TRI-COUNTY SPEECH ASSOCIATES, INC.

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COUNTING DISFLUENCIES

Bloom & Cooperman 1999

1. Repetitions of sounds, syllables, or words are counted as one stuttered word regardless of the number of iterations.
2. Prolongations of sounds are counted as one stuttered word.
3. Blocks on a word are counted as one stuttered word regardless of the durations of the block.
4. Unnaturally long pauses are counted as one stuttered word. This is a judgment/the pause should call attention to itself.
5. Revisions are counted as one stuttered word.
6. In reading; the omission, modification, or addition of a word or words is counted as one stuttered word.
7. Fillers and starters are counted as stuttered words. If the client uses several fillers (um, uh, etc.) prior to saying the next word, these are all counted as one stuttered word.

The method of counting stuttered words/minute is recommended as this allows the clinician to obtain samples at various points in the treatment session by taking 1 or 2-minute samples. Counting the number of total words in a sample divided by the number of disfluent words is also acceptable protocol.

CODE: R = repetition
P = prolongation
B = block
(-) = long pause
(x) = revision
F = filler/starter

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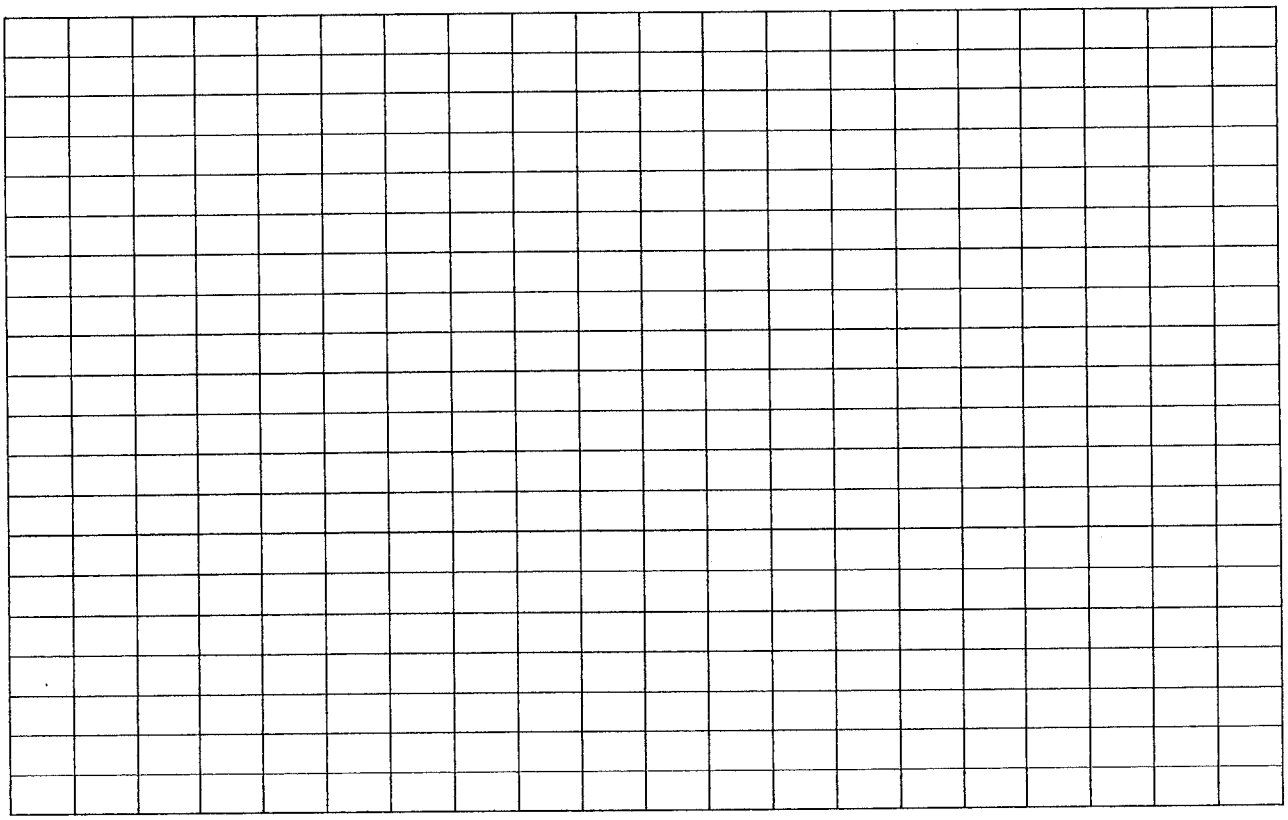
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