

# Narrative Analysis Scoring Protocol for Picture Prompted Stories

## TASK INFORMATION

**Stimuli:** SLAM cards  Bunny  Puppy  Cell Phone  Baseball  Other Source : \_\_\_\_\_

### Elicitation Context

Verbal

- Model of story provided (story retell task)
- No story model provided (story generation task)

Pictures sequenced by

- Student
- SLP

### Transcription

Write the student's utterances on page 2 and complete columns for Macrostructure and Microstructure. Do not transcribe phonetically.

### Additional Supports Required

- Redirection - focusing attention to task
- Encouragement to begin or continue
- Clarification after student question
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Using information from page 2, complete the Macrostructure and Microstructure sections.

## MACROSTRUCTURE

Setting information present: Yes No  
 Total number of Initiating Events \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the episodic complexity for each episode by placing a tally mark below.

| <u>No episodic structure</u><br>Setting/Characters (3-4 yrs)<br>Action Sequence (4-5 yrs) | <u>Incomplete</u> | <u>Minimally Complete</u><br>5 yrs | <u>Complete</u><br>6 yrs | <u>Expanded Complete</u> | <u>Complex</u><br>7+ yrs |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| #   | #                 | #                                  | #                        | #                        | #                        |

## MICROSTRUCTURE

### Lexical Diversity

List mental state verbs used. If verbs are repeated, indicate number of times each is used.

Interesting vocabulary used:

### Cohesion

|                           | Correctly | Incorrectly |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Conjunctions used:</b> |           |             |
| <b>Pronouns used:</b>     |           |             |

### Sentence Pattern

- \_\_\_\_\_Independent clauses (complete idea that stands alone or a simple sentence)
- + \_\_\_\_\_Dependent clauses (Ideas that cannot stand alone)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Clauses ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Utterances = \_\_\_\_ Clausal Density Value

**Directions:**

Write each utterance on a line. Do not transcribe phonetically. Represent unintelligible words using an X.  
**Macrostructure Analysis:** Indicate the story grammar element for each utterance. Draw a wavy line across the table at the start of each new episode. Indicate Episodic Complexity for each episode in the space provided. **Microstructure Analysis:** Identify mental state verbs, and conjunctions and pronouns used. If complete independent and dependent clauses are present indicate with a tally mark.

| Utterance # | Student utterance | Story Grammar Element | Episodic Complexity | Mental State Verbs Used | Conjunctive Cohesion | Pronominal Cohesion | Independent Clause | Dependent Clause |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 2           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 3           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 4           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 5           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 6           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 7           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 8           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 9           |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 10          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 11          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 12          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 13          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 14          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 15          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 16          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 17          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 18          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 19          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |
| 20          |                   |                       |                     |                         |                      |                     |                    |                  |

**Setting (S)** introduces the main characters, time, and place  
**Initiating Event (IE)** Occurrence (includes mental state verbs) that influences the main character(s) to action.  
**Internal Response (IR)** Thoughts/feelings of the main character in response to the IE.  
**Plan (P)** Indicates the intended action of the main character.

**Attempt (A)** The actions of the main character in pursuit of the goal.  
**Consequence (C)** The achievement (or not) of the goal, as well as any other events or states that might result.  
**Reaction (R)** Any emotional or evaluative response of the main character to the preceding chain of events.  
**Ending (E)**

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| No Episodic Structure<br>no causal relationships)<br>aka. heaps, chains,<br>sequences | Incomplete<br>IE + A or C<br>(2 parts) | Minimally<br>Complete<br>IE + A + C<br>(3 parts) | Complete<br>IE + [any 2<br>IR,A,P] + C<br>(4 parts) | Expanded<br>Complete<br>Complete +<br>extra parts | Complex<br>Multiple episodes<br>or all parts |
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