

PLUM | Parent-evaluated Listening and Understanding Measure

Child's name _____

DOB _____ Date _____



Talk with the parent/carer about how much they see their child doing these things. Give age-appropriate examples and encourage the parent to give examples. The questions relate to the child's home language. Work with an interpreter as appropriate.

Circle the answers as you go ('Not yet / A little', 'Sometimes', 'A lot / always'). Use the tally box on page 2 to work out the score. Use the Score sheet to interpret the results and explain to the family what this means.

1. When it's quiet and you call your child, and they can't see you, do they hear you?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

2. And when it's noisy?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

e.g. bub turns to your voice; child answers from another room

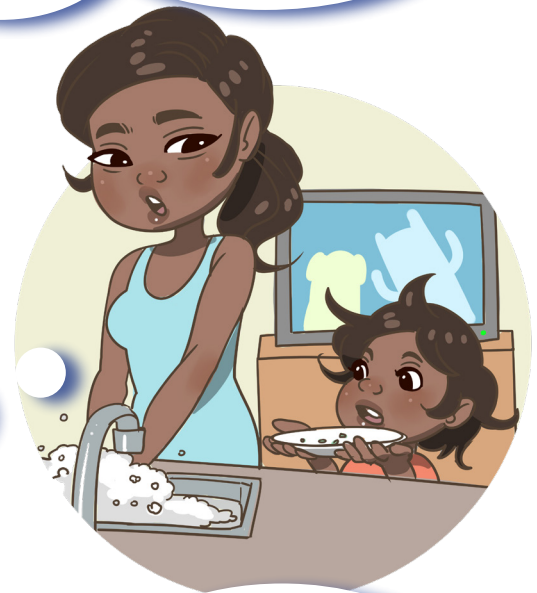
3. When it's quiet, if you ask your child to do something easy, can they do it?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

4. And when it's noisy?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

e.g. 'sit down', 'Come here', 'Give me the cup', 'Put it in the bin.'



5. When it's quiet, does your child join in conversation with you, or with someone they know?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

6. And when it's noisy?

☐ **NOT YET / A LITTLE** ☐ **SOMETIMES** ☐ **A LOT / ALWAYS**

e.g. making happy or babbling noises; answering or asking questions



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7. When it's quiet, and you're talking, singing or telling a story, does your child join in & follow?

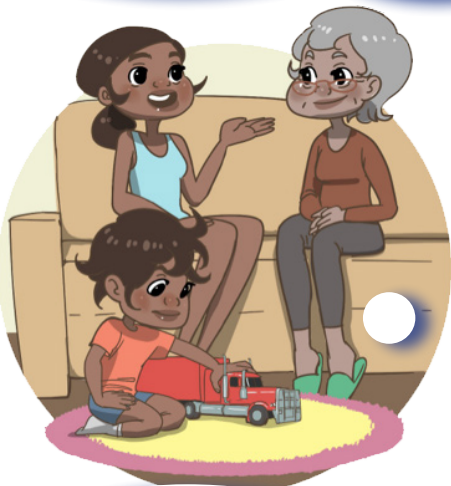
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e.g. settles & listens, sings along, copies, ask questions about a story.

8. When it's noisy, does your child understand you when they can't see you?

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT / ALWAYS

e.g. in the stroller/pram facing away; in the car – child in the back & parent/carer in front.



9. Without seeing them, does your child know people by their voices?

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT / ALWAYS

e.g. bub hears Dad & looks for him; knows who's on the phone; knows who's talking in another room.

9. Does your child notice other sounds around them?

☐ NOT YET / A LITTLE ☐ SOMETIMES ☐ A LOT / ALWAYS

e.g. knock at the door, dogs in the distance, birds, cars, TV sounds, phone, rain and thunder, sirens.



ANSWERS	HOW MANY TICKED	CALCULATE	SCORE
NOT YET / A LITTLE		x 0	
SOMETIMES		x 5	
A LOT / ALWAYS		x 10	
TOTAL SCORE			