

Global Review of Speech Audiometry Tests

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- ❑ Historical perspective**
- ❑ Speech audiometry is important**
 - An essential component in a diagnostic test battery**
 - Types of speech audiometry procedures**
 - Advantages of recorded test materials**
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Foundation of Speech Audiometry: Bell Telephone Laboratories



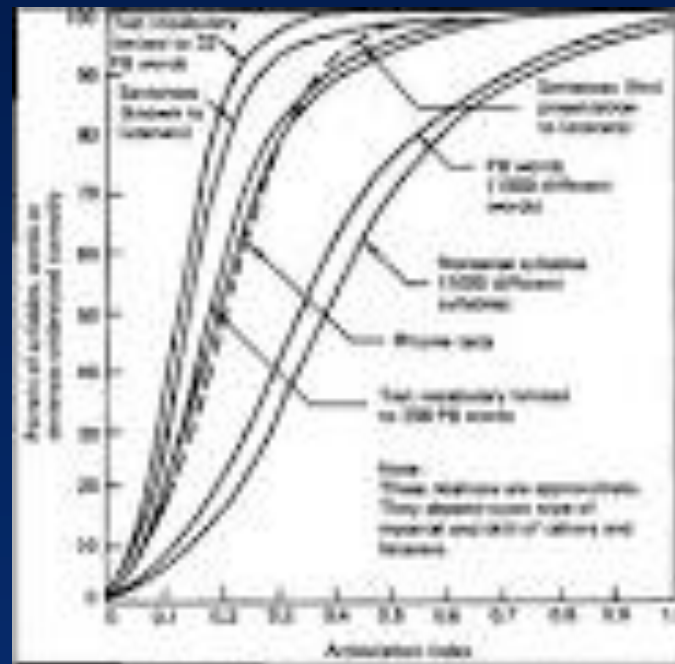
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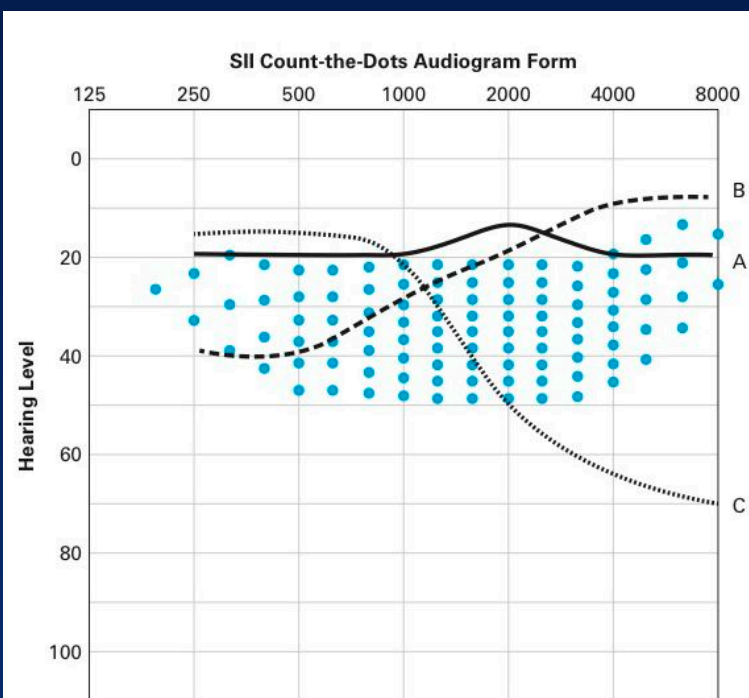
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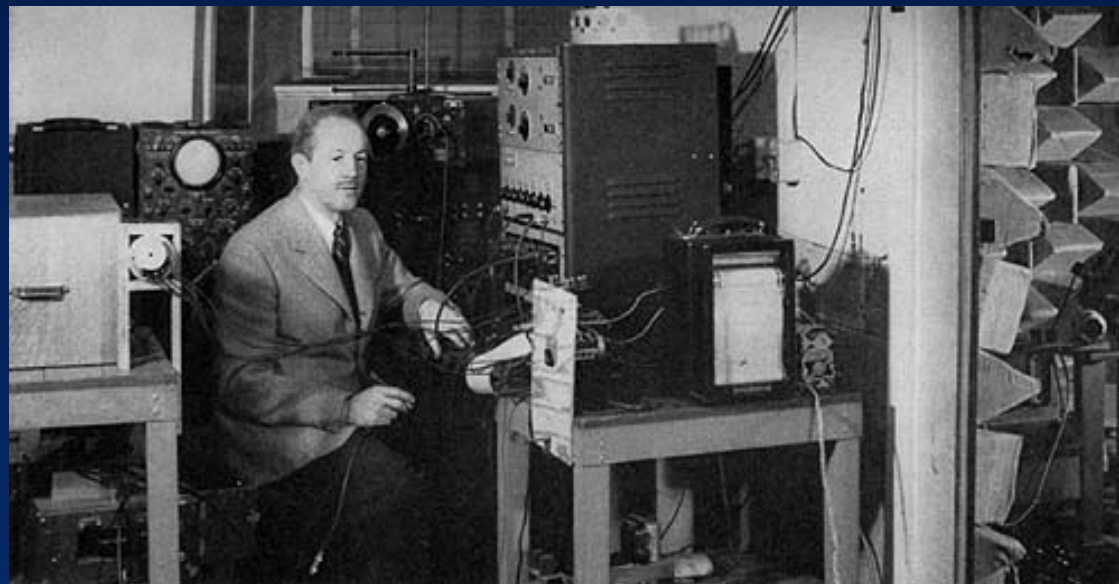
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Foundation of Speech Audiometry: Articulation Index Research is Applied in the “Count-the-Dots” Audiogram

