Syllable Length Reading: Instructions for Use

All the words in this task have 5 letters and vary in syllable length from 1 syllable to 3 syllables. Across each syllable length, words are matched as closely as possible for frequency, imageability and morphemic complexity.

Descriptive Statistics (for 32 control subjects):

1-Syllable (n = 8)

Mean = 7.83

Std. Dev. = 0.38

2-Syllable

(n = 8)

Mean = 8.00

3-Syllable

(n = 8)

Mean = 7.90

Std. Dev. = 0.31

Suggestions for Where to go next: Effects of syllable length on oral reading performance (ie. more difficulty in reading polysyllablic words) may be a sign of impairment to output phonological processes. In this case, one would not expect effects to be limited to reading, so examine performance on other verbal output tasks such as repetition [7].

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Reading Task

Please read each word aloud as clearly as you can

blood	watch
flash	bread
quest	steak
wrong	earth
hotel	metal
angel	beard
hobby	arrow
civil	music
radio	enemy
piano	ivory
opium	onion
union	usual

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Syllable Length Reading:

Marking Form

Name:	Date:

1-Syllable	RT(s)	Response
1 blood		
2 watch		
3 flash		
4 bread		
5 quest		
6 steak		
7 wrong		
8 earth		
Total Correct	/8	
2-Syllable		
1 hotel	`	
2 metal		
3 angel		
4 beard		
5 hobby		
6 arrow		
7 civil		
8 music		
Total Correct	/8	
3-Syllable		
1 radio		
2 enemy		
3 piano		
4 ivory		
5 opium		
6 onion		
7 union		
8 usual		
Total Correct	/8	

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