

ACTIVITY: Purposes of Assessment
Answer Guide

Instructions: For each of the case examples below, determine the purpose of the assessment.

1. Your client, Tómas, with Broca's aphasia has been making steady progress toward their goals in therapy. You are thinking that Tómas is getting close to dismissal, but there are a few things that you want to check before dismissal to check that outcomes in the real-world are being achieved.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Outcome Measurement

2. Your principal comes to you, the school-based speech-language pathologist, to see if you have any ideas for how to identify children who are struggling with reading earlier than they are currently being identified. You suggest that doing a quick assessment with everyone to identify students who are falling below the expected reading benchmark.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Screening

3. Your private clinic has been operating a social skills clinic for the last 10 years, but in the last 2 years, you (the owner) have noticed a decrease in enrollment. You want to know more about what is possibly driving this decrease in enrollment to evaluate how to improve your services.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Program Evaluation

4. A patient, Liza, has come to the clinic because she has been experiencing difficulty with writing and word finding and was referred by her general physician. Liza who is a lawyer is concerned with the prognosis of these symptoms and whether she can continue to work.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Eligibility/ Diagnosis

5. A student, Declan, was recently diagnosed with a developmental language disorder (DLD) by the district assessment team. You are seeing Declan for the first time and

need to determine what the focus and intensity of intervention should be.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Intervention Planning

6. In therapy, your patient, Susil, who has early onset dementia, has been working on remembering to take her pills at the prescribed times using a timer and pillbox system. She has been practicing using this system at home on her own and you want to determine how she is doing.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Progress Monitoring

7. Your 16-year-old patient, Angela, has been cleared by her physician to return to school following a concussion sustained during a cheerleading accident. Her pure-tone thresholds were reported to be within normal limits. Angela reports experiencing more difficulty understanding the teacher and students in class especially during noisy activities.

What is the purpose of this assessment?

Eligibility/ Diagnosis

ACTIVITY B: Purposes of Assessment
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Instructions: Go the manual and identify the purposes of three (3) assessments from the assessment closet. For each assessment you choose, write (a) What you think the purpose of the assessment is based on your current knowledge of the assessment; (b) What the actual purpose of the assessment is and where you found that information; and (c) write a brief hypothetical example of how you could use the chosen assessment and what type of information you would expect to get from the results of that assessment.

Answer Guide Note: Below is an example from one assessment.

Assessment 1: CELF-5

(A) What do you think is the purpose of this assessment based on your current knowledge?

To assess language and plan intervention

(B) What is the actual purpose of the assessment and where did you find this information?

(C) A hypothetical example of how to use this assessment and what information I would expect to get from the results is...

Assessment 2:

(A) What do you think is the purpose of this assessment based on your current knowledge?

(B) What is the actual purpose of the assessment and where did you find this information?

(C) A hypothetical example of how to use this assessment and what information I would expect to get from the results is...

Assessment 3:

(A) What do you think is the purpose of this assessment based on your current knowledge?

(B) What is the actual purpose of the assessment and where did you find this information?

(C) A hypothetical example of how to use this assessment and what information I would expect to get from the results is...