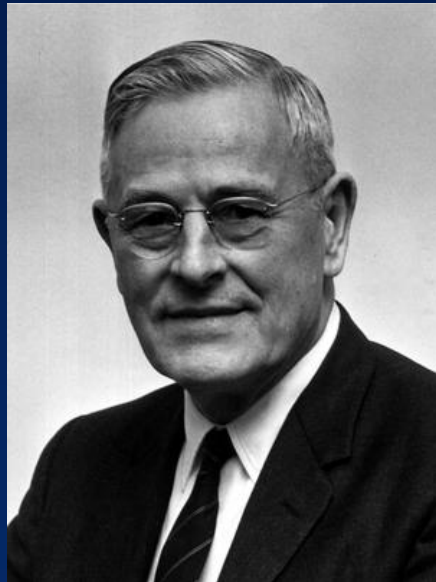


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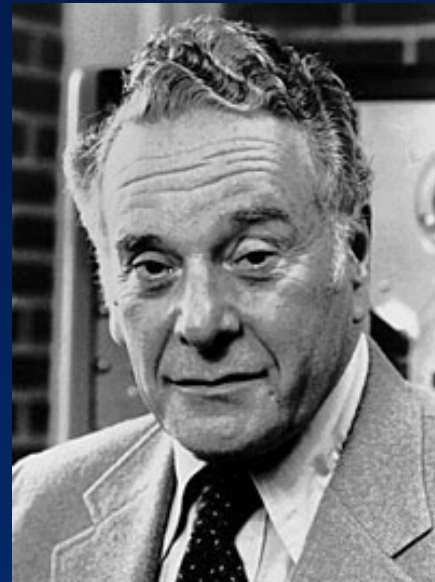


SS Stevens
(1906-1973)

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Hallowell Davis
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Ira Hirsh
(1922-2010)

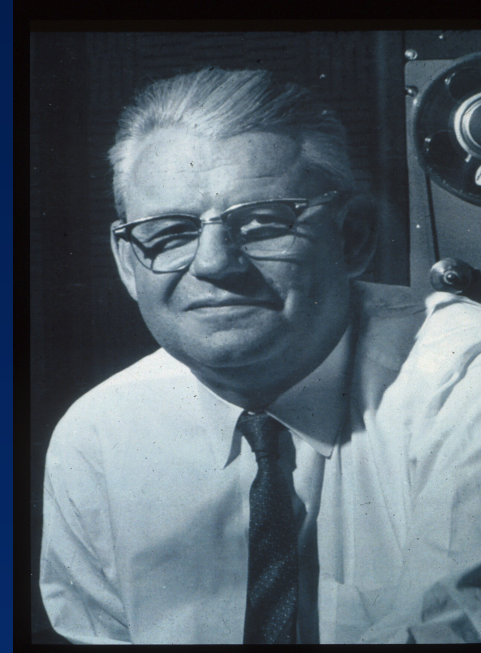
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Audiology Test Battery: 60+ years Ago

