

## Sound Scouts Tips for testing young children (4-6yrs)

- Use decent **quality adult headphones** (children's headphones are too variable in quality)
- Conduct testing **early in the day** to ensure the children are well rested and best able to concentrate
- Make sure they have **been to the bathroom** and they are **not hungry**
- Ask them to **blow their nose** (this helps to clear fluid from the eustachian tubes which can impact hearing)
- Test in **small groups or one-on-one** if children have any language or behavioural issues.
- Set up the space to **minimise distraction**, ideally children should be facing away from each other
- When possible **use a tablet** rather than a smartphone as younger children find it easier to swipe and tap on a bigger screen
- Always **complete the Trial Run activities** as 1 minute spent completing the Trial activities will significantly reduce the need for retests
- When the child selects the 5 words for the Speech-in-Quiet activity, ask them to **say the words out loud** to check they are identifying the image with the correct word
- Explain that the sounds will get quieter and sometimes they won't hear anything and that this is OK. **Emphasise that they should not tap the screen if they can't hear anything.** Encourage them not to guess.
- **Intervene if you can see them not interacting or tapping too many times.** (You can exit a test without quitting by tapping three times on the top right hand corner of the screen)
- **Always retest** if you receive a **borderline or fail result**
- **Retests** should be completed **one-on-one**

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