



## SCREENER for Language & Literacy Disorders

### What is it?

The Student Language Scale (SLS) reliably screens students ages 6–18 years for language/literacy disorders, including dyslexia. Filled out by parents, teachers, and students, the screener is a quick, cost-effective way to see how students are performing on academic tasks as compared to their same-age peers.

### What are the purposes of the SLS?

- **Screen for language/literacy disorders**, including dyslexia, by gathering teachers' and parents' ratings of students
- **Gather input about a struggling student's strengths and needs** from multiple sources
- **Enhance home–school communication** by gaining new insight into the student's performance and the teachers', the parents', and student's perspectives on it, whether or not everyone agrees and whether or not there are concerns

### At-A-Glance



**What is the age range?**  
Ages 6 through 18 years old



**How many questions are on the screener?**  
12 questions



**In what setting is it used?**  
School settings: Preschool through grade 12



**How do you score the screener?**  
When teachers or parents rate more than two areas on Items 1–8 as less than 5, SLS screening results indicate the student is at risk and needs further assessment.



**Who completes it?**  
Parents, teachers, and students



**What is the evidence base?**  
Sensitivity and specificity are strong: sensitivity is .90 for teachers and .85 for parents, and specificity is .90 for teachers and .83 for parents.



**How is it administered?**  
Teachers, parents, and students complete the SLS individually, via pen and paper.



**Is it cost-effective?**  
The SLS helps you screen effectively at a lower cost than comparable tools on the market.



**How long does the screener take?**  
1-3 minutes

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