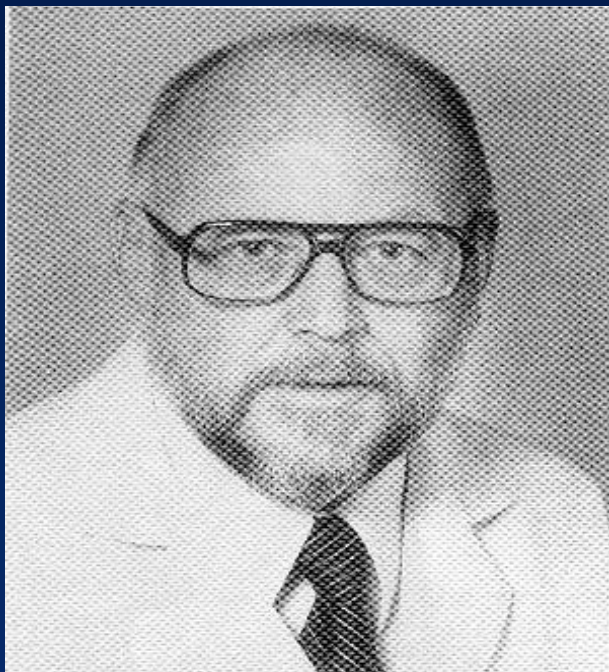
- Test battery at the beginning of our profession, in order of test administration
 - Air-conduction pure tone audiometry
 - Bone-conduction pure tone audiometry
 - Speech reception thresholds
 - Word recognition (PB word lists)
 - Uncomfortable loudness level (UCL), i.e., loudness discomfort level (LDL)

Source: Wiener F & Miller G. Hearing aids. In Combat Instruments II. Washington, D.C. NDRC Report 117, 216-232, 1946



Raymond Carhart

James Jerger
“Father of Diagnostic Audiology”
Developed Speech Audiometry Procedures in the 1960s



GSI 162 Speech Audiometer

Audiometers for Speech Audiometry from the 1970s to the Present



GSI 10



GSI 61



GSI 16



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A Modern Audiometer for Speech Audiometry GSI AudioStar Pro



A Modern Audiometer for Speech Audiometry

GSI AudioStar Pro

Joe Frank

Speech

Channel 1

0 dB HL

INT A Left

PTA AC: 47 BC:

Ear	Test Type	Int Ext Mic

Playground	
Padlock	
Oatmeal	Greyhound
Stairway	Woodwork
Workshop	Pancake
Farewell	

Score - SRT

%

Word Lists

Favorites:

Source: Internal

CD Name: Basic Auditory Tests - Adult

Word List: Spondee A

Save Cancel

Channel 2

0 dB HL

Left Speaker2

Aid	%	dB HL	dB EM

Iceberg	
Whitewash	
Hothouse	
Railroad	
Sidewalk	

Test Type Word Lists Word Nav Aided 5 dB Step 11:50 AM 9/23/2013

A Modern Audiometer for Speech Audiometry GSI AudioStar Pro

Speech

Channel 1

30

dB HL

INT A Right Insert Phone

-20 -10 -5 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3

Score - WRS

Channel 2

0

dB HL

Speech Noise Left Insert Phone

-20 -10 -5 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3

PTA AC: 22 BC: SII: 70% Right Reliability

PTA AC: 23 BC: SII: 72% Left

Ear	Test Type	Int Ext Mic	Word List	Aid	%	dB HL	dB EM
R	SRT	INT	Spondee A			30	

Ear	Test Type	Int Ext Mic	Word List	Aid	%	dB HL	dB EM
L	SRT	INT	Spondee A			30	

Basic Auditory Tests - Child : PBK-50 List 1A Page 1/2

Please	Great	Sled	Pants	Rat	Bad	Pinch
Such	Bus	Need	Ways	Five	Mouth	Rag
Put	Fed	Fold	Hunt	No	Box	Are
Teach	Slice	Is	Tree	Smile	Bath	Slip
Ride	E				art	Scab
Lay	Cl				ee	Few

