

Writing the Results of a Segmental Analysis: Example

The client exhibited no observable disfluencies when saying the days of the week or months of the year. He exhibited two part-word repetitions when counting from 1-10 and one silent block when counting from 250-260.

Disfluencies were observed on 15% of the 98 words attempted during oral reading (*Rainbow Passage*) video taped on 9/15/08. Thirteen percent (13%) of 15 disfluencies were considered stuttering. Proportions of disfluencies by type were word repetitions (2/13%), part-word repetitions (3/20%), prolongations (4/27%), silent blocks (4/27%) and interjections (2/13%). Duration of disfluencies ranged from less than 1 second to 4 seconds with the most typical 1-2 seconds. Inclusive speaking rate was 172 words per minute and fluent speaking rate was 226 words per minute.

Secondary behaviors accompanied approximately 95% of disfluencies and were characterized by moderate tension in the laryngeal/neck/facial regions, head nods, and loss of eye contact.

The client stated this sample was not an accurate representation of his typical stuttering during oral reading. He indicated that he usually stutters more frequently, especially when under stress. He considered the type and duration of stuttering, however, to be representative of his problem. The clinician noted as well that the client stuttered more often (approximately 12%) during the initial interview. Types of disfluencies were consistent throughout the evaluation.