

**Complex Ideational Material** (from the Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Examination)

INSTRUCTIONS: There are six pairs of questions, each pair consisting of a yes-item and a no-item. **BOTH the a and the b questions must be correct to gain 1 point of credit for each numbered pair.** Note that odd and even numbered items are intermingled, to avoid having a predictable alternation of yes and no responses.

- 1a. Will a cork sink in water?
- 2a. Can you use a hammer to pound nails?
- 1b. Will a stone sink in water?
- 2b. Is a hammer good for cutting wood?

*"I am going to read you a short story and then I will ask you some questions about it. Are you ready?"* (Read at normal rate.)

Mr. Jones had to go to New York. He decided to take a train. His wife drove him to the station, but on the way they had a flat tire. However, they arrived at the station just in time for him to catch the train.

- 3a. Did Mr. Jones miss his train?
- 4a. Was Mr. Jones going to New York?
- 3b. Did he get to the station on time?
- 4b. Was he on his way home from New York?

*I will read you another one. Ready?*

A customer walked into a hotel carrying a coil of rope in one hand and a suitcase in the other. The hotel clerk asked, "Pardon me sir, but will you tell me what the rope is for?" "Yes," replied the man, "That's my fire escape." "I'm sorry sir," said the clerk, "but all guests carrying their own fire escapes must pay in advance."

- 5a. Was the customer carrying a suitcase in each hand?
- 6a. Was the clerk suspicious of this guest?
- 5b. Was the customer carrying something unusual in one hand?
- 6b. Did the clerk trust this guest?