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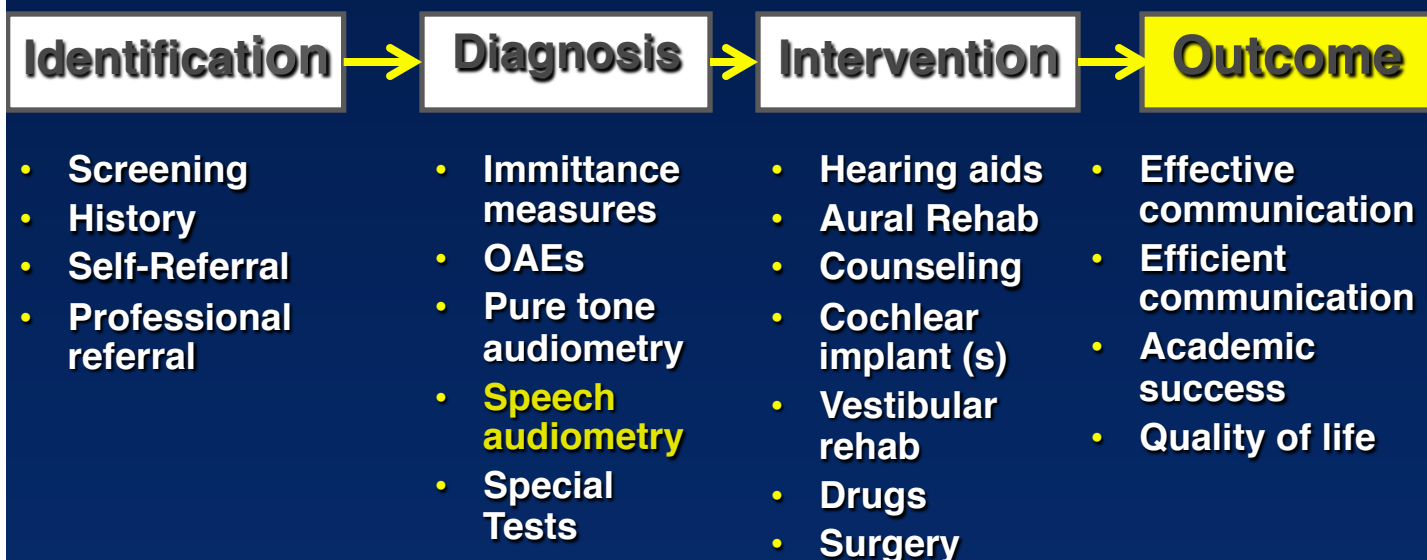
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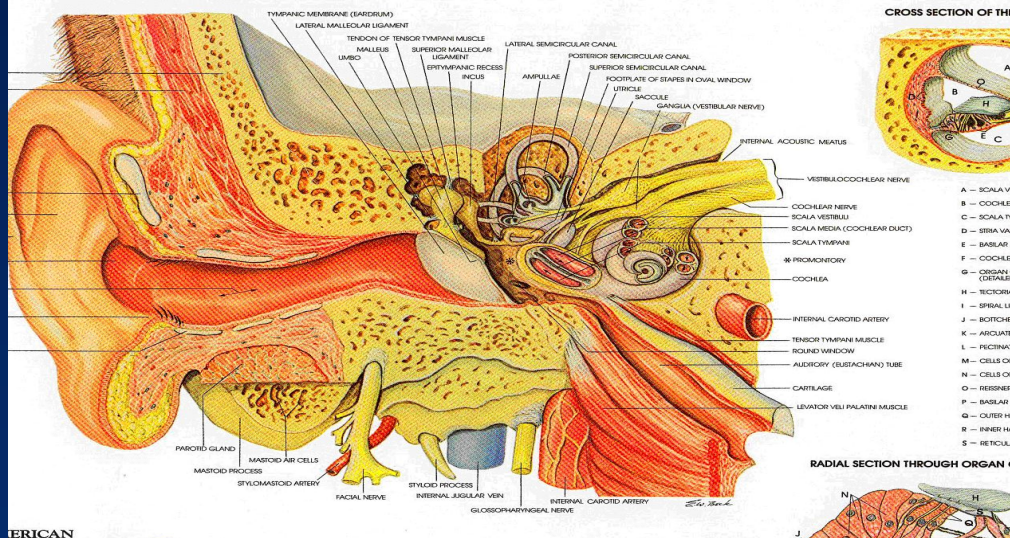
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Speech Audiometry in Evidence-Based Practice: Categories of Research Evidence (ASHA, 2004)



