

Tips for using Sound Scouts Effectively

- ✓ **Use good quality adult headphones (such as Sennheiser HD300) to get a reliable result**
 - Don't use gaming or surround sound headphones or telephony headphones
 - Don't use a splitter

- ✓ **Test in a quiet place**
 - Free from distractions
 - Away from noisy air conditioners & fridges

- ✓ **Make sure Supervisors do the supervisor set up using the same headphones as the child**
 - This calibrates the noise levels giving the most reliable result
 - The Supervisor must complete the 'calibration' adult activity in the same acoustic environment the children will be seated in for testing (REDO the calibration if the background noise changes, e.g. air conditioning is turned on or off)

- ✓ **Complete the Trial Run Activities for EVERY child**
 - Ensures understanding on how to interact with the activities
 - Helps younger children understand how to SWIPE and TAP (checks dexterity)

- ✓ **Borderline and Fail Results**
 - You must do a retest, preferably after 24 hours
 - A retest can be done on the same day if necessary but we suggest a 30-60min break before the retest
 - A 2nd fail/borderline result requires follow up which should be guided by the information in the Report.

- ✓ **Discussing results with parents**
 - Have all reports sent to a school email address
 - 1st test PASS report - send to parent
 - 2nd test PASS report - send to parent, it is not necessary to send the first report
 - 1st & 2nd test fail/borderline report - send to parents and discuss recommended next step be it seeing Community Hearing Health Services or a GP (middle ear issues), Hearing Australia (for sensorineural issues) or further considering an indication of speech in noise difficulties (i.e. is it associated with ESL status, behaviour issues or are further diagnostic audiological tests required)

- ✓ **Troubleshooting**
 - If you don't receive the results immediately, check to ensure that the device is connected to a Wi-Fi network. If not connected, the results will be stored on the device.
 - Access stored results through 'Past Sessions'
 - Sound Scouts can always be contacted on 1300 424 122 for assistance

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