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Checking hearing in 3-7 years old: Voice tests

### Introduction

This test can be used to check the hearing of a child, usually between 3 to 7 years of age. Once the child is able to understand and follow instructions well, then a whispered voice test can be done. However, small children may be too shy or hesitant to repeat what you say in a whisper test. They may respond well in a voice test where they have to do simple actions.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES



This method is not reliable or validated. In case of any doubt, REFER!

## PROCEDURE

1. First, make sure the child is comfortable with you and ready to follow your instructions. Take some time to speak to the child and make her comfortable with you.
2. Make sure you are in a quiet place and speak in a language the child understands.
3. Give her an example of the type of instructions you will give and ask her to perform the action e.g. ask her to show you where her head is or her tummy.
4. Repeat this a few times until you are sure that the child is hearing clearly what you are saying.
5. Once you are sure that she understands what to do, ask another person to stand behind the child and give the instructions, starting with a whispered voice at first.
6. You can sit in front and observe the child.
7. Give instructions such as 'Touch your nose', 'Point to your mouth or 'Touch your tummy'.
8. If the child does not respond, repeat the instruction or give a different command.
9. If the child does still not respond, raise your voice to a conversational level.
10. Repeat a few times or change the command if the child is not responding.
11. If the child fails to respond, you can try and explain the test again to her and give it one more try.
12. If still there is no clear response, REFER the child for hearing testing.