



Hearing Handicap Inventory For Adults (HHIA)

Name: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: The purpose of the scale is to identify the problems your hearing loss may be causing you. Check YES, SOMETIMES, or NO for each question. DO NOT skip a question if you avoid a situation because of your hearing problem. If you are using a hearing aid, please answer the way you hear WITH your hearing aid.		YES (4)	SOMETIMES (2)	NO (0)
S1	Does a hearing problem cause you to use the phone less often than you would like?			
E2	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting new people?			
E3	Does a hearing problem make you avoid groups of people?			
E4	Does a hearing problem make you irritable?			
E5	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family?			
S6	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when attending a party?			
S7	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty hearing/understanding coworkers, clients, customers?			
E8	Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?			
S9	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?			
E10	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to coworkers, clients, or customers?			
S11	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty in the movies or theatre?			
E12	Does a hearing problem cause you to be nervous?			
S13	Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives, or neighbors less often than you would like?			
E14	Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?			
S15	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?			
S16	Does a hearing problem cause you to go shopping less often than you would like?			
E17	Does any problem or difficulty with hearing upset you at all?			
E18	Does a hearing problem cause you to want to be by yourself?			
S19	Does a hearing problem cause you to talk to family members less often than you would like?			
E20	Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?			
S21	Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?			
E22	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel depressed?			
S23	Does a hearing problem cause you to listen to TV or the radio less often than you would like?			
E24	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel uncomfortable when talking to friends?			
E25	Does a hearing problem cause you to feel left out when you are with a group of people?			

TOTAL: _____ **Social:** _____ **Emotional:** _____

Interpreting the Raw Score:

- 0 - 16 = 13% probability of hearing impairment No Handicap
- 18 - 42 = 50% probability of hearing impairment Mild-Moderate Handicap
- 44 - 100 = 84% probability of hearing impairment Severe Handicap