

WORD FINDING REFERRAL CHECKLIST INTERPRETATION

To interpret the checklist, review the number of word-finding behaviors marked YES. Any completed checklist that shows 6 or more YES marks (including 1 and 2) identifies a subject who should be referred for assessment in word-finding.

The completed checklist may reveal a pattern of word-finding behaviors. The word-finding behaviors indicated as present (marked YES) on the *Word Finding Referral Checklist* may be suggestive of one of three profiles of word-finding difficulties. Each profile represents a pattern of word-finding behaviors that occur in the subject's oral language in different retrieval contexts.

The *Word Finding Referral Checklist* is designed for the purpose of observing or referring students with oral language problems. The checklist is not a test. Therefore, to test specific word-finding disorders, a thorough assessment using standardized tests of word-finding skills should be conducted. For each profile, see the recommendations for standardized tests presented below.

Single Word Profile

Check marks in the YES column for items 1,2,3, one or more for items 4a,b,c, and d, and at least 2 YES marks on items 5,6,10,11, or 12 suggest that the student or adult was judged as potentially manifesting word-finding difficulties with specific words in single word retrieval contexts. For assessment, these subjects should be administered the *Test of Word Finding (TWF)* (German, 1989) and/or the *Test of Adolescent/Adult Word Finding (TAWF)* (German, 1990) to determine the presence of word-finding difficulties in single word retrieval contexts.

Discourse Profile

Check marks in the YES column for items 1,2,7,8,9; and one or more for items 4a,b,c; and d, suggest that the subject was judged as potentially manifesting word-finding difficulties with words in discourse. For assessment, these subjects should be administered the *Test of Word Finding in Discourse (TWFD)* (German, 1991) to determine the presence of their word-finding difficulties in oral discourse.

Single Word and Discourse Profile.

Check marks in the YES column for items 1,2,3,7,8,9, one or more on 4a,b,c, or d, and at least one for items 5,6,10,11, or 12, indicate that the subject was judged as manifesting word-finding difficulties in both single word and discourse retrieval contexts. For assessment, use the guidelines for single word and for discourse profile subjects discussed above.