



Ling Sound

Listening Bubble Checklist

For Young Children

Child _____ Date(s) _____ Age _____ Hearing Age _____ Evaluators _____

As a child gets ready to exit early intervention, the interventionist can work with the family to complete the **Early Listening Function (ELF)** checklist. The *ELF* is a discovery tool that provides 12 listening activities that are presented at varying distances ranging from responding to someone from the next room (>15 feet) to responding at a distance of only 6 inches. In practical terms, the task is to identify the size of the child's listening bubble. The *ELF* procedure has been adapted below so that, in addition to the listening activities presented, the child can be asked to point to or repeat the Ling sounds at the different distances. Care must be taken that no cues are given, such as allowing the child to view the speaker's face or the child detecting the breath of the speaker when the /th/ and /s/ are presented from a close distance. It can be assumed that if a child can respond to a sound at a far distance that he will also be able to detect it at a close distance. In other words, if a child can identify the EE sound at 10 feet then it is not necessary to see if he can do so at 6 feet, 3 feet and 1 foot. One result of this process is that it is likely find that the child will need to be quite close to the speaker to detect/identify /voiceless th/ and /s/ sounds. In other words, these sounds become undetectable for many children from just a few feet away. This is a powerful illustration of the necessity of close proximity, or the listening bubble concept. Refer to the ELF for more information on procedure.

Listening to Ling Sounds at Different Distances

Based on the child's responses to sound, place Y (Yes), M (Maybe), or N (No) in the boxes.

QUIET <input type="checkbox"/>	NOISE <input type="checkbox"/> Source _____		AMPLIFICATION _____		
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