

# BKB Sentence Lists

## Instructions



### Performing the Bamford-Kowal-Bench Sentence Lists (BKB)

The original BKB test comprises of 21 lists, each having 16 sentences and 50 key words per sentence (3 or 4 per sentence). We have used 20 of the 21 available lists and split them into 4 groups of 5 lists. The recordings were made by the Institute of Hearing Research, Medical Research Council (IHR/MRC) and University College London (UCL) and are both male and female speakers.

The test is designed with the aim of equal difficulty across the lists. Although designed for testing children (the sentences were compiled from the utterances of hearing-impaired children aged 8-15), they are also useful and appropriate for testing adults.

For example, List 1: The target words are shown in CAPITALS.

Sentence	Spoken words	Maximum Score
1	the CLOWN had a FUNNY FACE	3
2	the CAR ENGINE'S RUNNING	3
3	SHE CUT with her KNIFE	3
4	CHILDREN LIKE STRAWBERRIES	3
5	the HOUSE had NINE ROOMS	3
6	THEY'RE BUYING some BREAD	3
7	the GREEN TOMATOES are SMALL	3
8	HE PLAYED with his TRAIN	3
9	the POSTMAN SHUT the GATE	3
10	THEY'RE LOOKING AT the CLOCK	4
11	the BAG BUMPS on the GROUND	3
12	the BOY DID a HANDSTAND	3
13	a CAT SITS ON the BED	4
14	the LORRY CARRIED FRUIT	3
15	the RAIN CAME DOWN	3
16	the ICE CREAM was PINK	3
	TOTAL	50

The test is scored by asking the child to repeat the spoken sentence and identifying the correctly spoken target words. The final score being the number of correctly identified words from the list of 50, expressed as a percentage.

Ref: Bamford J, Koval A, Bench J, (1979) The BKB (Bamford-Koval-Bench) sentence lists for partially-hearing children, British Journal of Audiology, 13 108-112.