [wi] and [swæ]) which are reflected in the PhAB findings, discussed on page 52.

Analysis of the psycholinguistic tests above has provided us with specific information regarding the likely point(s) of breakdown on the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) model for all cluster contrasts investigated. We have established that LS had good auditory discrimination for the clusters tested and that his phonological representations for the target words seemed accurate. This means that, despite his hearing impairment, LS' speech output difficulties were unlikely to be directly related to input problems. The information gained from output tests suggests that **the source of LS' speech production difficulties for the clusters examined was due to incomplete stored motor programmes.**

Thus we can accept Hypothesis 1:

“Assessment based on the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) speech processing model will identify areas of breakdown for particular consonant contrasts.”

Conversation

The results of a video analysis of LS' continuous speech confirmed that he was not marking contrasts between /sk/ and /g/, /sm/ and /m/, /st/ and /d/ or /sw/ and /w/. Along with a tendency to leave off word-final consonants, this contributed to a reduced intelligibility during continuous speech.

Investigation of LS' Phonological Awareness

LS' results clearly showed **phonological awareness difficulties**, although the good score for the alliteration test showed that he was able to isolate initial sounds in single syllable words. The picture naming speed test showed that he was very competent in retrieving phonological coding at the whole word level. However his zero non-word reading test scores reflect his **difficulties with phonological coding of letter strings**.

Test of Letter and Sound Knowledge

The fourth column of table 11 on page 41 shows the letter sounds, or phonemes, which LS failed to produce spontaneously. These sounds were all produced in imitation and were as follows:

A → [æ]

C → [kə]

E → [e]

F → [f]

H → [h]

J → [dʒə]
L → [u(l)]
Q → [kwə]
R → [r]
U → [ʌ]
V → [v]
W → [w]
Y → [j]
Z → [z].

For four of these sounds (F → [f], U → [ʌ], V → [v] and Z → [z]) LS needed help with imitation, such as encouragement to feel the 'buzz' in his neck when producing a voiced sound.

Although LS was able to name all the letters of the alphabet, for 14 of the letters (including most of the vowels) he was unable to spontaneously produce the usual sound. This difficulty is reflected in the investigation of letter-to-sound awareness and the vowel non-word reading test below, and is discussed in relation to vowels under the investigation of paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels on page 55.

Investigation of LS' Letter-to-Sound Awareness

This investigation backed up what was revealed by the test of letter and sound knowledge and by the PhAB assessment (Frederickson et al, 1997); that **whilst LS' knowledge of the letter-to-sound relationship was relatively good for consonants, it was extremely poor for vowels.**

Non-word Reading Test (looking at vowels)

LS' poor phonological coding of vowels was again highlighted by the results of this test.

The results of the previous four tests enable us to accept Hypothesis 2:

“The subject will be found to have phonological awareness difficulties and/or difficulties with phonological decoding.”

The remaining tests were designed to further examine LS' difficulties with vowels, and to determine whether the difficulties were due to any or a combination of the following factors:

- a) Poor auditory discrimination of vowels,
- b) Inaccurate specifications of vowels in his system of phonological representations,
- c) Difficulty with segmenting phonological representations into phonemes,
- d) Difficulty with paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels, or
- e) Difficulty with blending consonants and vowels.

Auditory Discrimination with non-word vowel minimal pairs

Unsurprisingly, LS' weakest score was for the hardest grade of difficulty, namely discriminating between non-words containing short vowels which are close together on the cardinal vowels chart (e.g. /jin/ versus /jun/). However his overall score for this test was 27/30. The probability of this score occurring by chance is extremely low ($p < .0005$) suggesting that **his difficulties with reading vowels were not due to poor auditory discrimination of vowels.**

Picture Yes/No Judgement – changing vowels

LS' total score for this test was 30/32. The probability of this score occurring by chance is extremely low ($p < .0005$) suggesting that **his**

difficulties with reading vowels were not due to inaccurate phonological representations of vowels.

Segmenting of real words and non-words into phonemes

The segmenting, paired associations and blending tests are presented in this order to reflect the stages that the child has to master in order to read within an alphabetic system (Reid and Wearmouth, 2002). First, the child has to break down words into letters or phonemes (segment), then learn to associate letters with their sounds (learn 'paired associations') in order to decode them, then understand how sounds can be put together to make words (blend). Spelling requires the child to be able to segment the spoken word into phonemes and then to associate the relevant letters or groups of letters with them (i.e. to use paired associations, but in the reverse order to reading).

LS' attempts to segment real words were more successful (3/5 correct) than the attempts to segment non-words (1/5 correct). One likely explanation for this is that he was able to segment words that he already knew how to spell ('mat', 'zip' and 'hot'), but that his poor sound-to-letter knowledge prevented him from being able to do the same with non-words. However, even the real word segmentation was poor, indicating that **LS had some difficulties segmenting simple CVC words into phonemes.**

Investigation of paired associations between sounds and symbols for vowels

As discussed above, "learning to read requires the child to establish a set of mappings between the letters (graphemes) of printed words and the speech sounds (phonemes) of spoken words" (Hatcher and Snowling, cited in Reid and Wearmouth, 2002, p. 71). Dyslexic children can learn to read words they have been taught, however

they tend to learn correspondences between the letters of these words and their pronunciations in chunks or larger units, rather than grapheme-phoneme mappings (Reid and Wearmouth, 2002). As a consequence, dyslexic children have difficulty generalising paired associations, leading in turn to poor non-word reading – one of the most robust signs of dyslexia (Rack et al, 1992, cited in Reid and Wearmouth, 2002).

Having established that LS' paired associations between vowel symbols and sounds was weak, an informal investigation was carried out to establish whether a short teaching session focusing on teaching paired associations for a set of vowels, aided by colour cards as shown in appendix 13, would bring about any improvement in LS' reading or spelling of the vowels targeted. This would indicate whether LS had the potential to acquire this skill (if it were specifically taught).

LS' spelling test results show minor improvements following the teaching session; two final consonants were added and the number of vowels spelled correctly improved slightly from 2/9 to 3/9.

LS' reading test results, however, showed a marked improvement, with the number of vowels correct jumping from 3/9 to 9/9. As the focus of the short teaching session was on the teaching of paired associations for a set of vowels, rather than on segmentation or blending, this improvement in reading results suggests two things: Firstly, it seems likely that **LS' weak knowledge of paired associations contributed greatly to his poor reading skills**, in particular his poor non-word reading skills. Secondly, **LS' knowledge of paired associations between vowel symbols and sounds responded positively to focused treatment** and brought about a direct improvement in the reading of vowels. This implied that he had the potential to make associations.

Blending of consonants and vowels (real words and non-words)

Of the five segmented real word stimuli given LS was able to blend two successfully ('mat' and 'zip'), as shown by the transcriptions of his efforts to blend the phonemes and his definitions of the blended words. Two stimuli resulted in incorrect blended words (l – e – t → [log], defined by LS as 'tree', and h – o – t → [ho?], defined by LS as 'when you have to jump on one leg') and one stimulus produced no response. The quality of responses to non-word stimuli was similar to that of the real word stimuli. These results indicate that **LS has some difficulties blending the phonemes of simple CVC words**. This was certainly found to be the case during the investigation of LS' letter-to-sound awareness (see results, p. 42); even after saying three phonemes out loud, he was unable to put them together to produce a non-word.

Conclusions

In line with Ebbels (2000), this study has illustrated how it is possible to use the Stackhouse & Wells (1997) psycholinguistic framework to identify the specific points of breakdown – and thus the targeted areas for therapy - for the clusters examined. In addition this study has used a psycholinguistic hypothesis-led approach to identify the root of literacy difficulties experienced by a hearing-impaired child.

The author hopes that this study may serve as a cautionary tale to those working with children who may have literacy difficulties, whether or not they have a hearing impairment. It is hoped that speech and language therapists adopt an approach of automatically checking the phonological awareness and decoding skills of these children as these two skills are often thought of as the building blocks

to reading and spelling. Moreover, research further suggests that, for school-aged children at least, “phonological awareness training in combination with letter-sound training is more effective than phonological awareness training alone” (Sawyer & Fox, 1991, p.26).

Finally, use of a method similar to that suggested by Broomfield & Combley (2003), in which laminated picture/word/sound cards are used to demonstrate paired associations was found to be extremely effective in helping the subject to read vowels correctly, even after a short (approximately 20 minutes) teaching time. This result is important because it showed that LS had the potential to make paired associations at the time of the teaching session. We are left to surmise whether he lacked adequate phonological awareness skills to make the associations when they were first taught formally, or whether the use of visual props was particularly effective with LS.

