

Key to Me

Therapy Services



Listening Checklist

Child's Name: _____

The ability to listen cannot be seen. The only way to gauge listening is indirectly - through an evaluation of related skills. This checklist offers a catalog of such skills and will enable you to assess your child's ability to listen.

Developmental History

- Delayed motor development
- Delayed speech development
- Delayed language development
- Recurring ear infections
- Mother had stressful pregnancy
- Mother had difficult delivery
- Was adopted
- Experienced early separation from mother (i.e. hospitalization, incubation or mother ill)

Receptive Listening and Language

Receptive listening is listening that focuses outside of the self. It is how we understand what others are saying or what is going on in the school or home environment.

- Difficulty staying focused
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Short attention span
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Easily distractible
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Oversensitivity to certain sounds
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Unresponsive to questions or requests
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Difficulty understanding verbal instructions
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Unresponsive to name
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Unable to follow multi-step instructions
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always

Expressive Listening and Language

This listening focuses inside the self. It is how we monitor and reproduce correctly what we hear, especially our own voices and speech.

- Non-verbal
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Uses single words to communication wants
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Uses echolalic speak or "video talk"
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Avoids interactions
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Avoids asking for help or objects; instead, will get for him or herself
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Seems "in own world"
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always
- Communicates with scripted speech
 rarely _ sometimes _ often _ always

Motor Skills

This is listening to the body. These skills are related to the vestibular system of the ear and affect balance, coordination, body awareness and spatial orientation. Check all that apply.

- Poor posture, including slouching and slumping
- Uncoordinated body movements and fidgeting
- Clumsiness, including tripping and stumbling
- Mix hand preference
- Did not crawl; crawled in an unusual way
- Tends to not cross the midline of the body
- Constantly in motion
- Often confused about location and direction

Behavioral and Social Adjustment

These behaviors and attitudes may accompany a listening problem. Check all that apply.

- Low tolerance for frustration
- Withdraws from or avoids social interactions
- Tendency towards irritability
- Highly stressed by environments that are noisy
- Difficulty with pretend play
- Difficulty engaging with playthings; tends to touch toys but not really play with them
- Difficulty with transitions
- Poor sleep habits