Speech Audiometry Assessment of the Peripheral Auditory System

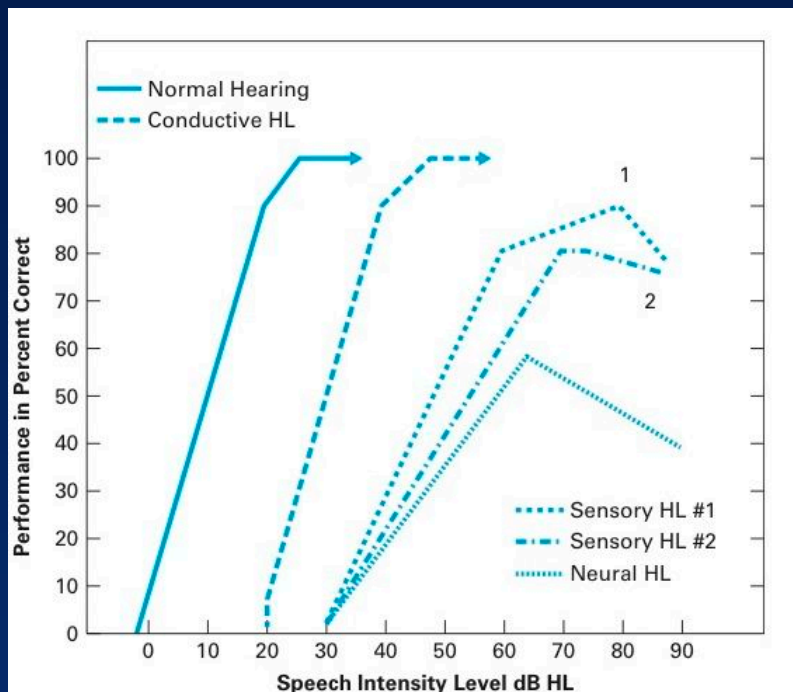
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Speech Audiometry Procedures for General Auditory Assessment

- ❑ Threshold measures
 - Speech awareness or detection tests (SAT or SDT)
 - Speech recognition threshold (SRT)
- ❑ Word recognition tests
 - Phonetically balanced word lists (≥ 25 words)
 - Verbal or picture pointing response mode
 - Efficiency is increased with 10 most difficult words first
 - **Performance intensity functions are most accurate measure**
- ❑ Speech-in-noise tests, e.g.,
 - **Speech-in-noise (SIN) or QuickSIN**
 - Hearing in Noise Test (HINT)

Speech Audiometry Procedures for Performance Intensity Functions for PB Words



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A Modern Audiometer for Speech Audiometry GSI AudioStar Pro with QuickSIN

Joe Frank QuickSIN

Channel 1

70 dB HL

INT A Left Speaker2

20 -10 -5 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3

Group 1 SNR Loss Averages

	R	B	L
Basic			
HFE			
HFE-LP			

Group 2 SNR Loss Averages

	R	B	L
Basic			
HFE			
HFE-LP			

Channel 2

0 dB HL

INT B Left Speaker2

20 -10 -5 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3

BVRA

PTA AC: 47 BC: SII: 24% Right Reliability None PTA AC: BC: SII: Left

Test Results Group 1

Ear	Word List	SNR 50	SNR Loss

Test Results Group 1

Ear	Word List	SNR 50	SNR Loss

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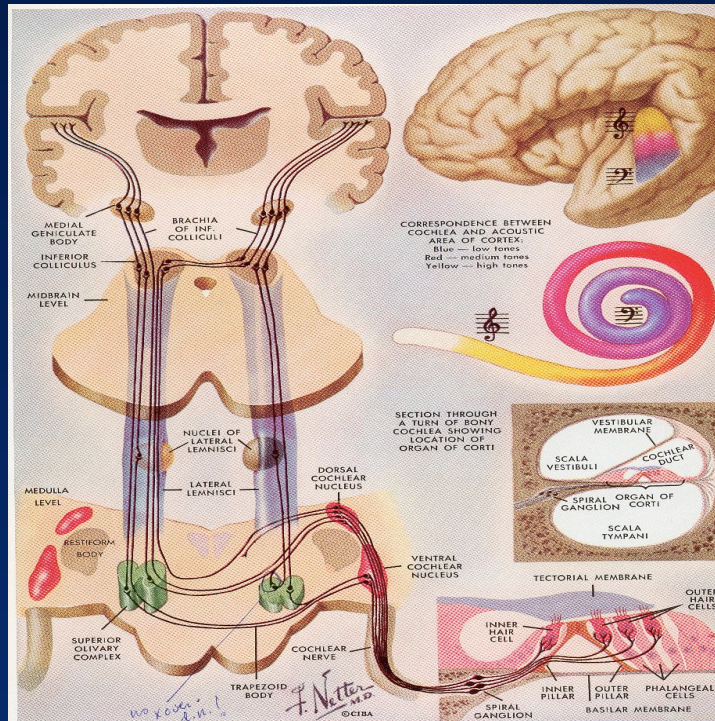
QuickSIN Practice List A (Track 21)