Word count: 9700

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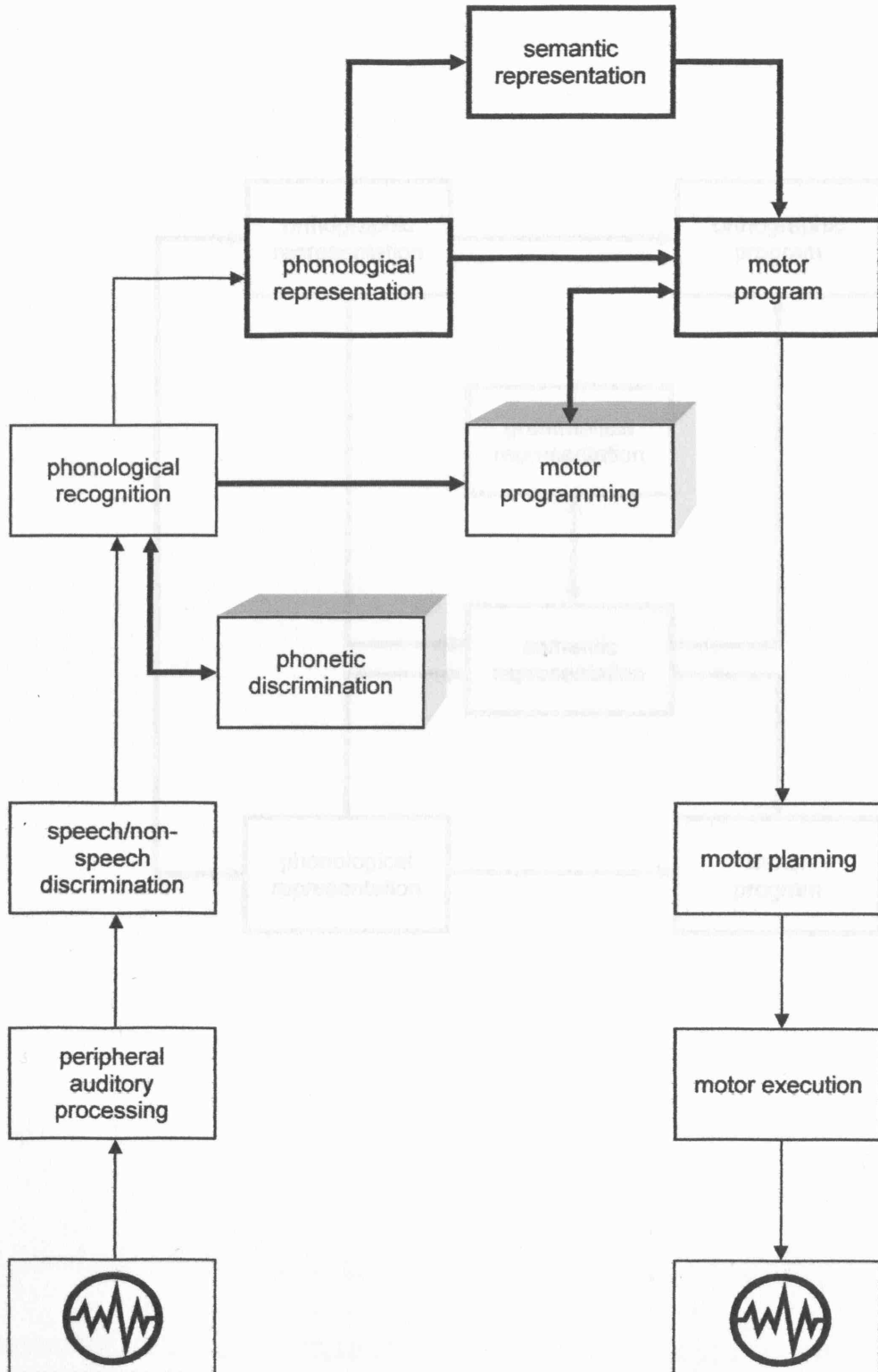
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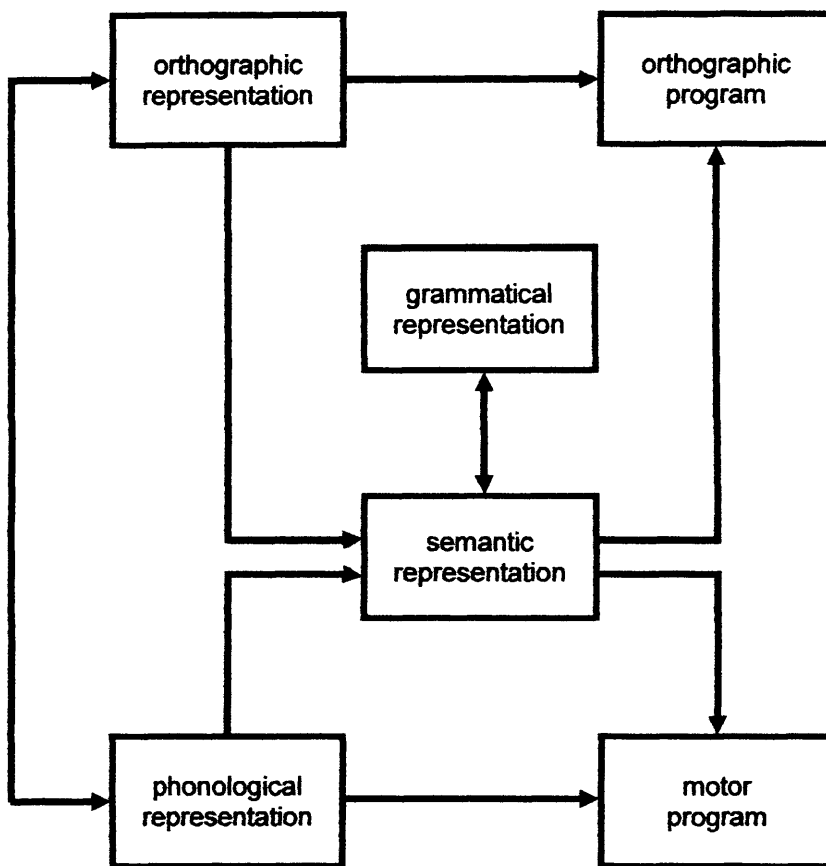
PSYCHOLINGUISTIC SPEECH PROCESSING MODEL FOR SINGLE WORDS (Stackhouse & Wells, 1997)

Notes: The broad arrows and shaded boxes represent processes hypothesized to occur offline.



APPENDIX 2

COMPONENTS OF THE LEXICAL REPRESENTATION
(Stackhouse & Wells, 1997)



Coloured Progressive Matrices

APPENDIX 3

Sets A, Ab, B

A			Ab			B		
1	4	✓	1	4	✓	1	2	✓
2	5	✓	2	5	✓	2	6	✓
3	1	✓	3	1	✓	3	1	✓
4	2	✓	4	6	✓	4	2	✓
5	6	✓	5	2	✓	5	1	✓
6	3	✓	6	1	✓	6	3	✓
7	6	✓	7	3	✓	7	5	✓
8	2	✓	8	4	✓	8	6	✓
9	1	✓	9	6	✓	9	4	✓
10	3	✓	10	3	✓	10	3	✓
11	2	X	11	5	✓	11	4	✓
12	5	✓	12	5 (2)	X	12	1	X
		11			11	11		

TOTAL	GRADE
33	II +

NOTES: 90th %ile

Tested by Jo LeveH

The British Picture Vocabulary Scale Second Edition Performance Record



Name (last) S (first) L Sex: M F (Circle)

School _____ Teacher _____

Home Address _____ Tel. _____

Reason for Testing _____

LANGUAGE OF THE HOME: Standard English Other _____

DISABILITY: None Suspected Confirmed

Type (if any): Hearing loss
(Specify: hearing/vision loss, speech defect, etc.)

(Specify foreign language or type of English dialect spoken.)

Norms Table B
Conversion of Standardized Scores to Percentile Ranks

Standardized Score	Percentile Rank	Standardized Score	Percentile Rank
139+	99+	99	48
138-133	99	98	45
132-130	98	97	42
129-128	97	96	40
127-126	96	95	37
125	95	94	34
124-123	94	93	32
122	93	92	30
121	92	91	28
120	91	90	26
119	90	89	24
118	89	88	22
117	87	87	20
116	86	86	18
115	84	85	16
114	82	84	14
113	80	83	13
112	78	82	12
111	77	81	11
110	74	80	9
109	72	79	8
108	70	78	7
107	68	77-76	6
106	66	75	5
105	63	74-73	4
104	60	72-71	3
103	58	70-68	2
102	55	67-62	1
101	52	61	1-
100	50		

Dates

	Year	Month	Day
Date of Testing	<u>2005</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>31</u>
Date of Birth	<u>1995</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>
Age in years and completed months	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	

Record of Scores

	Raw Score	Standardized Score	Percentile Rank	Age Equivalent
	<u>62</u>	<u>71</u> <small>(From Norms Table A)</small>	<u>3</u>	<u>6;01</u>
Confidence Bands		SS-6 <u>65</u> to SS+6 <u>77</u>	<u>1</u> to <u>6</u> <small>(From Norms Table B)</small>	<u>5;07</u> to <u>6;10</u> <small>(From Norms Table C)</small>

Please see Testbook for details of Calculation and Interpretation (pages 10 to 18)

Administering the Test Items

Caution: Before administering the actual test items, it is essential to begin the test session correctly, use the training plates appropriately, and only then introduce these test items. Instructions to carry out all three of these steps are found on the examiner's side of the training plates.

Where to start the Test

For a subject assumed to be of average ability, find the set corresponding with the person's age and begin the test with the first word in that set (otherwise consult the manual). Once you begin a set, always administer every item in it.

How to establish the Basal Set

If no more than one error is made in the Start Set, a basal is established. If more than one error is made, test backwards by sets in reverse order until no more than one error is made in a set. This becomes the Basal Set.

How to establish the Ceiling Set

Only after the Basal Set has been established, test forward by sets until eight or more responses are wrong in a set of 12 items. This is the Ceiling Set.

How to record the responses and errors

As illustrated below, record the subject's responses for each item administered and draw an oblique line through the circle (○) after the response if incorrect. If correct, leave the circle blank.

12 drum (3) 4

Upon completion of each set, record the number of wrong responses in the space provided.

