

COMMON CHILDREN'S PHRASES¹

LIST 1

Condition: _____

1. He fell down.
2. Clean this up.
3. It's not for you.
4. Can you see me?
5. Can I play now?
6. Look over there.
7. It's lunch time.
8. Can you help me?
9. Close your eyes.
10. Let me have it.
11. Clean up the mess.
12. Hold this toy.
13. Bring it here.
14. Who is missing?
15. Take my hand.
16. Ring the bell.
17. Let me have it.
18. You can't make me.
19. Can I have some?
20. Go right now.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /69) %

LIST 2

Condition: _____

1. Can I go play?
2. Who is that?
3. Can we go?
4. Have a nice day.
5. What's the matter?
6. What's going on?
7. How are you?
8. Can you play?
9. I don't want to.
10. It's snowing outside.
11. That is neat.
12. No way man.
13. Leave me alone.
14. Do I have to?
15. Where's the crayons?
16. Why can't I go?
17. I want that.
18. That's cool.
19. When can I?
20. No way.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /63) %

LIST 3

Condition: _____

1. See you later.
2. Got to go now.
3. Let me have it.
4. I'm tired.
5. That's awesome.
6. Way to go.
7. That's tough.
8. Turn the light off.
9. Stop that now.
10. Guess what?
11. Do you want to play?
12. Give it over.
13. Can we be friends?
14. She did it.
15. Do you know what?
16. You can't do that.
17. Watch this.
18. Tie my shoe.
19. What's up?
20. I can't find it.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /63) %

LIST 4

Condition: _____

1. Can I watch TV?
2. Where is it?
3. Let's go play.
4. I don't feel good.
5. Can we draw?
6. I want to.
7. Like my picture?
8. Can I go too?
9. Can we play that?
10. I want that toy.
11. Where are we going?
12. Where's my shoe?
13. Leave me alone.
14. Can we stop?
15. I want some.
16. That one is mine.
17. I get the front.
18. It was my turn.
19. Did you see mine?
20. Let's stop there.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /70) %

SCORING: Phrase- exact repetition of each phrase is required; score 5% for each correct phrase repeated.
 Word – circle incorrect word responses and subtract from total number of words, then calculate percent correct.

¹ Phrase lists have been matched for length and for comprehension difficulty using the Flesch Reading Ease Index.
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LIST 5

Condition: _____

1. Why can't I?
2. Do we have to?
3. Soccer is cool.
4. Can I open it?
5. Pick a team.
6. Where's my shoe?
7. How come?
8. I get to go.
9. Stop it now.
10. School was fun.
11. We played outside.
12. I know a song.
13. Can you do that?
14. Come in my house.
15. I don't know.
16. It's time for art.
17. Make my day.
18. I am hungry.
19. Go for it.
20. Why not?

Phrase Score (___/20) %

Word Score (___/65) %

LIST 6

Condition: _____

1. Know what Mom?
2. I'm sick.
3. Where's my present?
4. Give me that.
5. I didn't do it.
6. Put your shoes on.
7. That's so cool.
8. Who is it?
9. He threw it.
10. What time is it?
11. He tripped me.
12. Let's play Nintendo.
13. It's time for lunch.
14. Want to ride bikes?
15. This is dumb.
16. It's my turn.
17. I wrecked my bike.
18. Watch out.
19. My tooth is loose.
20. I want money.

Phrase Score (___/20) %

Word Score (___/65) %

LIST 7

Condition: _____

1. I broke my arm.
2. My lunch is gone.
3. Is it recess?
4. Do I have to?
5. Stay off the hill.
6. Don't worry.
7. That's my sweater.
8. My dog is gone.
9. I want an A.
10. Buy me that book.
11. I hate spinach.
12. I don't feel good.
13. You can't make me.
14. That's my phone.
15. Get that off.
16. Change the channel.
17. What a ride.
18. It's mine now.
19. Finders keepers.
20. Get off my bed.

Phrase Score (___/20) %

Word Score (___/68) %

LIST 8

Condition: _____

1. I bit the dust.
2. He kept it.
3. That song is sad.
4. He poked my eye.
5. I like candy.
6. Get the ball.
7. He kicked me.
8. Why can't I?
9. No thank you.
10. Where's the ball?
11. I don't know.
12. You know what?
13. My homework is late.
14. I hate that.
15. I don't get it.
16. Don't mess with me.
17. Keep your hands off.
18. That's my steak.
19. Let's get pizza.
20. I skinned my knee.