The LAKE SPARKLED in the RED HOT SUN.	S/N 25	-
TEND the SHEEP WHILE the DOG WANDERS	S/N 20	-
TAKE TWO SHARES as a FAIR PROFIT	S/N 15	-
NORTH WINDS BRING COLDs and FEVERs	S/N 10	-
a SASH of GOLD SILK will TRIM har DRESS	S/N 5	-
FAKE STONES SHINE but COST LITTLE	S/N 0	-
Sum		0

Word Lists ☐ Word Nav ☐ Aided ☐ 5 dB Step 1 Group ☐ Research ☐

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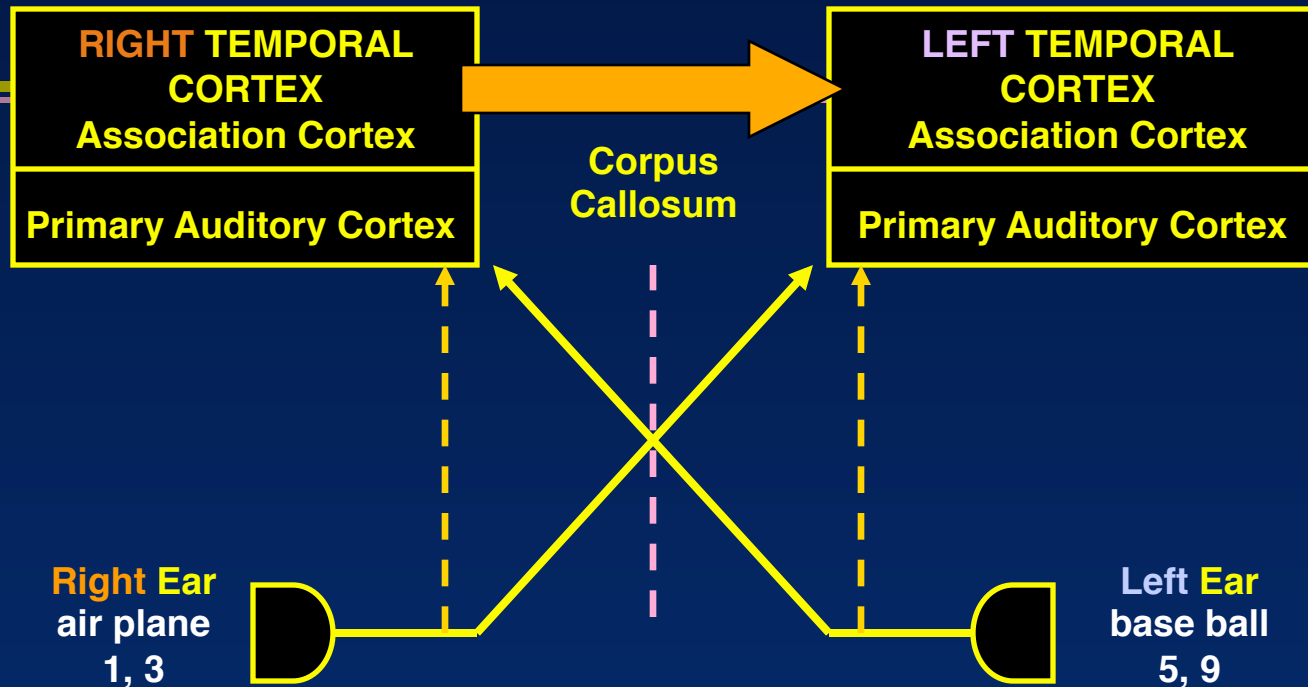
We Hear with Our Brain! Speech Audiometry Permits Efficient and Sensitive Assessment of the Central Auditory Nervous System



Speech Audiometry Procedures for Central Auditory Assessment

- ❑ Behavioral measures
 - Speech-in-noise tests
 - Distorted speech tests
 - ✓ Filtered speech materials
 - ✓ Time compressed speech materials
 - **Dichotic listening tests**
- ❑ Objective measures
 - Speech evoked auditory brainstem response (ABR)
 - Speech evoked cortical auditory evoked responses

Dichotic Listening Paradigm



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Global Review of Speech Audiometry Tests: Advantages of Recorded Test Materials

- ☐ Tests consist of carefully selected words spoken by a single person without a distinct dialect
- ☐ Materials are available for male or female speakers
- ☐ Speech is professionally recorded in a sound studio with high quality equipment
- ☐ Speech intensity level is calibrated with an audiometer and presented consistently throughout the test
- ☐ Variability in patient performance is minimized permitting comparison of test results over time
- ☐ Speech materials are the same
 - Each time they are used in a clinic
 - From one clinic to the next

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Development of a Mandarin monosyllable test material with homogenous items (I): Homogeneity selection

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Chinese speech audiometry material: Past, present, future

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Global Review of Speech Audiometry Tests: Recent Review of Chinese Language Speech Audiometry Materials (Ma, McPherson & Ma, 2013)

Table I. Summary of selected speech audiometric material developed for mainland China adults.