Remember these Rules

- * Once a set is started, always administer *all 12 items* in that set.
- * The Basal Set rule is *one or no errors* in a set.
- * Use the *lowest* Basal Set to obtain the raw score.
- * The Ceiling Set rule is *eight or more errors* in a set.
- * Use the *lowest* Ceiling Set to obtain the raw score.

Set 1	↓Start – Ages 2½-3	Response
1	hand	(1) _____ ○
2	baby	(2) _____ ○
3	cat	(2) _____ ○
4	jumping	(4) _____ ○
5	bus	(4) _____ ○
6	drinking	(3) _____ ○
7	tractor	(4) _____ ○
8	running	(1) _____ ○
9	gate	(3) _____ ○
10	reading	(2) _____ ○
11	cow	(1) _____ ○
12	drum	(3) _____ ○
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Set 2	↓Start – Ages 4-5	Response
13	ladder	(2) _____ ○
14	plant	(1) _____ ○
15	circle	(4) _____ ○
16	candle	(2) _____ ○
17	wooden	(2) _____ ○
18	nest	(4) _____ ○
19	dancing	(4) _____ ○
20	tortoise	(1) _____ ○
21	farmer	(3) _____ ○
22	cobweb	(3) _____ ○
23	neck	(3) _____ ○
24	penguin	(1) _____ ○
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Set 3	↓Start – Ages 6-7	Response
25	wrapping	(4) <u>4</u> ○
26	fruit	(1) <u>1</u> ○
27	smelling	(3) <u>3</u> ○
28	arrow	(1) <u>1</u> ○
29	teacher	(2) <u>2</u> ○
30	full	(3) <u>3</u> ○
31	panda	(4) <u>4</u> ○
32	exercising	(4) <u>4</u> ○
33	coin	(2) <u>2</u> ○
34	claw	(1) <u>1</u> ○
35	measuring	(2) <u>2</u> ○
36	peeling	(3) <u>3</u> ○
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

APPENDIX 4

subject repeated
as 'tangerine'

Set 4	↓Start - Ages 8-9	Response
37	tambourine	(1) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
38	castle	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
39	lock	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
40	telescope	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
41	dripping	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
42	huge	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
43	furry	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
44	nostril	(1) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
45	roots	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
46	vegetable	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
47	diving	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
48	liquid	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text" value="3"/>

Set 7	↓Start - Age 12	Response
73	greeting	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
74	antlers	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
75	orbit	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
76	collision	(1) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
77	inflated	(4) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
78	applauded	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
79	nutritious	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
80	adjustable	(2) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
81	scalp	(2) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
82	reptile	(2) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
83	resuscitation	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
84	links	(4) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text" value="8"/>

Set 10	Response
109	detonation (2) <input type="radio"/>
110	summit (4) <input type="radio"/>
111	salutation (1) <input type="radio"/>
112	agricultural (4) <input type="radio"/>
113	geriatric (3) <input type="radio"/>
114	talon (3) <input type="radio"/>
115	consuming (3) <input type="radio"/>
116	dwelling (1) <input type="radio"/>
117	emaciated (2) <input type="radio"/>
118	lubricating (1) <input type="radio"/>
119	descending (2) <input type="radio"/>
120	spherical (4) <input type="radio"/>
No. of errors <input type="text"/>	

repeated as 'chew' but knew when word repeated

Set 5	↓Start - Age 10	Response
49	luggage	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
50	dentist	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
51	weasel	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
52	tugging	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
53	hive	(1) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
54	delighted	(4) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
55	globe	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
56	furios	(4) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
57	swamp	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
58	waiter	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
59	target	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
60	eagle	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text" value="5"/>

Set 8	↓Start - Ages 13-15	Response
85	arctic	(2) <input type="radio"/>
86	glider	(2) <input type="radio"/>
87	lecturing	(3) <input type="radio"/>
88	engraving	(1) <input type="radio"/>
89	co-operation	(2) <input type="radio"/>
90	fictional	(3) <input type="radio"/>
91	hoisting	(1) <input type="radio"/>
92	isolation	(3) <input type="radio"/>
93	syringe	(4) <input type="radio"/>
94	composing	(4) <input type="radio"/>
95	fern	(1) <input type="radio"/>
96	weary	(4) <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Set 11	Response
121	exterior (1) <input type="radio"/>
122	trestle (2) <input type="radio"/>
123	perforated (2) <input type="radio"/>
124	fowl (3) <input type="radio"/>
125	cascade (4) <input type="radio"/>
126	vagrant (1) <input type="radio"/>
127	trajectory (1) <input type="radio"/>
128	inoculating (2) <input type="radio"/>
129	arable (3) <input type="radio"/>
130	beacon (4) <input type="radio"/>
131	deciduous (4) <input type="radio"/>
132	submerging (3) <input type="radio"/>
No. of errors <input type="text"/>	

Set 6	↓Start - Age 11	Response
61	pair	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
62	coming	(4) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
63	tubular	(2) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
64	interviewing	(1) <u>1</u> <input type="radio"/>
65	snarling	(1) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
66	medication	(4) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
67	pod	(1) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
68	grain	(4) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
69	pedal	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
70	predatory	(2) <u>2</u> <input type="radio"/>
71	balcony	(3) <u>4</u> <input type="radio"/>
72	polluting	(3) <u>3</u> <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text" value="6"/>

Set 9	↓Start - Ages 16-21	Response
97	parallel	(4) <input type="radio"/>
98	dilapidated	(3) <input type="radio"/>
99	departing	(2) <input type="radio"/>
100	easel	(4) <input type="radio"/>
101	embracing	(3) <input type="radio"/>
102	utensil	(2) <input type="radio"/>
103	quartet	(4) <input type="radio"/>
104	citrus	(3) <input type="radio"/>
105	digit	(1) <input type="radio"/>
106	feline	(2) <input type="radio"/>
107	pillar	(1) <input type="radio"/>
108	timer	(1) <input type="radio"/>
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Set 12	Response
133	physician (1) <input type="radio"/>
134	attire (4) <input type="radio"/>
135	converging (2) <input type="radio"/>
136	receptacle (1) <input type="radio"/>
137	festoon (3) <input type="radio"/>
138	incarcerating (3) <input type="radio"/>
139	incline (4) <input type="radio"/>
140	encumbered (3) <input type="radio"/>
141	caster (1) <input type="radio"/>
142	equestrian (2) <input type="radio"/>
143	convex (4) <input type="radio"/>
144	culinary (2) <input type="radio"/>
No. of errors <input type="text"/>	

Set 13		Response
145	munificence (mew-nif-i-sens)	(1) _____ ○
146	nautical (naw-ti-kuhl)	(4) _____ ○
147	incertitude (in-suhrt-uh-tude)	(2) _____ ○
148	gaff (gaf)	(1) _____ ○
149	terpsichorean (tuhrp-sik-uh-ree-uhn)	(2) _____ ○
150	bovine (boh-viyn)	(3) _____ ○
151	pedagogue (ped-uh-gog)	(4) _____ ○
152	succulent (suhk-yuh-luhnt)	(3) _____ ○
153	altercation (ol-ter-kay-shon)	(3) _____ ○
154	copious (koh-pee-uhs)	(2) _____ ○
155	objurgating (ob-juhr-gayt-ing)	(4) _____ ○
156	cenotaph (sen-uh-taf)	(1) _____ ○
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Set 14		Response
157	nidificating (nid-uf-fuh-kayt-ing)	(3) _____ ○
158	perambulating (per-am-bew-layt-ing)	(2) _____ ○
159	vitreous (vi-tree-uhs)	(3) _____ ○
160	supine (soo-piyn)	(4) _____ ○
161	osculating (os-kyuh-layt-ing)	(1) _____ ○
162	lacinated (luh-sin-ee-ayt-ed)	(1) _____ ○
163	lugubrious (luu-goo-bree-uhs)	(2) _____ ○
164	pachyderm (pak-i-duhrm)	(2) _____ ○
165	imbibing (im-biyb-ing)	(4) _____ ○
166	casement (kay-sment)	(3) _____ ○
167	tonsorial (ton-sohr-ee-uhl)	(4) _____ ○
168	calyx (kay-lik)	(1) _____ ○
		No. of errors <input type="text"/>

Pronunciation key
ay = long a as in day
ee = long e as in feet
iy = long i as in vine
oh = long o as in road
oo = long u as in soup
a = short a as in man
e = short e as in leg
i = short i as in bit
o = short o as in dog
u = short u as in bun
j = short g as in jam
g = hard g as in gas
s = soft c as in sent
k = hard c as in cat
aw as in law
uh as in shove
uhr as in circle
ah as in lamb
ohr as in shore

Calculating the Raw Score	
Record below the number of the Ceiling Item, which is the last item in the Ceiling Set. Subtract from it the total number of errors made by the subject from the Basal Set through to the Ceiling Set. This is the Raw Score.	
Ceiling Item	84
minus errors	22
Raw Score	(62)

Notes and Observations
For example, briefly describe the subject's test behaviour, such as interest in the task, quickness of response, signs of perseveration, work habits, disabilities, etc.
The subject's repetitions would suggest that he was mis-hearing some words. He tended not to look at the tester so the stimuli were auditory only.

