



Communication Modality Assessment

Answer Yes or No to the preceding questions. Use the scoring guide below to determine the recommended communication modality

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| 1. The individual points to objects | YES | NO |
| 2. The individual babbles at least 6 times in an hour | YES | NO |
| 3. The individual tolerates physical prompting | YES | NO |
| 4. The individual has at least 1 word in his repertoire | YES | NO |
| 5. The individual has demonstrated imitation skills | YES | NO |
| 6. The individual has demonstrated receptive language skills | YES | NO |
| 7. The individual can imitate at least 2 sounds upon request | YES | NO |
| 8. The individual enjoys cause and effect toys (push a button to make noise/light up) | YES | NO |
| 9. The individual is able to pick up small objects with fingers | YES | NO |
| 10. The individual can expressively label at least 2 items | YES | NO |
| 11. The individual becomes easily frustrated | YES | NO |
| 12. The individual has difficulty sitting in one spot for a given task | YES | NO |
| 13. The individual tolerates others manipulating his hands | YES | NO |
| 14. The individual appears "unaware" of other people | YES | NO |
| 15. The individual can operate a DVD/VCR player | YES | NO |
| 16. The individual says at least one word in a given hour | YES | NO |
| 17. The individual only (or most of the time) gets items himself | YES | NO |
| 18. The individual can reliably play a computer game | YES | NO |
| 19. The individual uses gestures to get his needs met (example: puts arms up to be held) | YES | NO |
| 20. The individual brings items to you when he needs help | YES | NO |
| 21. The individual brings items to you when he wants interaction | YES | NO |
| 22. The individual rarely seeks attention (does not include attention seeking tantrums) | YES | NO |
| 23. The individual has echolalia | YES | NO |
| 24. The individual can reliably navigate the web to reach a desirable website/program | YES | NO |
| 25. The individual can walk/move to get to a desired location/person | YES | NO |



Scoring Guide

The row with the most circles corresponds with a likely recommended communication modality

| Circle the items answered "YES". | Recommended Communication Modality |
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| 2 4 7 10 16 23 | Vocal Words |
| 1 3 5 9 13 19 | Sign Language |
| 1 6 9 12 20 21 25 | Picture Exchange |
| 1 8 11 | Low Tech Augmentative Communication |
| 3 5 6 13 15 18 24 | High Tech Augmentative Communication |
| 11 14 17 22 | Pre-Requisite Communication Training |