Authors	Year	Institute	Test materials	Characteristics
Zhang Y (21)	1955	Beijing Hospital	Disyllabic words	First speech test material in Mainland China
Cai X (22)	1963	PLA Guangzhou General Hospital	Disyllabic spondaic words	First to relate speech test results to hearing loss pathologies
Cheng J (23)	1966	Shanghai Ruijin Hospital	Monosyllabic, disyllabic, and trisyllabic words	Structure followed the test battery developed at the Harvard Psychoacoustic Laboratory
Shen Y, Wang S (24)	1983	Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Monosyllabic words	Psychometrical equivalence evaluation
Bao Z (25)	1986	Institute of Acoustics, Nanjing University	Monosyllabic words	For assessing the intelligibility of speech transduced through communication equipment
Gu R et al. (26)	1985	PLA General Hospital, Beijing	Staggered spondaic words and competing sentences	Collected normative data
Zhang H et al. (30)	1990	Peking Union Medical College Hospital	Speech material and lip-reading test material	For patients with profound hearing loss
Zhang J (31)	1995	Chinese National Technical Committee	Monosyllabic words	Standardized lists by Chinese National Technical Committee
Krenmayr A et al. (37)	2011	Beijing Institute of Otolaryngology, and the University of Innsbruck	Loudness-balanced syllables in all four Mandarin tones	Tonal speech test for cochlear implant adults
Chen X et al. (46)	2001	Beijing Institute of Otolaryngology	Words, sentences, tones, vowels and consonants	Computerized training and evaluation system
Zhang H et al. (47)	2008	Beijing Institute of Otolaryngology	Monosyllabic, disyllabic words and sentences	List equivalence was evaluated
Ji F, Xi X (48)	2007	PLA Institute of Otolaryngology, Beijing	Monosyllabic words	Well-validated phonetically balanced material
Nissen S et al. (50,51)	2005	Brigham Young University, Utah	Disyllabic and trisyllabic words	Materials were psychometrically equivalent and digitally recorded
Wong L et al. (74)	2007	The University of Hong Kong, and Beijing Institute of Otolaryngology	Sentences	Adaptive test protocols for adult Mandarin speakers

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Development of the Mandarin Hearing in Noise Test (MHINT)

Lena L. N. Wong, Sigfrid D. Soli, Sha Liu, Na Han, and Ming-Wei Huang

Objective: To develop two versions of the Mandarin Hearing In Noise Test (MHINT). These tests are adaptive tests that measure the reception threshold for sentences (RTSs) in quiet and in noise. The RTS is the presentation level at which half the sentences are correctly recognized.

enced results for the MHINT to be compared directly with results in other languages. The MHINT would benefit from further evaluation of its validity.

(Ear & Hearing 2007;28;70S-74S)

Speech audiometry serves as a diagnostic tool and

Global Review of Speech Audiometry Tests: of Chinese Language Hearing in Noise Test (Cantonese)

Development of the Cantonese Hearing In Noise Test (CHINT)

Lena L. N. Wong and Sigfrid D. Soli

Objective: To develop a Cantonese version of the Hearing In Noise Test (CHINT) with the same features as the English Hearing In Noise Test (HINT) (Nilsson, Soli, & Sullivan, 1994).

test. The CHINT would benefit from further evaluation of validity.

