

Inventory of Home Stimulation

HOME Observation for Measurement of the Environment
Inventory for Ages 3-6

42 mo. / 54 mo.
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1 = yes
2 = no

I. PROVISION OF STIMULATION THROUGH EQUIPMENT, TOYS,
AND EXPERIENCES.

Yes No No. Info

1-12 The following are present in home and either belong
to child subject or he is allowed to play with them:

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1. Toys to learn colors, sizes, shapes--toy type-
writer, presscuts, play school, peg boards, etc.

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2. Toy or game facilitating learning letters
(e.g., blocks with letters, toy typewriter,
letter sticks, books about letters, etc.)

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3. Three or more puzzles.

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4. Two toys necessitating some finger and whole
hand movement (crayons and coloring books,
paper dolls, etc.)

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5. Record player and at least five children's
records.

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6. Real or toy musical instrument (piano, drum,
toy xylophone or guitar, etc.)

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7. Toy or game permitting free expression (finger
paints, play dough, crayons or paint and paper,
etc.)

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8. Toys or game necessitating refined movements
(paint by number, dot book, paper dolls,
crayons and coloring books.)

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9. Toys to learn animals--books about animals,
circus games, animal puzzles, etc.

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10. Toy or game facilitating learning numbers
(e.g., blocks with numbers, books about
numbers, games with numbers, etc.)

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11. Building toys (blocks, tinker toys, Lincoln
blocks, Lego, etc.)

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12. Ten children's books.

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13. At least ten books are present and visible in the
apartment.

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			Yes	No	No.	Info.
umn	<u>21</u>	14.	Family buys a newspaper daily and reads it.	—	—	—
	<u>22</u>	15.	Family subscribes to at least one magazine.	—	—	—
	<u>23</u>	16.	Family member has taken child on one outing (picnic, shopping excursion) at least every other week.	—	—	—
	<u>24</u>	17.	Child has been taken out to eat in some kind of restaurant three-four times in the past year.	—	—	—
		18-20	Child has been taken by a family member to the following within the past year:			
	<u>25</u>	18.	Airport	—	—	—
	<u>26</u>	19.	A trip more than 50 miles from his home (50 mile radial distance not total distance.)	—	—	—
	<u>27</u>	20.	A scientific, historical, or art museum.	—	—	—
	<u>28</u>	21.	Child is taken to grocery store at least once a week.	—	—	—
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II. STIMULATION OF MATURE BEHAVIOR

			Yes	No	No.	Info.
		22-29	Child is encouraged to learn the following:			
	<u>29</u>	22.	Colors	—	—	—
	<u>30</u>	23.	Shapes	—	—	—
	<u>31</u>	24.	Patterned speech (nursery rhymes, prayers, songs, TV commercials, etc.)	—	—	—
	<u>32</u>	25.	The alphabet	—	—	—
	<u>33</u>	26.	To tell time	—	—	—
	<u>34</u>	27.	Spatial relationships (up, down, under, big, little, etc.)	—	—	—
	<u>35</u>	28.	Numbers	—	—	—
	<u>36</u>	29.	To read a few words	—	—	—
	<u>37</u>	30.	Tries to get child to pick up and put away toys after play session--without help.	—	—	—

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		Yes	No	No. Info.
mn 38	31. Child is taught rules of social behavior which involve recognition of rights of others.	_____	_____	_____
39	32. Parent teaches child some simple manners--to say, "please," "Thank you," "I'm sorry."	_____	_____	_____
40	33. Some delay of food gratification is demanded for the child, e.g., not to whine or demand food unless within 1/2 hour of meal time.	_____	_____	_____
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III. PROVISION OF A STIMULATING PHYSICAL AND LANGUAGE ENVIRONMENT (Observation items, except **45)

		Yes	No	No. Info
41	34. Building has no potentially dangerous structural or health defect (e.g., plaster coming down from ceiling; stairway with boards missing, rodents, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
42	35. Child's outside play environment appears safe and free of hazards. (No outside play area requires an automatic "no".)	_____	_____	_____
43	36. The interior of the apartment is not dark or perceptably monotonous.	_____	_____	_____
44	37. House is not overly noisy--television, shouts of children, radio, etc.	_____	_____	_____
45	38. Neighborhood has trees, grass, birds--is esthetically pleasing.	_____	_____	_____
46	39. There is at least 100 square feet of living space per person in the house.	_____	_____	_____
47	40. In terms of available floor space, the rooms are not overcrowded with furniture.	_____	_____	_____
48	41. All visible rooms of the house are reasonably clean and minimally cluttered.	_____	_____	_____
49	42. Mother* used complex sentence structure and some long words in conversing.	_____	_____	_____
50	43. Mother uses correct grammar and pronunciation.	_____	_____	_____

*throughout interview this refers to mother or other caregiver who is present for interview.

