

## ADAPTIVE LANGUAGE INVENTORY (ALI)

The ALI focuses on children's comprehension and use of language in classroom settings in comparison to their peers and has been used both at the preschool and elementary levels. The measure consists of 18 items that focus on comprehension, production, rephrasing, spontaneity, listening, and fluency. Children are rated on 1-5 scale.

1	2	3	4	5
Well below average	Somewhat below average	Average for his/her age	Somewhat above average	Well above average

- Sample items: Responds to questions asked of him/her in a thoughtful logical way. Listens carefully when the teacher is giving instructions to the class.
- For more information see: Feagans, L., Fendt, K. & Farran, D.C. (1995). The effects of day care intervention on teachers' ratings of the elementary school discourse skills in disadvantaged children. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, 18, 243-261.