Phrase Score (___/20) %

Word Score (___/68) %

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CHILDREN'S NONSENSE PHRASES

LIST 1

Condition: _____

1. Down fell he boat.
2. Up this clean floor.
3. You table not.
4. Me you see can.
5. Now play I go.
6. There over look.
7. Lunch not time do.
8. Help you can me.
9. Eyes yours on blue
10. Have me let ball.
11. Mess up the clean.
12. Toy hold this now.
13. It here bring me.
14. Missing who done.
15. Hand my take go.
16. The ring bell not.
17. Have it let me.
18. Can make me you.
19. Now go right house.
20. Have some can I.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /77) %

LIST 2

Condition: _____

1. Play go can I.
2. That is who stop.
3. Go we can draw.
4. Day nice have down.
5. Matter the what.
6. Going on what.
7. Snowing you are.
8. Play you here can.
9. I do want not to.
10. Outside it is.
11. Neat that ahead.
12. Man no become.
13. Alone me leave.
14. Do have I to
15. Crayons the where.
16. Can go why I.
17. Want I come book.
18. Cool that on hope.
19. I when can here.
20. Way no ball count.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /73) %

LIST 3

Condition: _____

1. You later see.
2. Now to go got.
3. It have me let.
4. Tired am I.
5. Awesome that is.
6. Go way to here.
7. Tough is that now.
8. Off light the turn.
9. Now that stop from.
10. What guess you home.
11. Play to want you do.
12. Over it give.
13. Friends be we can.
14. It did she go.
15. What know you do.
16. That do can you.
17. Watch no this go.
18. Shoe my fix now
19. Up what is tie.
20. It find cannot.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /76) %

LIST 4

Condition: _____

1. TV watch can.
2. Book is it where.
3. Play to let go.
4. Good feel not do.
5. Draw we can here.
6. Food to want dog.
7. Picture my like.
8. To go I can.
9. That play we hope.
10. Toy that want I.
11. Going we are.
12. Shoe my is where.
13. Alone me leave.
14. Stop we can now.
15. Some want I tell.
16. Mine is one that.
17. Front the get back.
18. Turn my was now.
19. Mine see you did.
20. There stop let is.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /76) %

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LIST 5

Condition: _____

1. I not can why.
2. To have we do.
3. Cool is soccer.
4. It open I can.
5. Team a pick you.
6. Shoe my is where.
7. Come how to here.
8. Go to get it.
9. Now it stop pen.
10. Day fun was school.
11. Outside play we.
12. Song to know I.
13. That do you can.
14. House my in come.
15. Know I do not.
16. Art for time is.
17. Day my make go.
18. Hungry am I here.
19. It for go home.
20. Not is why eat.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /78) %

LIST 6

Condition: _____

1. Mom what know me.
2. Sick am I here.
3. Present my where.
4. That me give book.
5. Paper It do.
6. On shoe you put.
7. Cool so that is.
8. It is who gone.
9. Threw he become.
10. It is time what.
11. Me tripped he.
12. Game play us for.
13. Lunch for time is.
14. Bike ride to want.
15. Dumb is this for.
16. Turn my come is.
17. Bike my wreck here.
18. Out is watch go.
19. Loose is my gum.
20. Money want I.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /80) %

LIST 7

Condition: _____

1. Arm my broke I.
2. Gone is lunch my.
3. Recess it is.
4. To have I do.
5. Hill the off stay.
6. Worry not do.
7. Sweater that is.
8. Gone is dog my.
9. Boat want go now.
10. Book that me buy.
11. Spinach like me.
12. Good feel not do.
13. Me make not can.
14. Phone my is that.
15. Off that get here.
16. Channel the eat.
17. Ride a what to.
18. Now mine is it.
19. Keep the find key.
20. Bed my off get.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /80) %

LIST 8

Condition: _____

1. Dust the bit I.
2. It kept he gone.
3. Sad is song that.
4. Eye by poke here.
5. Candy like I done.
6. Ball the get gone.
7. Me kicked he for.
8. I not can why.
9. You thank no see.
10. Ball that where on.
11. Know not do lunch.
12. What know you for?
13. Late is work home
14. That hate to do.
15. It get not done.
16. Me with mess not.
17. Off hands your keep.
18. Steak my is that.
19. Pizza get let.
20. Knee my hurt now.

Phrase Score (___ /20) %

Word Score (___ /79) %

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