

Oral Mechanism Examination

Name _____ Date of Examination _____

Age _____ Examiner _____

Lips

- _____ structure at rest
- _____ labial mobility /u/, /i/
- _____ retain pressure behind lips
- _____ purse lips
- _____ labial sounds /b/, /p/, /m/
- _____ cleft lip/other _____

Alveolar Ridge / Hard Palate

- _____ structure
- _____ cleft
- _____ length / width /depth
- _____ teeth in palate
- _____ other _____

Tongue

- _____ structure at rest
- _____ protrusion/retraction
- _____ mobility: side to side
- _____ mobility: lift up & down
- _____ mobility: lick lips
- _____ lingual frenum
- _____ lingual strength: push stick
- _____ lingual sounds: /l/, /t/, /k/, /kʌlə/
- _____ other _____

Soft Palate / Velum

- _____ structure at rest
- _____ cleft
- _____ mobility /a/, /a-a-a/
- _____ VPC: /k/, /s,z/, /t/
- _____ tonsils _____

Teeth

- _____ Occlusion _____
- _____ Condition _____
- _____ Spacing _____
- _____ Other _____

Mandible

- _____ structure at rest
- _____ occlusion _____
- _____ jaw stability: bite stick
- _____ mouth breathing
- _____ open mouth/hold 10-15 sec
- _____ close and hold 10-15 sec
- _____ other _____

Apraxia

- _____ lick lips, pucker lips
- _____ puff cheeks, tongue protrusion
- _____ increasing word complexity:
 - sit / city / citizen / citizenship
 - jab / jabber / jabbering
 - Kalamazoo
- _____ AMR: /pʌtəkə/ or buttercup
or mommy-daddy-baby

The structure and function of the oral mechanism are:

- _____ Adequate for Speaking
- _____ Inadequate for Speaking
- _____ Degree of Impairment:
 - Mild / Moderate / Severe
- _____ Impairment of Structure
- _____ Impairment of Function