Bilingual Assessment of Simple Sentences (BASS)

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An expressive language screening assessment of early sentence production *for* children with a Pakistani heritage background speaking Mirpuri, Punjabi or Urdu as a home language in the UK

Questions and Prompts for Mirpuri, Punjabi and Urdu

Mirpuri

1. Give this direction and question for ALL items

Mirpuri	eĩ	tvsniť	<u>t</u> æk ^h	
Word-by-word translation	this	picture	look	
English translation	Look at this picture			

Mirpuri	qe	onã	ріја	
Word-by-word translation	what	happening	is	
English translation	What's happening?			

2a. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the AGENT (subject)

Mirpuri	е	qunã		
Word-by-word translation	this	who		
English translation	Who's this?			

2b. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the ACTION (verb (+ object))

Mirpuri	е	qe	qarne	ре
Word-by-word translation	this	what	doing-they	are
English translation	What are they doing?			

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Punjabi

1. Give this direction and question for ALL items

Punjabi	e ^h	tvsniľ	₫ek ^h	
Word-by-word translation	this	picture	look	
English translation	Look at this picture			

Punjabi	qi	hoṇḍã	eĩ	
Word-by-word translation	what	happening	is	
English translation	What's happening?			

2a. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the AGENT (subject)

Punjabi	еі	qõn	eĩ	
Word-by-word translation	this	who	is	
English translation	Who's this?			

2b. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the ACTION (verb (+ object))

Punjabi	eĩ	qe	qarde	nẽ	
Word-by-word translation	this	what	doing-they	are	
English translation	What are they doing?				

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Urdu

1. Give this direction and question for ALL items

Urdu	je	tvsniʻ	gek ^h o		
Word-by-word translation	this	picture	look		
English translation	Look at this picture				

Urdu	qija	ho	r∧ha	heə	
Word-by-word translation	what	happening	doing	is	
English translation	What's happening?				

2a. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the AGENT (subject)

Urdu	je	qõn	heə	
Word-by-word translation	this	who	is	
English translation	Who's this?			

2b. Ask this question ONLY if the child omits the ACTION (verb (+ object))

Urdu	je	qija	kar	rʌhe	heə
Word-by-word translation	this	what	doing	they-are	is
English translation	What are they doing?				