

Mr. Potato Head Task

Name _____ Date _____ Examiner _____

Device _____ Grade _____ School _____

This task is a modified open-set measure that requires the child to manipulate toys in response to instructions presented in the auditory-only modality (e.g., "Put a hat on Mr. Potato Head," "Make Mr. Potato Head go to sleep"). Ten instructions are presented and scored on the basis of the number of key words correct (out of a possible 20) and sentences correct (out of a possible 10). Chance performance for sentences is 0%. Chance performance for words in the sentences is 5%.

Lay out Mr. Potato Head and parts. Review the names of the body parts and let child play with the pieces briefly. Then tell child he must do exactly what you say. Start Mr. Potato Head with arms and orange feet. Present items auditory only (modified open set). Record the child's response to **each** item, to aid in scoring later.

List A	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the glasses? 2. Give him some teeth. 3. Put a hat on Mr. Potato Head. 4. Find his nose. 5. Get his blue shoes. 6. He wants orange ears. 7. Find his black hat. 8. Make Mr. Potato Head go to sleep. 9. Give him some blue and white eyes. 10. Make him wave good-bye. 	
Total sentences correct: _____/10 Key words (underlined) correct: _____/20	
List B	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you see pink ears? 2. Mr. Potato Head needs a mouth. 3. Give him black and white eyes. 4. Find a yellow hat. 5. He wants green shoes. 6. Get his brown mustache. 7. Make him wash his hands. (or face? , or clap?) 8. Mr. Potato Head wants a red nose. 9. Give him the orange feet. 10. Make Mr. Potato Head walk. 	
Total sentences correct: _____/10 Key words (underlined) correct: _____/20	

Several tests of language in children with cochlear implants, including the Mr. Potato Head Test, have been developed by researchers in the DeVault Otologic Research Laboratory of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. 699 Riley Hospital Drive RR 044, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Revised 4/23/99. Included with permission. <http://medicine.iu.edu/oto/research/devaultlab/testing/>