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APPENDIX 5

Record Form

Name LS
 Age 9;11 Gender M Year _____
 School _____
 Teacher _____
 Examiner _____

Address _____

Age 7 to 7;11

	Year	Month	Day
Test Date	2005	10	31
Birth Date	1995	11	25
Chronological Age	9	11	6

Ages 6-8 Scoring Summary	Raw Score	Standard Score	Confidence Interval (% Level)	PR	Difference from the mean of Subtest Standard Scores
Sentence Structure	17	6	to	9	
Concepts and Directions			to		
Word Classes	18	7	to	16	
Sum of 3 Raw Scores					
Sum of 3 Standard Scores					
RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Word Structure			to		
Formulated Sentences			to		
Recalling Sentences			to		
Sum of 3 Raw Scores					
Sum of 3 Standard Scores					
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Sum of RL and EL Scores					
Mean of 6 Subtest Standard Scores (Sum ÷ 6)					
TOTAL LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Sum of 6 Raw Scores					
Age Equivalents:					
Receptive: _____ Expressive: _____ Total: _____					

Ages 9 and above Scoring Summary	Raw Score	Standard Score	Confidence Interval (% Level)	PR	Difference from the mean of Subtest Standard Scores
Concepts and Directions			to		
Word Classes			to		
Semantic Relationships			to		
Sum of 3 Raw Scores					
Sum of 3 Standard Scores					
RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Formulated Sentences			to		
Recalling Sentences			to		
Sentence Assembly			to		
Sum of 3 Raw Scores					
Sum of 3 Standard Scores					
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Sum of RL and EL Scores					
Mean of 6 Subtest Standard Scores (Sum ÷ 6)					
TOTAL LANGUAGE SCORE			to		
Sum of 6 Raw Scores					
Age Equivalents:					
Receptive: _____ Expressive: _____ Total: _____					

Supplementary Subtests	Raw Score	Standard Score	Confidence Interval (% Level)	PR
Listening to Paragraphs			to	
Word Associations			to	

Supplementary Subtests	Raw Score	Standard Score	Confidence Interval (% Level)	PR
Listening to Paragraphs			to	
Word Associations			to	

	Percentage of Sample	Obtained Difference
Higher Score (Receptive or Expressive)	1%	≥31
	5%	≥23
	10%	≥20
Lower Score (Receptive or Expressive) minus Absolute Difference	15%	≥17
	20%	≥14
	25%	≥12
	50%	≥7

Level % Subtest Name Subtest Standard Score	Core						Composite Standard Score	Receptive Language Score	Expressive Language Score
	Receptive			Expressive					
	•	•	•	•	•	•			
17	•	•	•	•	•	•	150	•	•
16	•	•	•	•	•	•	145	•	•
15	•	•	•	•	•	•	140	•	•
14	•	•	•	•	•	•	135	•	•
13	•	•	•	•	•	•	130	•	•
12	•	•	•	•	•	•	125	•	•
11	•	•	•	•	•	•	120	•	•
10	•	•	•	•	•	•	115	•	•
9	•	•	•	•	•	•	110	•	•
8	•	•	•	•	•	•	105	•	•
7	•	•	•	•	•	•	100	•	•
6	•	•	•	•	•	•	95	•	•
5	•	•	•	•	•	•	90	•	•
4	•	•	•	•	•	•	85	•	•
3	•	•	•	•	•	•	80	•	•
							75	•	•
							70	•	•
							65	•	•
							60	•	•
							55	•	•
							50	•	•

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Sentence Structure (SS)

Use	Picture Stimuli	Start	Repetitions	Discontinue Rule
Ages 6-8 Required to compute Receptive Language score and Total Language score. Ages 9+ Supplementary, criterion-referenced subtest.	Stimulus Manual 1	Item 1 for all ages.	No repetitions are allowed.	None – administer all items.

Introduce each item by saying 'Point to...' Circle the letter corresponding to the child's response. Then circle 1 for a correct response, 0 for an incorrect response, or NR for no response. Correct responses are in colour.

Trial 1. The boy has a ball. C

Trial 2. The girl lost her balloon. A

		Score		
1. The boy is not climbing.	A B C D	1	0	NR
2. The girl has a big, spotted, black and white dog.	A B C D	1	0	NR
3. The boy who is sitting under the big tree is eating a banana.	A B C D	1	0	NR
4. The boy is pushing the baby.	A B C D	1	0	NR
5. The woman is putting up the tent and the man is chopping wood.	A B C D	1	0	NR
6. The woman who is holding a baby dropped her bag.	A B C D	1	0	NR
7. The duck is walking towards the girl.	A B C D	1	0	NR
8. The first two children are in the queue, but the third child is still playing.	A B C D	1	0	NR
9. Dad showed the baby the dog.	A B C D	1	0	NR
10. Mum asked, 'Shouldn't you wear your jacket?'	A B C D	1	0	NR
Subtotal				

		Score		
11. The boy is being followed by the dog.	A B C D	1	0	NR
12. She is going to help Dad make dinner.	A B C D	1	0	NR
13. The girl is wearing her new raincoat, even though she doesn't need it.	A B C D	1	0	NR
14. She drank the milk before she ate the biscuits.	A B C D	1	0	NR
15. The woman asked, 'How much does this chair cost?'	A B C D	1	0	NR
16. The boy is crying because he cut his finger.	A B C D	1	0	NR
17. The girls have dressed for the game.	A B C D	1	0	NR
18. The girl asked, 'Where did you hide the present?'	A B C D	1	0	NR
19. The girl is walking home from school.	A B C D	1	0	NR
20. The boy will feed the dog.	A B C D	1	0	NR
Raw Score		17		

Word Structure (WS)

Use	Picture Stimuli	Start	Repetitions	Discontinue Rule
Ages 6-8 Required to compute Expressive Language score and Total Language score. Ages 9+ Supplementary, criterion-referenced subtest.	Stimulus Manual 1	Item 1 for all ages.	One repetition is allowed.	None – administer all items.

Circle 1 for a correct response, 0 for an incorrect response, and NR for no response. Correct responses are in colour.

Trial 1. Here is a boy and here is a... girl.

Trial 2. Here is one bus and here are two... buses.

Trial 3. Lee said, 'Those shoes are yours and these shoes are... mine.'

A. Objective Pronouns	Demonstration: The boy has a new ball. The ball belongs to... him.	Score		
1. The girl has a book. The book belongs to _____ (her)		1	0	NR
2. They have a new radio to share. The radio belongs to all of _____ (them)		1	0	NR
B. Possessive Nouns	Demonstration: This is Jack. Whose dog is this? It is... Jack's.			
3. This is Paula. Whose boot is this? It is _____ (Paula's)		1	0	NR
C. Possessive Pronouns	Demonstration: The girl has got a new teddy. The teddy is... hers.			
4. The man bought new glasses. The glasses are _____ (his)		1	0	NR
5. One boy said, 'This cap is mine and that one is _____' (yours)		1	0	NR
Subtotal				

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Word Classes (WC)

Use	Picture Stimuli	Start	Repetitions	Discontinue Rule
Ages 6+ Required to compute Receptive Language score and Total Language score.	None	Ages 6-8 Item 1 Ages 9-12 Item 5 Ages 13+ Item 7	No repetitions are allowed.	5 consecutive zero scores.

Circle the words the child gives in response. Circle 1 for a correct pair, 0 for an incorrect pair, and NR for no response. If necessary, precede each item with, 'Listen.' Correct responses are in **colour**.

Trial 1. fast wet quick				Trial 2. round little big				Trial 3. whisker cat rock										
Score																		
▶ 1.	button	shirt	chair	1	0	NR	16.	garage	cushion	car	kitchen	1	0	NR				
2.	cup	puppy	plate	1	0	NR	17.	town	road	globe	country	1	0	NR				
3.	knife	table	fork	1	0	NR	18.	lorry	floor	star	broom	1	0	NR				
4.	tired	angry	cross	1	0	NR	19.	hour	decade	minute	winter	1	0	NR				
▶ 5.	simple	happy	easy	1	0	NR	20.	thick	empty	hard	full	1	0	NR				
6.	eagle	wing	hand	1	0	NR	21.	speedy	rainy	windy	dirty	1	0	NR				
▶ 7.	fish	pig	cow	1	0	NR	22.	buy	repair	deliver	sell	1	0	NR				
8.	out	on	off	1	0	NR	23.	dancing	hearing	seeing	carrying	1	0	NR				
9.	near	late	early	1	0	NR	24.	longitude	volume	altitude	latitude	1	0	NR				
10.	flute	lorry	drum	1	0	NR	25.	courage	freedom	wisdom	knowledge	1	0	NR				
Say, 'Now I will read four words. Listen to each set of four words and tell me the two words that go together best. Listen carefully because I can only say them once. Listen.'						26.						smooth	cold	rough	hard	1	0	NR
Trial 4.	fish	frog	bird	horse	27.						crooked	connected	joined	slanted	1	0	NR	
Trial 5.	sigh	sleep	giggle	laugh	28.						kind	cruel	bright	sad	1	0	NR	
Trial 6.	dark	hot	hard	cold	29.						strengthen	maintain	enclose	surround	1	0	NR	
11.	road	teacher	biscuit	school	1	0	NR	30.	among	ahead	near	front	1	0	NR			
12.	horse	plane	ship	boat	1	0	NR	31.	inside	bottom	interior	radius	1	0	NR			
13.	fence	window	glass	rug	1	0	NR	32.	noon	sunrise	dawn	evening	1	0	NR			
14.	snail	sock	straw	shell	1	0	NR	33.	private	academic	national	public	1	0	NR			
15.	strange	sick	healthy	shiny	1	0	NR	34.	revive	resuscitate	rescue	deliver	1	0	NR			
Subtotal				12				Raw Score				18						

repeated as 'singing'

Recalling Sentences (RS)

Use	Picture Stimuli	Start	Repetitions	Discontinue Rule
Ages 6+ Required to compute Expressive Language score and Total Language score.	None	Ages 6-8 Item 1 Ages 9-12 Item 5 Ages 13+ Item 7	No repetitions are allowed.	3 consecutive zero scores.

