Mr. Potato Head Task

Using the Mr. Potato Head Silly Suitcase





The Mr. Potato Head Task (Robbins, 1993) is a large, closed-set test or a modified, open-set test due to the large number of response alternatives. The test involves "Mr. Potato Head and His Bucket of Parts" and requires object manipulation on the part of the child when asked various questions. There are two lists of 10 questions.

Administration

The test is to be administered to all children tested on the **Level One test battery**, using live voice presentation and auditory clues only. At each interval, select one of the two lists for administration. Alternate the lists within and across subjects.

Lay out all the parts contained in the bucket of parts. There should be two or three sets of eyes, teeth, noses, shoes, etc. Include pieces you will not ask about, such as moustaches, hair, and so on. Review the names and colours of the body parts and let the child briefly play with the pieces. Instruct the child that they are to do exactly what you say. For example, say, "I might tell you, 'Give him a red hat,' or maybe I will say, 'Make Mr. Potato Head stand on his head."

Prior to administering the test, fit Mr. Potato Head with arms and feet. Present the 10 sentences on the response forms in the auditory-only condition using the mesh screen to eliminate speech-reading cues.

Scoring

Record the child's exact response to each item to aid in scoring. The responses are to be scored in terms of key words understood and the correctness of the complete sentence. As each sentence is scored, think about whether the child really understood the entire sentence, or whether they seemed to pick up on the key words. For example, if the target sentence is, "Give him some teeth," and the child picks up the teeth but does not try to put them on Mr. Potato Head, the child would receive credit for the key word "teeth", but not for the sentence.

Technically, this is a closed-set test, but the number of alternatives is large, especially for young children, and the number of alternatives changes (decreases) as the test progresses. Therefore, this test is viewed as a "modified" or "cued" open-set test measure and the chance score is 0%.

Please be aware that the colours of the Mr. Potato Head parts may vary. Adjust the colours of the parts used in the test sentences if necessary.

Mr. Potato Head Task

Name:	Date:
Examiner:	Interval:

Instructions:

Lay out Mr. Potato Head and his parts. Review the names of the body parts and let the child play with the pieces briefly. Then tell the child they must do exactly what you say. Start Mr. Potato Head with arms and feet. Present items with auditory cues only. Performance is scored on the basis of the number of key (underlined) words and sentences correctly identified. (Count Mr. Potato Head as one word).

List 1

- 1. Where are the glasses?
- 2. Give him some teeth.
- 3. Put shoes on Mr. Potato Head.
- 4. Find his nose.
- 5. Get his <u>red</u> <u>hat</u>.
- 6. He wants pink ears.
- 7. Find his <u>blue</u> <u>arms</u>.
- 8. Make Mr. Potato Head go to sleep.
- 9. Give him some blue and white eyes.
- 10. Make him wave goodbye.

Total Sentences Correct:

____/10 = ____%

Total Key (Underlined) Words Correct:

____/20 = ____%

List 2

- 1. Do you see pink ears?
- 2. Mr. Potato Head needs a mouth.
- 3. Give him some black and white eves.
- 4. Find a yellow hat.
- 5. He wants green shoes.
- 6. Get his brown moustache.
- 7. Make him wash his hands.
- 8. Mr. Potato Head want a red nose?
- 9. Give him orange feet.
- 10. Make Mr. Potato Head walk.

Total Sentences Correct:

____/10 = ____%

Total Key (Underlined) Words Correct:

____/21 =____%









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