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Verbal Fluency: Phonemic Test

Materials

1-minute timer

SAY: "I'm going to say a letter of the alphabet. When I ask you to start, tell me as many words as you can that begin with that letter. You will have 1 minute before I tell you to stop. None of the words can be <u>numbers</u>, or <u>names of people</u>, or <u>places</u>.

"For example, if I gave you the letter B, you could say brown, bottle, or bake, but you wouldn't say Barbara, Boston, or billion. Also, please try not to give me the same word with different endings. So if you said bake, you wouldn't also say baked or bakes. And if you said big, you wouldn't also say bigger and biggest.

"Let's begin. Tell me all the words you can, as quickly as you can, that begin with the letter F. Ready? Begin."

Administration

Start timer after completing instructions. Write actual responses as legibly as possible. Stop the procedure at 60 seconds.

Prompts

- 1. If the participant pauses for 15 seconds:
 - · "Keep going."
 - . "What other words beginning with F can you think of?"
- 2. If the participant gives three consecutive words that do not start with the designated letter (provide this prompt only once during this condition):
 - . "We are now using the letter F."

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SAMPLE WORKSHEET

Record F responses:

1.	11.	21.	31.
2.	12.	22.	32.
3.	13.	23.	33.
4.	14.	24.	34.
5.	15.	25.	35.
6.	16.	26.	36.
7.	17.	27.	37.
8.	18.	28.	38.
9.	19.	29.	39.
10.	20.	30.	40.

SCORING	Number of correct F-words generated in 1 minute (0–40)	
	Number of F-words repeated in 1 minute (0–15)	
	Number of non-F-words and rule violation errors in 1 minute (0–15)	

SAY: "Now I want you to do the same for another letter. The next letter is L. Ready? Begin."

Start timer after completing instructions. Write actual responses as legibly as possible. Stop the procedure at 60 seconds.

Prompts

- 1. If the participant pauses for 15 seconds:
 - · "Keep going."
 - . "What other words beginning with L can you think of?"
- 2. If the participant gives three consecutive words that do not start with the designated letter (provide this prompt only once during this condition):
 - . "We are now using the letter L."

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SAMPLE WORKSHEET

Record L responses:

1.	11.	21.	31.
2.	12.	22.	32.
3.	13.	23.	33.
4.	14.	24.	34.
5.	15.	25.	35.
6.	16.	26.	36.
7.	17.	27.	37.
8.	18.	28.	38.
9.	19.	29.	39.
10.	20.	30.	40.

SCORING	Number of correct L-words generated in 1 minute (0–40)	
	Number of L-words repeated in 1 minute (0–15)	
	Number of non-L-words and rule violation errors in 1 minute (0–15)	
	TOTAL number of correct F-words and L-words (0–80)	
	TOTAL number of F-word and L-word repetition errors (0–30)	
	TOTAL number of non-F/L words and rule violation errors (0–30)	

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