

The VoiSS- Voice Symptoms Scale

Your Name.....

Your Date of Birth.....

Today's Date...../...../.....

Please circle one answer for each item

Please do not leave any blank items

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| 1. | Do you have difficulty attracting attention? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 2. | Do you have problems singing? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 3. | Is your throat sore? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 4. | Is your voice hoarse? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 5. | When talking in company do people fail to hear you? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 6. | Do you lose your voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 7. | Do you cough or clear your throat? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 8. | Do you have a weak voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 9. | Do you have problems talking on the telephone? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 10. | Do you feel miserable or depressed because of your voice problem? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 11. | Does it feel as if there is something stuck in your throat? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 12. | Do you have swollen glands? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 13. | Are you embarrassed by your voice problem? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 14. | Do you find the effort of speaking tiring? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 15. | Does your voice problem make you feel stressed and nervous? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 16. | Do you have difficulty competing against background noise? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |

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Please circle the correct answer for each item

Please do not leave any blank items

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| 17. | Are you unable to shout or raise your voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 18. | Does your voice problem put a strain on your family and friends? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 19. | Do you have a lot of phlegm in your throat? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 20. | Does the sound of your voice vary throughout the day? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 21. | Do people seem irritated by your voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 22. | Do you have a blocked nose? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 23. | Do people ask what is wrong with your voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 24. | Does your voice sound creaky and dry? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 25. | Do you feel you have to strain to produce voice? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 26. | How often do you get throat infections? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 27. | Does your voice 'give out' in the middle of speaking? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 28. | Does your voice make you feel incompetent? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 29. | Are you ashamed of your voice problem? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |
| 30. | Do you feel lonely because of your voice problem? | Never | Occasionally | Some of the time | Most of the time | Always |

Thank you for completing this questionnaire
Have you remembered to circle one response for each item?

For Office use:

Total VoiSS=

Impairment: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27 (max 60) =

Emotional: 10, 13, 15, 18, 21, 28, 29, 30 (max 32) =

Physical: 3, 7, 11, 12, 19, 22, 26 (max 28) =