

BSL Receptive Skills Test: Vocabulary Check

Child's name/ID:

Test date:

Carrying out the Vocabulary Check

The Vocabulary Check is used to check that children know the vocabulary used in the test. Use of the Vocabulary Check is optional, but is strongly recommended when testing either very young children or where there are concerns about a child's language development. In these cases, the Vocabulary Check should be carried out before starting the main test.

Materials

- 16 colour pictures on the website
- Vocabulary Check form

Procedure

The Vocabulary Check takes about 5 minutes to carry out. The child names pictures of familiar objects and people. For some pictures, the tester may need to provide prompts, e.g. for MOTHER, many children sign WOMAN. The tester can encourage the child to produce the target sign by asking: WHO? FATHER AND WHO? (while pointing to the picture of the mother). Some of the pictures should be used to encourage the child to produce more than one sign, e.g. COAT, HAT, SHOES can be elicited from the same picture.

| | Vocabulary | Child produces correct sign: ✓ / ✗ (if no, write what child signs and demonstrate the target sign) |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| 1. | apple | |
| 2. | ball | |
| 3. | *child | |
| 4. | *girl | |
| 5. | bed | |
| 6. | *box | |
| 7. | book | |
| 8. | boy | |
| 9. | *headphones | |
| 10. | car | |
| 11. | coat | |
| 12. | *hat | |
| 13. | *shoes | |
| 14. | cup | |
| 15. | dog | |
| 16. | *collar | |
| 17. | hearing aid | |
| 18. | ice-cream | |
| 19. | letter | |
| 20. | *mummy/mother | |
| 21. | pencil | |
| 22. | table | |
| 23. | teddy | |
| 24. | umbrella | |
| TOTAL SIGNS | | /24 |

* encourage child to produce signs for each of these using the previous picture
 If the child knows 12 or fewer of the test signs, **do not continue** with the Receptive Skills Test