

McCormick Toy Test Instructions



Performing the McCormick Toy Test (McTT)

Using the boxed set of McCormick toys, bring out each toy in turn and encourage the child to name it. Any toy that the child cannot identify, should not be included (the second toy in the pair should also be removed). You should include as many toys as possible, with a minimum of two pairs being required for a valid test to be performed.

TOY PAIRS	
PLANE	PLATE
DUCK	CUP
SHOE	SPOON
KEY	TREE
COW	HOUSE
HORSE	FORK
MAN	LAMB

Having prepared a suitable display of toys, you should indicate that the child should point to the relevant toy when they hears its name.

A child with normal hearing should be able to identify the toys present at 40dBA. The criteria for passing the test is a 80% correct score (4 out of 5 pairs of toys).

Current recommendations suggest that any child who is unable to identify 80% of the toys at a hearing level of 40 dBA should be referred to a specialised audiology centre for further testing.

When testing some children, it may be necessary to space the toys further apart and use eye pointing responses. Occasional shuffling of the toys will often help regain the interest of a child with a short attention span. When only a few items are used, more repetition will be required in order to ensure consistent aural discrimination. You should pay particular attention to children who look to you for visual clues, or those who have a habit of pointing one ear to the speaker during the test.

Further details of the McCormick Toy Test can be found at

The Toy Discrimination Test: an aid for screening the hearing of children above the mental age of two years. Public Health 1197 91 67-63 Barry McCormick