

Social Communication Stage Questions

Questions to determine SCERTS “partner stage”

There are 3 “stages” of development in the SCERTS model – Social, Language, Conversational. Answering the questions below in order will determine stage.

1. Are they “Social Partner Stage”?

1. Does the child use at least 3 different words or phrases (either spoken or via: signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) to refer to specific objects, people, or activities appropriately and in the right context? Yes / No
2. Does the child use at least 3 words or phrases (either spoken or via : signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) to try to communicate with others with meaning and purpose? Yes / No
3. Does the child use at least 3 words or phrases (either spoken or via : signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) regularly (i.e., often and not just on a rare occasion) to communicate with others? Yes / No

*If “no” to any of these... then they are **Social Partner Stage***

If you answered Yes to all of the above questions – please refer to the next questions....

2. Are they “Language Partner Stage”?

1. Does the child use at least 100 different words or phrases (either spoken or via : signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) to refer to specific objects, people, or activities appropriately and in the right context? Yes / No
2. Does the child use at least 100 words or phrases (either spoken or via : signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) to try to communicate with others with meaning and purpose? Yes / No
3. Does the child use at least 100 words or phrases (either spoken or via : signing, pictures, written words, or other symbolic system) regularly (i.e., often and not just on a rare occasion) to communicate with others? Yes / No
4. Does the child use at least 20 different combinations of words or sentences with a person’s name and verbs (words describing an action) that are creative (i.e., not just exact imitations of phrases?) Yes / No

*If “no” to any of these... then they are **Language Partner Stage***

*If you answered Yes to all of the above questions they are **Conversational Partner Stage***