(Ear & Hearing 2005;26;276-289)

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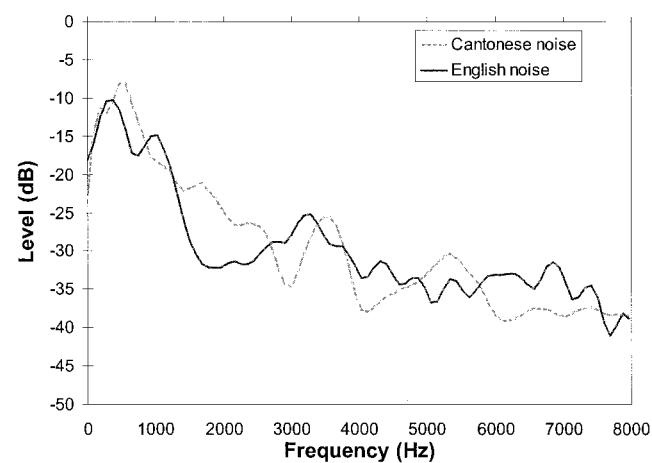


Fig. 1. Long-term average spectrum of Cantonese and English Hearing In Noise Test speech and noise.

**Zhu et al (2012). Mandarin Chinese speech recognition by
pediatric cochlear implant users. *Int J Pedi ORL*, 75, 793-800**
Two Syllable Word Materials

Appendix 1

Example of disyllable test list.

Number	Mandarin	Chinese Pinyin	English meaning
1	上课	shàng kè	class
2	集合	jí hé	put together
3	大门	dà mén	gate
4	设立	shè lì	found
5	担心	dān xīn	worry
6	忘记	wàng jì	forget
7	道歉	dào qiàn	sorry
8	电池	diàn chí	battery
9	地址	dì zhǐ	address
10	儿童	ér tóng	child

Zhu et al (2012). Mandarin Chinese speech recognition by pediatric cochlear implant users. *Int J Pedi ORL*, 75, 793-800

Sentence Materials

Appendix 2

Example of sentence test list.

Number	Mandarin Sentence	Number of keywords	Chinese Pinyin	English meaning
1	<u>快</u> 请进！	2	kuài qǐng jìn!	Please come in!
2	现在 <u>起</u> 床。	2	xiàn zài qǐ chuáng.	Get up now.
3	<u>这</u> 双鞋太 <u>小</u> 了。	3	zhè shuāng xié tài xiǎo le.	These shoes are too small.
4	<u>他</u> 去邮局买邮 <u>票</u> 。	7	tā qù yóu jú mǎi yóu piào.	He goes to the post office to buy stamps.
5	<u>星</u> 期天一起 <u>去</u> 爬 <u>山</u> 。	7	xīng qī tiān yì qǐ qù pá shān.	We will climb a mountain together on Sunday.
6	<u>借</u> 的东 <u>西</u> 我 <u>已</u> 经 <u>还</u> 了。	6	jiè de dōng xī wǒ yǐ jīng huá le.	I already returned all the things I borrowed.

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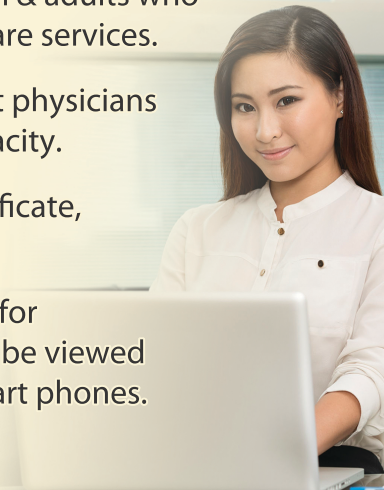
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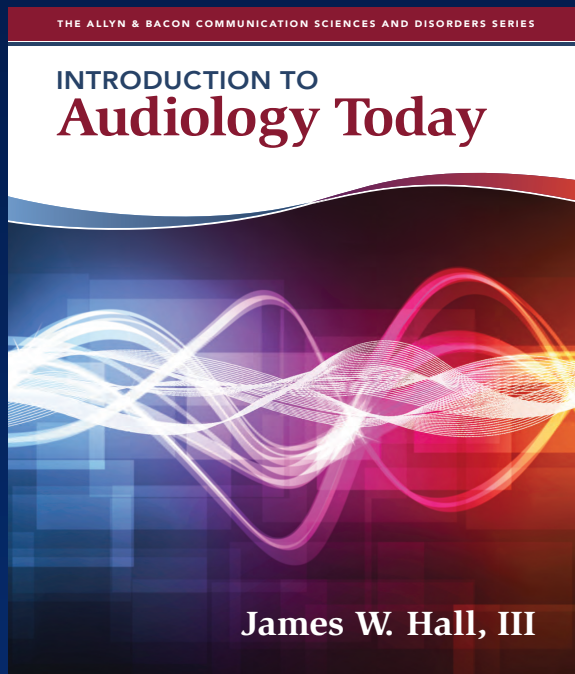
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