Editing Symbols	omission	watched	repetition	Did the	addition	word	long	the film	transposition	Did the girl	substitution	word	saw	watched
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Circle 3 if the sentence is repeated exactly, 2 if there is one error, 1 if there are two to three errors, 0 if there are four or more errors, and NR if there is no response. Mark errors on the stimulus sentence or write an incorrect response verbatim in the space provided. (See editing symbols in the *Examiner's Manual*.)

Trial 1. My sister is in year eight.

Trial 2. Does Mr. Thomas teach reading?

	Exact Repetition	1 err	2-3 err	4+ err	No Response
▶ 1. Did the girl catch the netball?	3	2	1	0	NR
2. The tractor was followed by the bus.	3	2	1	0	NR
Column Totals					

TROG form A

Name: surname	S	first name	L
Date:	21-11-05		
Date of birth:	25-11-95		
Age:	9;11	Sex:	M
Tester:	Jo Levett		

Vocabulary check

naming

pointing
pre post

I 7 elephant			
4 hat			
3 bag			
6 book			
1 spoon			
5 sheep			
2 woman/lady			
8 table			

II 1 flower			
4 cat			
2 drink			
3 shoe			
8 girl			
7 chair			
6 horse			
5 ball			

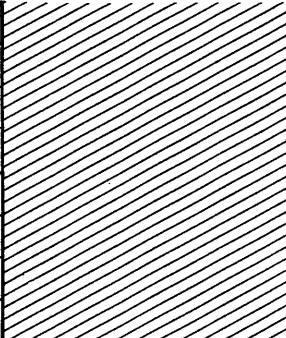
III 7 dog			
8 circle			
4 square			
2 boy			
5 cup			
6 star			
1 wall			
3 apple			

naming

pointing
pre post

IV 7 food			
1 man			
4 bird			
6 knife			
5 box			
2 cow			
8 pencil			
3 tree			

V 1 dropping			
6 drinking			
8 jumping			
2 pushing			
5 carrying			
4 chasing			
3 standing			
7 looking			

VI 8 big			
4 red			
3 tall			
6 yellow			
2 fat			
7 brown			
5 blue			
1 black			

Total blocks passed 11

Age equivalent 5 1/2

Centile 1st

APPENDIX 6

A 1 shoe	2
2 bird	1
3 comb	3
4 apple	4

✓
2134

B 5 eating	2
6 picking	3
7 sitting	1
8 running	4

✓
2314

C 9 long	1
10 tall	2
11 red	2
12 black	3

✓
1223

8-9 yrs
start here

D 13 the boy is running	3
14 the big cup	4
15 the dog is sitting	2
16 the red ball	1

✓
3421

E 17 the boy is not running	3
18 the dog is not drinking	4
19 the girl is not jumping	2
20 the dog is not sitting	1

✓
3421

F 21 the boy is jumping over the box	1
22 the girl is sitting on the table	4
23 the man is eating the apple	3
24 the woman/lady is carrying the bag	3

✓
1433

G 25 they are sitting on the table	4
26 the cow is looking at them	2
27 they are jumping over the wall	2
28 the elephant is carrying them	2

4221

10+ yrs
start here

H 29 the girl is pushing the horse	4
30 the boy is chasing the sheep	3
31 the man is chasing the dog	2
32 the cow is pushing the woman/lady	4

✓
4324

I 33 she is sitting on the chair	4
34 the woman/lady is carrying him	1
35 he is sitting in the tree	3
36 the horse is looking at her	4

✓
4134

J 37 the cats look at the ball	2
38 the boy stands on the chairs	3
39 the boys pick the apples	4
40 the girl drops the cups	2

2133

APPENDIX 6

K 41	the knife is longer than the pencil	4	✓ 4131
42	the box is bigger than the cup	1	
43	the shoe is bigger than the bird	3	
44	the horse is taller than the wall	1	
L 45	the girl is chased by the horse	3	1232
46	the elephant is pushed by the boy	4	
47	the horse is chased by the man	1	
48	the cow is pushed by the man	1	
M 49	the cup is in the box	3	✓ 3124
50	the pencil is on the box	1	
51	the circle is in the star	2	
52	the knife is on the shoe	4	
N 53	the boy chasing the horse is fat	4	4123
54	the pencil on the shoe is blue	2	
55	the cow chasing the cat is brown	2	
56	the circle in the star is yellow	3	
O 57	the box but not the chair is red	1	1422
58	the cat is big but not black	4	
59	the horse but not the boy is standing	3	
60	the boy is sitting but not eating	2	
P 61	the pencil is above the flower	4	✓ 4343
62	the comb is below the spoon	3	
63	the star is above the circle	4	
64	the square is below the star	3	
Q 65	not only the bird but also the flower is blue	3	1223
66	the box is not only big but also blue	4	
67	not only the girl but also the cat is sitting	2	
68	the girl has not only food but also a drink	4	
R 69	the pencil is on the book that is yellow	1	1243
70	the girl chases the dog that is big	2	
71	the square is in the star that is blue	3	
72	the dog chases the horse that is brown	2	
S 73	neither the dog nor the ball is brown	3	1422
74	the pencil is neither long nor red	2	
75	neither the boy nor the horse is running	2	
76	the boy has neither hat nor shoes	1	
T 77	the book the pencil is on is red	2	3144
78	the cat the cow chases is black	3	
79	the circle the star is in is red	2	
80	the boy the dog chases is big	2	

Now recheck vocabulary if necessary

ACTION PICTURE TEST

Scoring Form

NAME LS

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH 25-11-95 AGE 9,11

DATE OF TEST 21-11-05 NAME OF TESTER Jo Levett

COMMENTS

9) Boy crying because the dog got his shoe. 4 5

10) A lady dropped her apple and the boy picking it up. The bag had a hole. 7 5

PICTURE NUMBER

RESPONSES

INFORMATION SCORE

GRAMMAR SCORE

①	Cuddle a teddy	2	0
②	The Man putting the girl's boots on.	3	1
③	Someone tie the rope round the wood.	3	1
④	The man riding on a horse and the horse jumping over a fence-gate.	4	1
⑤	The cat caught the mouse.	2	2
⑥	The girl fell off the step and her glasses broken.	4 1/2	5
⑦	The big girl picked the boy up and the boy post the letter in the box.	4	2
⑧	The man climbing up the ladder to get the cat.	4	3

APPENDIX 7

TOTAL	37 1/2	25-6
GRAMMAR SCORE EXPECTED	ceiling age 8, 5	28-32



Name..... ID.

School.....

Date. 18.10.05.....

Control / Intervention

Pre / Post / Delayed

OXFORD READING COMPREHENSION

BEN'S MAGICAL DAY

Yesterday Ben

walking
walks
walked

 X to the shopping centre.

He went to the flower shop and asked the

floral
florist
flower

 X

for some

float
flower.
flowers.

 ? They were for his

teacher.
teaching.
tached.

 X

Next, he went to the library and asked for

book
books
booked

 about History and Sport.

Ben

wants
want
wanted

 X a book about Sir Isaac Newton,

the famous

scenic,
science,
scientist,

 K and another book about

Beckham the famous

fight.
footballer.
football.

 X

He also

looked
look
looks

 ✓ at a book about

the

artist
ant
art

 ✓ Van Gogh. When Ben came out of the library, he

saw his friend Mia. Mia was from Italy; she was Italian. Italy. Italic. x

Mia had finished her dancing lesson. She was a good dancing. dance. dancer. x

Mia ran into the road, and bumped into a circle. cyclist. clean. x

careful ✓
 "Be careless" said the man as he fell over. Mia said "Sorry".
care

Ben and Mia helped the man stand up. The man said,

"Thank you, you are very helpless".
helpful ✓
help"

The man was Mr Magoo the magician. magic. magical. x

Mr Magoo gave them both ticket tickets ✓ for his magic show.
television

Ben and Mia took a taxi to the theatre. They were excited.

They bought some sweets ✓ sweet and sat and watched Mr Magoo perform
sweater

magic with rabbits, hats, and lots of balloons. bird. box. x

When Mr Magoo finished everyone clapped.

