Assessment for Lisps

Name: ______________________________

Date: ______________

Sibilants in error: _____________________

**Frontal Lisp**

1. **Oral structures**
   (Circle all that apply)

   Missing teeth (especially incisors) ________________________________

   Anterior open bite

   Large mandible

   Tooth position problems

   Supernumerary teeth

2. **Placement when producing:**
   
   /l/

   /n/

   /t/

   /d/

3. **Allergies or congestion causing open mouth posture?**

4. **Estimated oral rest position:** ________________________________
   
   ________________________________________________________________
5. Comment on oral tone

6. Comment on oral tactile sensitivity

7. Comment on oral habits

Type of lisp:

1. Classic frontal lisp (jaw too low)
2. Jaw protrusion lisp (jaw shifts forward)
**Lateral Lisp**

1. **Assess the direction of airstream** ("straw test")

2. **Assess jaw stability** ("coffee stir test") - bite on coffee stir with 1 side while producing sibilants in error
   
   Choose one:
   
   Biting tool remained stationary

   Jaw shifted and biting tool fell out

3. **Comment on lip retraction with production of sibilants in error:**

   

4. **Oral structures**

   **Look at tongue.** (Choose one)
   
   Groove in the middle
   
   Thickness in the middle

   (Circle all that apply)

   missing teeth

   narrow palate with a high vault

   Cleft lip and palate

5. **Comment on oral tone**

6. **Comment on oral sensitivity**

7. **Comment on oral habits**
8. Estimated oral resting position: ________________________________

Type of lisp:

1. Right unilateral lisp- airstream escapes to the right
2. Left unilateral lisp- airstream escapes to the left
3. Bilateral lisp- air escapes to both sides
4. Omni Lisp- no part of the tongue articulates with the palate; air escapes across entire surface
5. Jaw-based unilateral lisp- jaw shifts right/left causing airstream to be directed laterally to the midline position
6. False lateral lisp- sounds like a lateral lisp; air stream is midline but just too big

Based on information from: Frontal Lisp, Lateral Lisp by Pam Marshalla
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