

Picture 12. LATERAL PREFERENCES EXAMINATION

Name of Subject _____

Subject Number _____

Rater Name _____

Date of Rating _____

Instructions

Make sure that the subject fully understands what is expected for each task. Maintain a positive atmosphere throughout the examination. Praise and reinforce the subject throughout the session.

Conduct the test in a well-lit room with minimal noise and without extraneous materials. The room must contain chairs for the examiner and the subject.

Develop a rapport with the subject by conversing for a few minutes. Proceed to simple unscored tasks as follows:

“Can you show me your right foot? Good! Now point to your left ear.”

If the subject performs an incorrect gesture, demonstrate the correct action. Ask the subject to repeat the correct gesture. Maintain an encouraging nonpunitive atmosphere.

Circle “L” or “R” after each item.

1. Eye

Hand the subject a piece of paper no smaller than 8 by 5 inches, or half of an $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inch standard sheet with a centrally punched hole. Read the following instructions:

“I want you to take this piece of paper in both hands and look at me through the hole in the paper. Good! Now look at me with the other eye.”

L R

2. Foot

“I want to see which side you like to use to do things, so I’m going to ask you to ‘make believe’ a lot of actions. Try to do each action without thinking about which side is better. Try to be natural.”

“O. K? Now show me how you kick a ball.” L R

“Show me how you stamp out a burning cigarette.” L R

Code Foot L R Mixed

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3. Hand

“Show me how you comb your hair.”	L	R
“Show me how you brush your teeth.”	L	R
“Show me how you cut with scissors.”	L	R
“Show me how you throw a ball.”	L	R
“Show me how you hit a baseball with a bat.”	L	R
“Show me how you hit a tennis ball with a racquet.”	L	R
“Show me how you hammer in a nail.”	L	R
“Show me how you use a screwdriver.”	L	R
“Show me how you use a handsaw.”	L	R
“Show me how you flip a coin.”	L	R
“Show me how you open a door with a key.”	L	R

Code Hand L R Mixed (if less than 7 right or left)

Scoring Lateral Preference Pattern

All items right	=	1
All items left	=	2
Some right, some left (mixed)	=	3
Eye alone is different from other items	=	4