The taxi dive x drive took them home. It had been a lovely day.
driver

APPENDIX 9 [✓]

Name.....	ID
School.....	Date 21.10.2005
Birthday 25.11. 2005 09.....	I am a (boy) / girl
Intervention / Control	Pre / Post / Delayed Post
<u>Oxford Brookes Word Spelling Assessment</u>	

1. These are w... ords.....
2. Now Sophie w... ent..... home.
3. Yesterday this man j... ined..... over the babies.
4. A person who arranges flowers is a f.....
5. There are lots of c... ars.....
6. Bob was ill for 7 weeks; he had a long i... lter.....
7. A person who dances is a d... ancer.....
8. Exhaust fumes can damage our e.....
9. There are lots of b... alls..... ✓
10. She ran fast and arrived out of breath; she was b... reath.....
11. Everyone was confused; there was a lot of c... onfusion.....
12. Cars drive on the road, but people walk on the p... avement.....
13. A pain that hurts a lot is p... ain.....
14. A person who works in a library is a l.....

t

15. The dog did not harm people, he was h.....
harmless
16. Now Goldilocks s..... in Mummy Bear's chair.
slept
17. Our school competes in football; we won the football
competition.
18. A knife can cause harm; it can be h.....
harmful
19. A puppy that plays is p.....
playful
20. There are lots of d.....
dolls
21. Yesterday you w..... hard at your homework.
worked
22. When Donna passed all her exams she was satisfied; she
had a feeling of s.....
satisfaction
23. A person who writes is a w.....
writer
24. A person who plays football is a f.....
footballer
25. The m..... did lots of magic tricks.
magician
26. A king that has power is p.....
powerful
27. We measured the table; the m..... was
measured
95cm X 60cm.
28. A person who eats vegetables, but does not eat
meat is a v.....
vegetarian
29. Now Bruno s..... in a big bed.
slept

30. Last Monday I k*ing*..... my Mum 'good-bye'.
31. He drove the car with no care; he was a c*areless*..... driver.
32. Yesterday I w*anted*..... to school.
33. Now Sam f*ights*..... with Tom.
34. The man who mended the electricity is an e.....
35. Van Gogh created art; he was a famous a*rtist*.....
36. You shouldn't drive when you are tired; t*ire*..... can kill.
37. Tony Blair governs; he is the leader of our
g*overnment*.....
38. A person who teaches is a t.....
39. A doctor who specialises is a s*pecialist*.....
40. Mother Teresa was kind; she was famous for her k*indness*.....
41. A person who works at understanding science is a s*cientist*.....
42. Tom was lazy, he was always in trouble because of his
l*aziness*.....
43. The injection gave no pain; it was p*ainless*.....
44. In English we learn to punctuate; we learn to use
p*unctuation* marks.

APPENDIX 9
(teacher's script)

Oxford Brookes Word Spelling Assessment

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| 1. These are w..... | windows |
| 2. Now Sophie w..... home. | walks |
| 3. Yesterday this man j..... over the babies. | jumped |
| 4. A person who arranges flowers is a f..... | florist |
| 5. There are lots of c..... | clocks |
| 6. Mandy was ill for 7 weeks; she had a long i..... | illness |
| 7. A person who dances is a d..... | dancer |
| 8. Exhaust fumes can damage our e..... | environment |
| 9. There are lots of b..... | balls |
| 10. She ran fast and arrived out of breath; she was b..... | breathless |
| 11. Everyone was confused; there was a lot of c..... | confusion |
| 12. Cars drive on the road, but people walk on the p..... | pavement |
| 13. A pain that hurts a lot is p..... | painful |
| 14. A person who works in a library is a l..... | librarian |
| 15. The dog did not harm people, he was h..... | harmless |
| 16. Now Goldilocks s..... in Mummy Bear's chair. | sits |
| 17. Our school won the football c..... | competition |
| 18. A knife can cause harm; it can be h..... | harmful |
| 19. A puppy that plays is p..... | playful |
| 20. There are lots of d..... | doors |
| 21. Yesterday you w..... hard at your homework. | worked |
| 22. When Donna passed all her exams she was satisfied; she had a feeling of s..... | satisfaction |
| 23. A person who writes is a w..... | writer |
| 24. A person who plays football is a f..... | footballer |
| 25. The m..... did lots of magic tricks. | magician |
| 26. A king that has power is p..... | powerful |
| 27. The m..... of the table was 95cm X 60cm | measurement |
| 28. A person who eats vegetables, but does not eat meat is a v..... | vegetarian |
| 29. Now Ali s..... in a big bed. | sleeps |
| 30. Last Monday I k..... my Mum 'good-bye'. | kissed |
| 31. He drove the car with no care; he was a c..... driver. | careless |
| 32. Yesterday I w..... to school. | walked |
| 33. Now Sam f..... with Tom. | fight |
| 34. The man who mended the electricity is an e..... | electrician |
| 35. Van Gogh was a famous a..... | artist |
| 36. You shouldn't drive when you are tired; t..... can kill. | tiredness |
| 37. Tony Blair is the leader of our g..... | government |
| 38. A person who teaches is a t..... | teacher |
| 39. A doctor who specialises is a s..... | specialist |
| 40. Mother Teresa was kind; she was famous for her k..... | kindness |
| 41. A person who works at understanding science is a s..... | scientist |
| 42. Tom was lazy, he was always in trouble because of his l..... | laziness |
| 43. The injection gave no pain; it was p..... | painless |
| 44. In English we learn p..... marks, for example !"?;:. | punctuation |

Schonnell Graded Word Spelling Test

APPENDIX 10
Pre / Post / Delayed
Control/ Intervention
ID _____

I am a boy girl

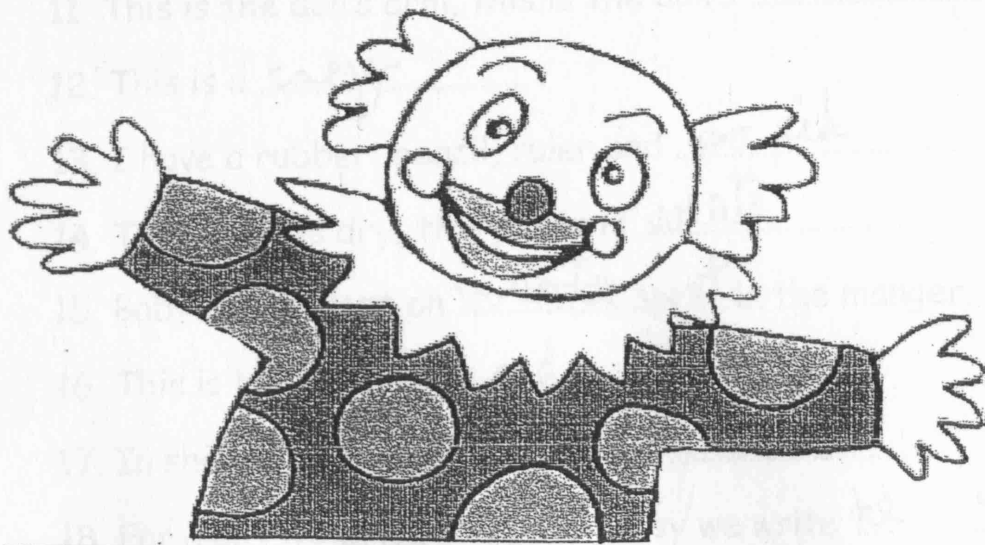
Today's date 18.10.05

Name _____

School _____

Class _____

Date of Birth _____



1. I can see three clowns. ✓
2. Yesterday I cut this square into two triangles.
3. We wiped our wet shoes on the mat
4. The water is in the bottle. ✓
5. At 12 o'clock Cinderella ran home. ✓
6. This is a plastic bar
7. We spell 8: eight
 9: nine
 10: ten..... ✓
8. This is my hand
9. This is the boy, this is the girl, this is the mum, this is the Dad..... ✓
10. This is a doll's ball
11. This is the doll's arm, this is the doll's leg
12. This is a cray
13. I have a rubber, pencil, ruler and pop
14. This paper is dry; this paper is wet
15. Baby Jesus slept on wet mat in the manger. ✓
16. This is bad; this is good
17. In shops the money goes in the t. ante
18. For a girl we write 'she'; for a boy we write he

19. Teddy played w ast the sand
20. Dear Father Christmas,
I would like lots of presents please.
With love f ove
Me!
21. 10.30 is play - t ime
22. This is a ball
23. The woman shouted " h elp!"
24. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
and Sunday are all days of the w est
25. This is a teas
26. This is a boal
27. snow / sun / rain / cloud / fog / w int
28. This is a s atr
29. What y ear is it? 2004 / 2005 / 2006.
30. This is ice-casts
31. You're not allowed to f any at play-time.
32. 'eyes', 'ears', 'nose' 'm arr
33. 'S' = small; 'M' = medium; 'L' = l care
34. This is day; this is n et
35. Robert b entr his camera to school.
36. Whoops!! I made a m aret
37. 'eyes', 'nose' 'ears' 'h eer
38. 'dolphin' X 'shark' X 'w ine

39. This is a s. port-board

40. Yesterday we ~~play~~ played football.

41. This morning I was asleep. My mum w. woke me up.

42. Land surrounded by sea is called an i. island

43. The Victorians had servants to cook, wash and
to s. serve food.

44. This machine takes 20p and 50p c. cost

45. This is a circle. This is a square

46. This is an i. eye

47. The W. weather today is
snow/sun/rain/cloud/fog/wind

48. This is an animal. This is a bird.

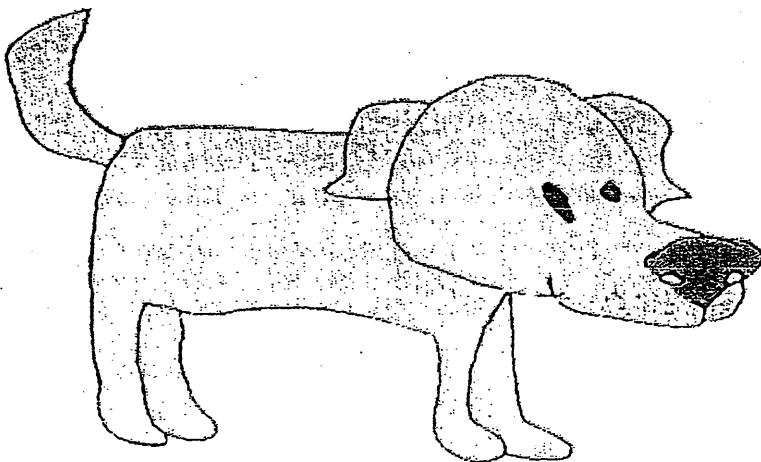
This is a fish. This is an i. in

49. This is a p. pear tree.

50. I don't feel well. I have a h. headache



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WELL DONE! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Schonnell: Graded Word Spelling Test*(teacher's script)*

