APHASIA

TROUBLESHOOTING

Some subjects will not be able to respond to the protocol questions, even with the prompts provided in the script. This is a supplement to the script, to give those with more severe language problems an opportunity to respond. For each question, we have provided an additional prompt with the goal of facilitating some level of response. You can use the Yes/No card at the end of the stimulus booklet as needed. If a participant is unable to respond even with the extra prompts, terminate the session as you wish.

SECTION I: FREE SPEECH SAMPLES

A. STROKE STORY AND COPING

1. If no response to "How's your talking?" ask:
   
   "Are you having trouble with your talking?"

2. If no response to "Try to tell me about the day you had your stroke." ask:
   
   "Do you remember your stroke?"

3. If no response to "Tell me about any changes you've needed to make in your daily life." ask:
   
   "Did you have any therapy after your stroke?"

SECTION II: PICTURE DESCRIPTIONS

A. BROKEN WINDOW

If no response to "Can you tell me anything about this picture?" point to the picture and ask:

"Is the boy kicking the ball through the window?"
B. REFUSED UMBRELLA

If no response to “Can you tell me anything about this picture?” point to the picture and ask:

“Did the boy refuse the umbrella?”

C. CAT RESCUE

If no response to “Anything else you can tell me about the story?” point to the picture and ask:

“See the cat stuck in the tree?”

SECTION III: STORY NARRATIVE

If insufficient response to Cinderella prompts ask:

“Did Cinderella go to the ball and meet the prince?”

SECTION IV: PROCEDURAL DISCOURSE

If no response to “If you were feeling hungry for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, how would you make it?” ask:

“These are the things you need to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (show picture). How would you make one?”