

## VOCAL CHARACTERISTICS CHECKLIST<sup>1</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Check each characteristic your student exhibits and indicate severity.  
Make additional comments on the right-hand side of the page.

1 = mild

2 = moderate

3 = severe

**Comments**

### **Pitch**

\_\_\_\_\_ Too high \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Too low \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Monotone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Limited variation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Excessive variation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pitch breaks \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Diplophonia \_\_\_\_\_

### **Loudness**

\_\_\_\_\_ Too loud \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Too soft or quiet \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Monoloudness \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Limited variation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Excessive variation \_\_\_\_\_

### **Phonatory-Based Quality**

\_\_\_\_\_ Breathy voice \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Shrill voice \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Strident voice \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Harsh voice \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hoarse voice \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Assessment in Speech-Language Pathology 1998 by Singular Publishing Group

**Comments**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Quivering voice\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tremor in the voice\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weak voice\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loss of voice\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Glottal fry\_\_\_\_\_

**Nasal Resonance**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hypernasal\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nasal emission\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assimilation nasality\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hypernasal (denasal)\_\_\_\_\_

**Oral Resonance**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cul-de-sac\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chesty\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thin, babyish voice\_\_\_\_\_

**Other**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reverse phonation\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Progressively weakening voice\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aggressive personality factors\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Breathing through the mouth\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hard glottal attacks\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inadequate breath support\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Throat clearing\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disordered intonational patterns\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disordered stress patterns\_\_\_\_\_