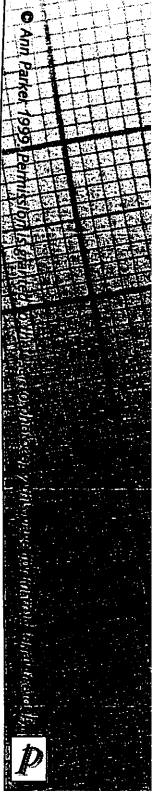
1. I can SEE three clowns.
2. Yesterday I CUT this square into two triangles.
3. We wiped our wet shoes on the MAT.
4. The water is IN the bottle.
5. When it was 12 o'clock Cinderella RAN home.
6. This is a plastic BAG.
7. We spell 8 'eight'; 9 'nine'; 10 'TEN'.
8. This is my HAT.
9. This is the boy, the girl, the Mum and the DAD.
10. This is a doll's BED.
11. This is the doll's arm; this is the doll's LEG.
12. This is a COT.
13. I have a pencil, rubber ruler and PEN.
14. This paper is dry; this paper is WET.
15. Baby Jesus slept on HAY in the manger.
16. This is bad; this is GOOD.
17. In shops the money goes into the TILL.
18. For a girl we write 'she'; for a boy we write HE.
19. Teddy PLAYED with the sand.
20. Dear Father Christmas, I would like lots of presents please. With love FROM me!
21. 10.30 is play-TIME.
22. This is a BALL.
23. The man shouted 'HELP!'.
24. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are all days of the week.
25. This is a TIE.
26. This is a BOAT..
27. The tree is being blown by the WIND
28. This is a SPOON.
29. This year is 2005.
30. This is ice-CREAM.
31. You're not allowed to FIGHT at play-time.
32. Eyes, ears, nose and MOUTH.
33. 'S' = small; 'M' = Medium; 'L' = LARGE
34. This is day; this is NIGHT.
35. Robert BROUGHT his camera to school.
36. Whoops! I made a MISTAKE.
37. Eyes, nose, ears, HAIR.
38. Dolphin? X. Shark? X. WHALE.
39. This is a SKATE-board.

40. Yesterday we PLAYED skipping games.
41. This morning I was asleep. My Mum WOKE me up.
42. Land surrounded by sea is called an ISLAND.
43. The Victorians had servants to SERVE food.
44. This machine takes 20p and 50p COINS.
45. This is a circle. This is a SQUARE.
46. This is an IRON.
47. The WEATHER today is rain/wind/sun....
48. This is an animal /bird /fish /INSECT.
49. This is a PALM tree.
50. I don't feel well; I have a HEADACHE.

PETAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT: PRECURSORS

NAME LS RECORDING DATE 21/1/05 LOCATION H10
 TRANSCRIBER _____ HEARING AIDS/SETTINGS _____

COUNTING 1-10 DAYS OF THE WEEK NOTES PIG pi?	apple 'æp'u	CUP kɪp?	CAR ka:	'dʒdeɪ 'wɛn?deɪ 'fɔ:deɪ 'dæ'tədeɪ 'daundeɪ
	telephone telɪ'fəʊn	bucket bæ'kɪt?	cars kɑ:	SOCK dɒp?
	egg edʒ	PAT pæ?	banana bənə'nɑ:nə	socks sɒks gɒks?
	ear ɪə	MIKE maɪk	box bɒks	SHOE ʃu
	eight eɪt?	PAUL pɔ:	boxes bɒks?	blue blu: balloon blɔ:n balloons bə'leɪns
	eye aɪ	PAUL pɔ:	boxes bɒks?	blue blu: balloon blɔ:n balloons bə'leɪns
	owl əʊ	PAUL pɔ:	boxes bɒks?	blue blu: balloon blɔ:n balloons bə'leɪns
	VOWEL TESTS 1, 2	MAIN TEST (a) T3, 4, 5 (b) T6, 7	INTONATION T8-T9	CONVERSATION OTHER



PETAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT: INITIAL PLOSIVES

NAME LS	RECORDING DATE 16/01/06	LOCATION H1U
TRANSCRIBER Jo Levett	HEARING AIDS/SETTINGS	

1	bee bi	PIG PI	pen pen	PAT pæ	purse pɜ	PAUL pɔ
2			pear peə			
3	bee bi	big bɪ	bed be	bag bæ	bird bɜ	ball bɔ
4			bat bæt	bus bʌ	bath bɑ	book bʊ
5			bear beə			boot bu
6			bike baɪ	boat bəʊt		boy bɔɪ
7	tea ti		ten ten	tap tæp		two tu
8	D di					
9				duck dʌ		dog dɒ
10	key ki					doll dɒl
11			cat kæt	CUP kʌp	CAR kɑ	
12			cake keɪ	coat kəʊ	cow kaʊ	
13			gate geɪ			goat ɡəʊt

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PETAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT: INITIAL AFFRICATES AND FRICATIVES

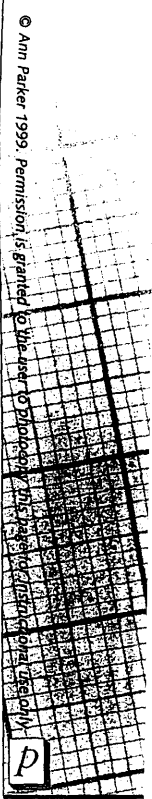
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TRANSCRIBER Jo Levett	HEARING AIDS/SETTINGS	

14	cheese tʃiː	chip tʃɪp	church tʃɜːtʃ	jacket → tʃækt	
15					
16		chair tʃeə	jam dʒæm	four fɔː	juice dʒuː
17		fan fæn	fat fæt	foot fʊt	
18		fish fɪʃ	five faɪv	fork fɔːk	
19			fire faɪə		
20			van væn		
21					
22		thin θɪn	thumb θʌm		
23		sea diː	sun sʌn	sock dɒk	SUE dʉː
24		zip dɪp	shirt ʃɜːt	shop ʃɒp	ZOO dʉː
25		ship ʃɪp	hat hæt	SOCK dɒk	SHOE ʃuː
26			hair heə	horse hɔːs	
27			house haʊs		

PETAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT: INITIAL NASALS AND APPROXIMANTS

NAME LS	RECORDING DATE 16/01/06	LOCATION HIU
TRANSCRIBER Jo Levett	HEARING AIDS/SETTINGS	

28	meat mi	mat mæ	moon mu
29	me mi	match fæm man mæn	
30			
31			
32		MIKE mɪkɪ	mouse maʊs mouth maʊθ
33	knee ni		
34		knife naɪf nine naɪn	nose noʊz (no) noʊ
35			one wʌn
36	wing wɪŋ witch wɪtʃ wheel wi:l		watch wɒtʃ wall wɔ:l wool wʊ:l wood wʊd
37			
38		white waɪt	
39	ring rɪŋ	red red rat ræt	you ju
40		leg leɪ	
41		(yes) jes	



PETAL SPEECH ASSESSMENT: INITIAL CLUSTERS

NAME LS	RECORDING DATE 16/01/06	LOCATION H1U
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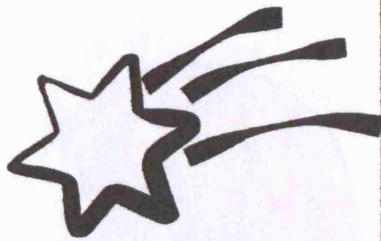
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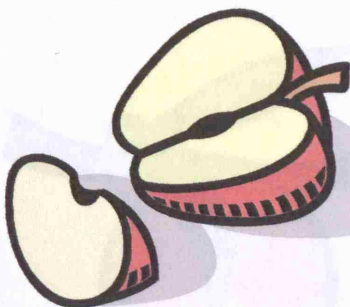
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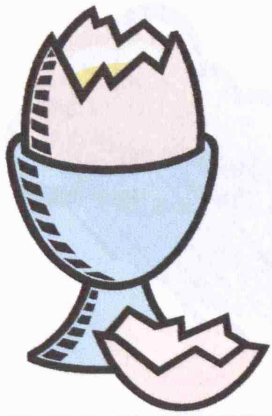
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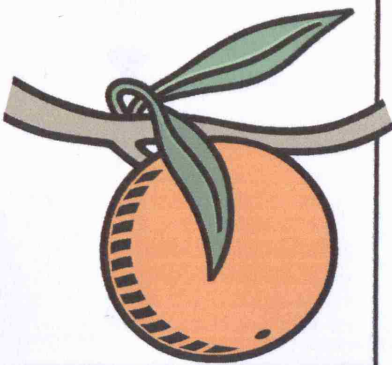
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Phonological Assessment Battery (PhAB)

RECORD FORM

Norah Frederickson, Uta Frith, Rea Reason

Name: <u>LS</u>	Date tested: <u>06</u> <u>03</u> <u>22</u>
Address: _____	Date of birth: <u>95</u> <u>11</u> <u>25</u>
_____	Age: <u>10;04</u>
_____	Sex: <u>M</u>
First language: _____	School: _____
Tested by: <u>Jo Levett</u>	Year: _____
Position: <u>Student SLT</u>	Special Educational Needs STAGE: _____



