

SOCIAL COGNITIVE-PRAGMATICS RATING SCALE

I LAUGH	Age Appropriate Skills	Mild Impairment	Moderate Impairment	Severe Impairment
Initiate	Maintains topic, takes turns in conversation, asks for help	Rarely asks for help, struggles in group activities, responds to greetings but does not initiate	One sided communication if verbal-Does not initiate asking for help or explain problems	Does not initiate any social interactions
Listening with Eyes & Brain	Maintains eye contact, understands non-verbal & context clues, attends to teacher	Does not observe social cues of others, may invade personal space, interrupts others	Difficulty attending in large groups, needs direct instruction, out of seat or makes noises	Poor attention span, little or no eye contact, misses total communication message
Abstract-Inferences	Comprehends abstract, inferential or figurative language	Makes odd responses when not clearly understanding.	Literal interpretation of materials and words, doesn't infer meaning from social cues or words	Literal response or off topic completely when answering questions
Understand Perspective of Others	Shows age appropriate empathy, has conversations about other's topics of interest, gives compliments	Changes topics of conversation to fit self interests, conversations tend to be one-sided	Shows only fleeting interest in other's interests or feelings, difficulty regulating class behavior, hates to lose, always a competition	Intense focus on own area of interest, no interest in others desires or interests, loner
Gestalt-Big Picture	Knows when to talk and when to listen, follows class rules well	Off topic responses at times, attends to details but misses overall concepts	Difficulty staying with the concept in group work or working for a reward over time	Impulsive, poor behavior response to schedule changes, difficulty stopping a favorite activity
Humor	Understands riddles & jokes, laughs appropriately	May not understand difference between laughed at or laughed with, false laugh at jokes	Engages in inappropriate humor as an attempt to relate with others, creates own jokes that aren't funny	Laughs inappropriately (ie someone gets hurt), no understanding of jokes, or rarely laughs

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