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		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No. Info.</u>
mn <u>51</u>	44. Mother's speech is distinct clear and audible.	—	—	—
<u>52</u>	**45. Family has TV, and it is used judiciously, not left on continuously. (No TV requires an automatic "No"—any scheduling scores "Yes".)	—	—	—
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		SUBSCORE columns		

IV. AVOIDANCE OF RESTRICTION AND PUNISHMENT
 (Observation items, except **51 and **52)

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No. Info.</u>
<u>53</u>	46. Mother does not scold or derogate child more than once during visit.	—	—	—
<u>54</u>	47. Mother does not use physical restrain, shake, grab, pinch child during visit.	—	—	—
<u>55</u>	48. Mother neither slaps nor spansks child during visit.	—	—	—
<u>56</u>	49. Mother does not express over-annoyance with or hostility toward child--complain, say child is "bad" or won't mind.	—	—	—
<u>57</u>	50. Child is not punished or ridiculed for speech.	—	—	—
<u>58</u>	**51. No more than one instance of physical punishment occurred during the past week. (accept parental report)	—	—	—
<u>59</u>	**52. Child does not get slapped or spanked for spilling food or drink.	—	—	—
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		SUBSCORE columns		

V. PRIDE, AFFECTION AND THOUGHTFULNESS
 (Observation items except **53, **54, **55, **56, **57, **58, **59)

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No. Info.</u>
<u>60</u>	**53. Parent turns on special TV program regarded as "good" for children (Captain Kangaroo, Magic Toy Shop, Walt Disney, Flipper, Lassie, Educational TV, etc.	—	—	—
<u>61</u>	**54. Someone reads stories to child or shows and comments on pictures in magazines five times weekly.	—	—	—

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		Yes	No	No. Info.
mn 62	**55. Parent encourages child to relate experiences or takes time to listen to him relate experiences.	_____	_____	_____
63	**56. Parent holds child close ten to fifteen minutes per day, e.g., during TV, story time, visiting.	_____	_____	_____
64	**57. Parent occasionally sings to child, or sings in presence of child.	_____	_____	_____
65	**58. Child has a special place in which to keep his toys and "treasures."	_____	_____	_____
66	**59. Child's are work is displayed some place in house (anything that child makes.)	_____	_____	_____
67	60. Mother introduces interviewer to child.	_____	_____	_____
68	61. Mother converses with child at least twice during visit (scolding and suspicious comments not counted.)	_____	_____	_____
69	62. Mother answers child's questions or requests verbally.	_____	_____	_____
70	63. Mother usually responds verbally to child's talking.	_____	_____	_____
71	64. Mother provides toys or interesting activities or in other ways structures situation for child during visit when her attention will be elsewhere. (To score "yes" mother must make an active guiding gesture or suggestion to structure child's play.)	_____	_____	_____
72	65. Mother spontaneously praises child's qualities or behavior twice during visit.	_____	_____	_____
73	66. When speaking of or to child, mother's voice conveys positive feeling.	_____	_____	_____
74	67. Mother caresses, kisses or cuddles child at least once during visit.	_____	_____	_____
75	68. Mother sets up situation that allows child to show off during visit.	_____	_____	_____
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SUBSCORE columns 23-24				

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VI. MASCULINE STIMULATION

Yes No No. Info.

mns 76 69. Child sees and spends some time with father or father figure four days a week. _____

77 70. Child eats at least one meal per day, on most days, with mother (or mother figure) and father (or father figure). (One-parent families get an automatic "no".) _____

71-73 The following are present in home and either belong to child subject or he is allowed to play with them:

79 71. Ride toy (tricycle, scooter, wagon, bike with or without training wheels.) _____

79 72. Medium wheel toys--trucks, trains, doll carriage, etc. _____

80 73. Large muscle toy (jump rope, swing, ball, climbing object, etc. 42mo 54mo
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VII. INDEPENDENCE FROM PARENTAL CONTROL

Yes No No. Info.

mn 9 74. Child is encouraged to try to dress himself. _____

9 75. Child is permitted to choose some of his clothing to be worn except on very special occasions. _____

10 76. Child is permitted some choice in lunch or breakfast menu. _____

11 77. Parent lets child choose certain favorite food products or brands at grocery store _____

12 78. Child is permitted to go to another house to play without having the caregiver accompany him. _____

13 79. Child can express negative feelings without harsh reprisal. _____

14 80. Child is permitted to hit parent without harsh reprisal. 42mo 54mo
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SUBSCORE columns 27-28

TOTAL SCORE columns 29-30