

Student Name:

Date:

SELF ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATION-ADOLESCENT (SAC-A)*

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The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify problems you may be having because of your hearing loss. We will talk about your answers. That conversation may help us understand the effect the hearing loss is having on you. It may also give us ideas to help you manage those problems. The information you give will not affect your grades in school. Please select the appropriate number to answer the following questions. Select only one answer for each question. If you usually use hearing aids, answer each question in a way that describes your experiences with the hearing aids on. If you do NOT usually use hearing aids, answer each question in a way that describes your experiences without the hearing aids.

Hearing and Understanding at Different Times

1. Is it hard for you to hear or understand when talking with only one other person?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

2. Is it hard for you to hear or understand when talking with a group of people?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

3. Is it hard for you to hear or understand movies, TV, the radio or CDs?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

4. Is it hard for you to hear or understand if there is noise or music in the background, or other people are talking?
at the same time?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

5. Is it hard for you to hear or understand in your classes?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

6. Do you hear better when using hearing aids?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

Feelings about Communication

7. Do you feel left out of conversations because it's hard to hear?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

8. Does anything about your hearing loss upset you?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

9. Do you feel different from other kids when wearing hearing aids?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

Other People

10. Do strangers or people you don't know well notice that you have a hearing loss?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

11. Do other people become frustrated when they talk to you because of the hearing loss?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

12. Do people treat you differently when you wear hearing aids?
1=almost never 2=occasionally 3=about half the time 4=frequently 5=almost always

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