



Sound Scouts Tips for testing young children (4-6yrs) (Triple Factor Hearing Screener)

- 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 the children have **been to the bathroom** and 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 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 larger 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 quieter and sometimes they won't hear anything and this is OK. **Encourage them to wait until they hear the sound before they tap the screen again.** Encourage them not to guess.
- **Intervene if you can see they are not interacting or if they are tapping too many times.**
Note: 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.**
- **If the child is unable to complete the Triple Factor Hearing Screener** you may wish to use the Automatic Audiometer provided you have the appropriate equipment.

**Sound Scouts is happy to provide assistance and can be contacted
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