The PhAB Profile Grid

PhAB Test	Raw score	Standardized score	PROFILE																	
			70	85	100	115	130													
Alliteration Test	9	94																		
Rhyme Test	8	77																		
Spoonerisms Test	2	73																		
Non-Word Reading Test	0	0																		
Naming Speed Test (Pictures)	80	111																		
Naming Speed Test (Digits)	66	87																		
Fluency Test (Alliteration)	7	82																		
Fluency Test (Rhyme)	1	69																		
Supplementary Test Alliteration Test with Pictures	—	—																		
Non-Phonological Test Fluency Test (Semantic)	13	72																		
Number of highlighted PhAB scores																				

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Alliteration Test

Part 1 practice items				
A.	shop	mat	shell (sh)	✓
B.	lot	mess	mud (m)	✓
C.	pick	pat	run (p)	✓
Part 1 test items				Score 0 or 1
1.	ship	fat	fox (f)	✓
2.	mug	zip	men (m)	✓
3.	bike	name	nose (n)	✓
4.	dig	dot	pen (d)	✓
5.	tin	sack	top (t)	✓
Part 1 total (3 or more needed to continue)				5

Part 2 practice items				
D.	plum	crane	cloud (c)	✓
E.	brain	bleed	school (b)	✓
Part 2 test items				Score 0 or 1
6.	snake	clap	crawl (c)	✓
7.	plate	pram	draw (p)	0
8.	sleep	clown	snail (s)	✓
9.	cross	twig	truck (t)	✓
10.	drip	skirt	dwarf (d)	✓
Part 2 total				4

ALLITERATION TEST TOTAL (Part 1 + Part 2: out of 10)	9
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Supplementary Test: Alliteration Test with Pictures

Part 1 practice items				
A.	road	light	rain (r)	
B.	well	peg	pot (p)	
Part 1 test items				Score 0 or 1
1.	sun	lid	sock (s)	
2.	jam	jug	bed (j)	
3.	ten	bus	tap (t)	
4.	web	lamb	leg (l)	
5.	man	mop	dish (m)	
Part 1 total (3 or more needed to continue)				2

Part 2 practice items				
C.	slide	blot	scale (s)	
D.	blouse	brush	glass (b)	
Part 2 test items				Score 0 or 1
6.	stool	square	plant (s)	
7.	glove	brick	grass (g)	
8.	dress	flame	frog (f)	
9.	pram	fly	plug (p)	
10.	spade	crab	clock (c)	
Part 2 total				

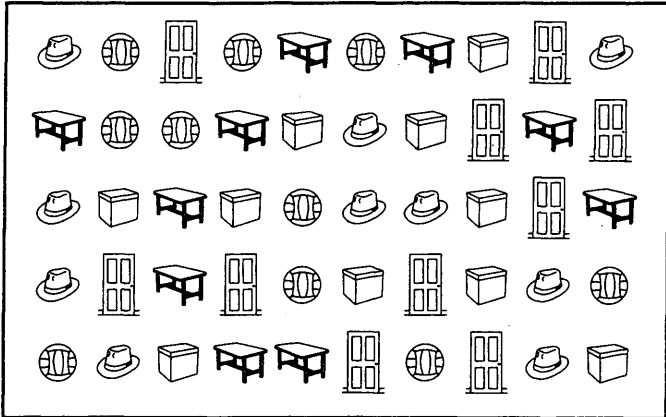
ALLITERATION TEST WITH PICTURES TOTAL (Part 1 + Part 2: out of 10)	
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Comments:

Naming Speed Test

Digit Naming

Picture Naming Card 1



Time (to nearest second)

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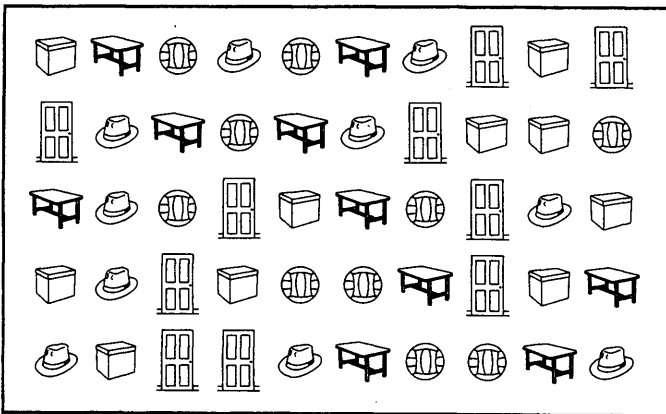
Digit Naming Card 1

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54635
55852
91549
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28896

Time (to nearest second)

32

Picture Naming Card 2



Time (to nearest second)

40

Digit Naming Card 2

58869
29852
24651
54919
36849
49354
26892
12463
81845
29496

Time (to nearest second)

34

PICTURE NAMING TOTAL (in seconds) =
(Naming Cards 1 + 2)

80

DIGIT NAMING TOTAL (in
seconds) =
(Naming Cards 1 + 2)

66

Comments:

(Please note if more than two uncorrected errors are made on any card.)

Rhyme Test

Practice items				
A.	sail	boot	nail	✓
B.	red	fed	leg	✓
C.	big	hiss	miss	✓
Part 1 test items				Score 0 or 1
1.	made	hide	fade	0
2.	wig	fig	pin	1
3.	bus	harm	farm	1
4.	pack	lack	sag	1
5.	sap	hop	top	1
6.	nut	cut	pet	1
7.	sand	hand	cup	0
8.	cat	fan	mat	1
9.	dot	mop	top	1
10.	tub	mud	cub	0
11.	dog	man	fog	1
12.	sip	win	bin	0
Part 1 total (9 or more needed to continue)				8

Part 2 test items				Score 0 or 1
13.	badge	match	catch	
14.	fate	late	made	
15.	tease	geese	piece	
16.	lip	sip	rib	
17.	dog	sock	log	
18.	had	sad	mat	
19.	lick	big	tick	
20.	bead	wheat	seat	
21.	cob	hop	sob	
Part 2 total				

RHYME TEST TOTAL (Part 1 + Part 2: out of 21)				
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Comments:

Spoonerisms Test

Time starts →

Part 1 practice items				
A. cat	with a /f/	gives	(fat)	
B. lip	with a /t/	gives	(tip)	
C. dog	with a /l/	gives	(log)	
Part 1 test items (Discontinue after three minutes)			Score 0 or 1	
1. cot	with a /g/	gives	(got)	0
2. fun	with a /b/	gives	(bun)	1
3. red	with a /b/	gives	don't know (bed)	0
4. go	with a /s/	gives	" " (so)	0
5. might	with a /f/	gives	(fight)	1
6. make	with a /t/	gives	tak/ (take)	0
7. need	with a /st/	gives	nib/ (steed)	0
8. gaze	with a /cr/	gives	don't know (craze)	0
9. stoke	with a /br/	gives	gort/ (broke)	0
10. crime	with a /ch/	gives	krim/ (chime)	0
Part 1 total (out of 10)			2	

Time starts →

Part 2 practice items				
D. King John	gives		(Jing Kon)	
E. lazy dog	gives		(daisy log)	
F. snow black	gives		(blow snack)	
Part 2 test items (Discontinue after three minutes)			Score 0, 1 or 2	
1. sad cat	gives		(cad sat)	
2. big pip	gives		(pig bip)	
3. fed man	gives		(med fan)	
4. boast core	gives		(coast bore)	
5. riding boot	gives		(biding root)	
6. float down	gives		(dote floun)	
7. prickly man	gives		(mickly pran)	
8. which brute	gives		(britch woot)	
9. crowded ship	gives		(shouded crip)	
10. plane crash	gives		(crane plash)	
Part 2 total (out of 20)				

SPOONERISMS TEST TOTAL
(Part 1 + Part 2: out of 30)

2

Comments:

Fluency Test

SEMANTIC	
Practice item. things in your school chair, cupboard, table, door, paper, telly, toilet, alarm	
1. things to eat jaffa cake, jelly, apple pie, fish, ice cream	S1: Score 5
2. animals bird, tiger, elephant, giraffe, zebra, crocodile, fish, kangaroo	S2: Score 8
SEMANTIC FLUENCY TOTAL SCORE	13

ALLITERATION	
Practice item. /k/ kangaroo, kite	
1. /b/ ball, bird, Bek, Ben, Billy	A1: Score 5
2. /m/ mouse, Mick	A2: Score 2
ALLITERATION FLUENCY TOTAL SCORE	7

RHYME	
Practice item. bat fat, mat	
1. more floor	R1: Score 1
2. whip	R2: Score 0
RHYME FLUENCY TOTAL SCORE	1

Non-Word Reading Test

Card 1 Practice items		
	Response	
A. tib		
B. lom		
C. rad		

Card 2 One-syllable items		
	Response	Score 0 or 1
1. pim	pɪg	
2. gat	gɒt	
3. fot	fɔ	
4. lub	lɪp	
5. hin	hɪp	
6. chog	tʃɔɪ	
7. trum	tɹɪg	
8. pran	pæm	
9. nabe	-	
10. leaze	leɪ	
Card 2 total		0

Card 3 Two-syllable items		
	Response	Score 0 or 1
11. haplut		
12. yutmip		
13. musnate		
14. pootfeg		
15. shendom		
16. ligtade		
17. cromgat		
18. ropsatch		
19. rissbick		
20. plutskirl		
Card 3 total		

NON-WORD READING TEST TOTAL (Card 2 + Card 3: out of 20)	
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Comments: