



# REPETITION TEST AS A SCREENING TOOL FOR THE CHILDREN WITH SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT (SLI)

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# 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

## SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT

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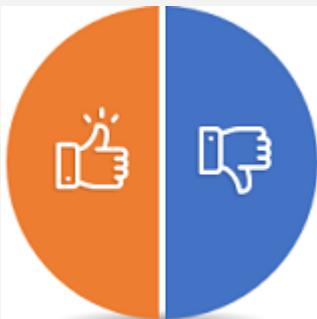
Regular school



IQ normal



Fail in  
comprehension &  
production test



### DON'T

Hearing  
impairment



Abnormalities  
of oral structure



Obvious  
neurological  
impairment



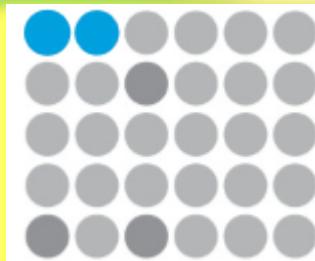
Pervasive  
developmental  
disorder



# Global Trends

SLI is an invisible, under diagnosed condition that affects over **70%** of children.

**2 in 30** children have SLI.



That's **two kids** in every classroom.

Between **5-7 million** children in the US are affected.

**15-20% vs 2 years old vs speech delay**

**4-5 years old**  
vs  
**typically**  
developing

**5-8%**  
vs language **disorder**



“Kesimpulannya, kajian menunjukkan **intervensi awal** penting untuk menyokong anak yang mempunyai **masalah pertuturan dan kefahaman**. Kesedaran antara **ibu bapa, penjaga** dan **guru** penting untuk memastikan tindakan yang sewajarnya diambil,”

**Dr Raja Juanita Raja Lope**  
*Consultant Developmental and General Paediatrics*

## CAKNA PERTUTURAN ANAK ANDA



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# Masalah pertuturan kanak-kanak jangan dipandang remeh

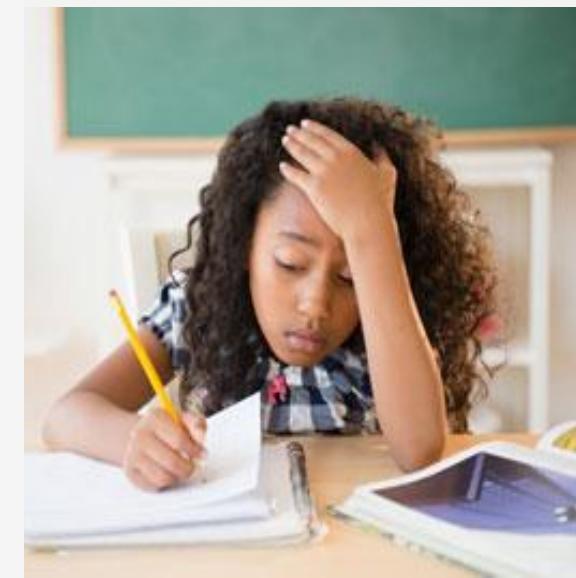
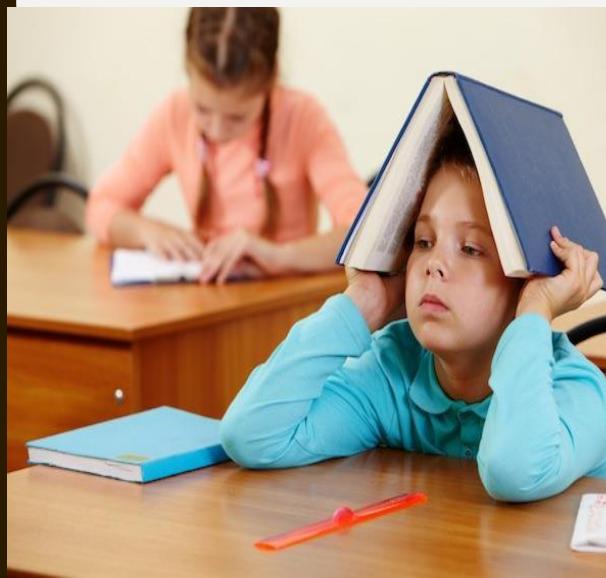
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# PROBLEM...

- There are difficulties in identifying children with SLI; in particular, language tests commonly used by speech pathologists or therapists have not been standardized on children.





## 2. SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM



### REPETITION TEST

- The **diagnostic language tool** included **repetition test** and repetition tasks that proved to be **sensitive** for the detection of SLI in previous studies.

A collaborative effort:

Universiti Sains Malaysia



SMK Telok Kumbar

### 3. NOVELTY & INVENTIVENESS

Three Type of  
Sentences

Design the  
Procedure of  
Repetition Test

Validity

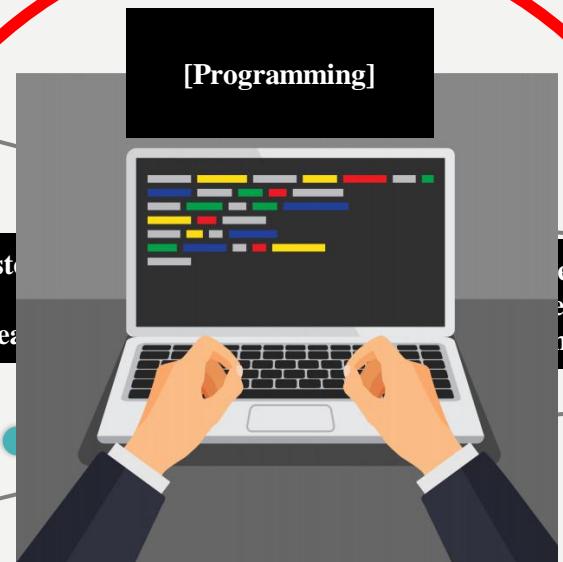
Repetition Test

Input

Ibu mencari buku yang  
ayah telah baca

Ibu mencari baju dan  
ayah membaca buku

Ibu memberitahu  
anaknya bahawa ayah  
telah menari



Output

# EACH PRODUCTION IS SCORED DEPENDING ON SEVEN SCORING METHODS

- Correctness of the sentence (*SENT*)

- Number of words (*NBR*)

- Syntax (*SYNT*)

- Verb morphology (*MORPH*)

Morphosyntactic



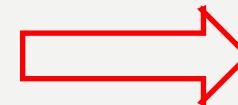
Sentence  
problem

- Functional words (*FUNC*)

- Lexical words (*LEX*)

- Semantic (*SEM*)

Lexico-semantic



Meaning  
problem

## 4. COMPETITORS

Feature	Conventional Method (Paper-Pen)	Repetition Detector 1.0 & 2.0	Repetition Test (Web Application)
Purpose (Clinical/Screening)	✓	X	✓
Technology	X	✓	✓
Save			
(a) Save environments (Paperless)	X	✓	✓
(a) Save time & energy	X	✓	✓
Data collection			
(a) Virtual	X	✓	✓



## 5. PRACTICALITY

- Analysis indicates fulfillment of intended use cases and objectives
  - ✓ Cost reduction in terms of SLI diagnosis and treatment
  - ✓ Reduced ties of SLI diagnosis to costly equipment
  - ✓ Web application model guarantees wide availability and far reach
- Ease of use
  - ✓ Intended for use under supervision of speech-language pathologist
  - ✓ Relatively simple, straightforward use cases

# 6. DUE DILIGENT

Speech Recognition Test x +  
File | C:/Users/Hatsy%20Rei/Desktop/speechToText/index.html

Speech Repetition Test  
... is a screening tool to aid the diagnosis of Specific Language Impairment (SLI) among children. Based on the use of sentence repetition tasks to assess the

 Speech Repetition Test  
Click on the start button and verbally repeat the sentence displayed into the microphone  
Click on the sentence to play speech audio

Pagi ini ibu mencari buku yang ayah telah baca  
pagi ini ibu menari buku yang ayah baca

SENT = 0  
NBR = 0  
SYN = 1  
FUNC = 4  
LEX = 2  
SEM = 0

Score: 7

Next

Start



## **7. IP/COPYRIGHT/GRANT/PUBLICATIONS**

**IP/COPYRIGHT**

- (1) SR2019000364**
- (2) LY2021P00619**

**GRANT**

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# Best Paper Award

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Dr. Jong Hui Ying  
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11800, Pulau Pinang.

Dear Dr. Jong,

### **RE: Business proposal**

Do you want to expand your business other than spending money on getting a new lead every month? This letter is specifically written to propose a business idea which can work great when everything falls into place though and you certainly have a tremendous opportunity to rise as well as make more money.

DanMedik has been helping the businesses like you for over a decade now to expand. You are a researcher on psycholinguistics who knows how people acquire, create, and understand language. In recent years, all these areas of psycholinguistics have been assisted by technological advances, especially the advent of brain imaging equipment; and we are medical equipment supplier, we need an essential role from a psycholinguist to explain the obtained data from the medical equipment, as well design and test certain psychological experiment by using our medical.

We think this arrangement of collaboration would provide your research with a real profile boost through our medical equipment. We think this arrangement could also benefit the community through strengthening our medical equipment and continuing to give local community the best service.

It would be great if we could arrange a meeting and discuss in detail about this project. You can contact us on to set a meeting or for any other questions. Contact us to see how we can save you money and generate new business.

Yours sincerely,



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## **8. STATUS OF INVENTION**

**TRL 6:**

**Tested in intended  
environment close to  
expected performance**

# 9. COMMERCIALIZATION

- Web-based application introduces new potential business models
  - (i) Subscription based? One time purchase? Free w/ premium features?
  - (ii) Repetition test initially conceived without intent for profit due to ethical reasons
- Clear potential market and customer base
- Lacks competition
  - No well-known web service which offers SLI diagnosis and treatment in Malaysia

# 10. POTENTIAL PARTNERS



Medical  
Instruments





## 11. IMPACT OF THE PRODUCT



## Speech Repetition Test

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Score: 0

Start



## Speech Repetition Test

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## Overall Results

Total Score: 155

Total SENT : 10

Total NBR : 11

Total SYN : 10

Total FUNC : 60

Total LEX : 45

Total SEM : 19

Auto calculation

Reload

Q1 . Pagi ini ibu mencari buku yang ayah telah baca  
Q2 . Pagi ini ibu mencari kasut dan ayah membaca buku  
Q3 . Pagi ini ibu memberitahu anaknya bahawa ayah telah menari  
Q4 . Malam ini ayah memberitahu anaknya bahawa ibu telah menyanyi  
Q5 . Malam ini ayah mencari majalah yang ibu telah baca  
Q6 . Malam ini ayah mencari selimut dan ibu memasak air  
Q7 . Pagi ini adik mencari tuala dan abang mencuci kereta  
Q8 . Pagi ini adik memberitahu kakaknya bahawa abang telah menari  
Q9 . Pagi ini adik mencari kunci yang abang telah simpan  
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Q11. Petang ini adik mencari gunting dan ibu memasak bubur  
Q12. Petang ini adik memberitahu ibunya bahawa abang telah jatuh  
Q13. Malam ini kakak memberitahu ibunya bahawa adiknya telah menangis  
Q14. Malam ini kakak mencari baju yang ibu telah lipat  
Q15. Malam ini kakak mencari benang dan ibu menyapu lantai

Obtained speech:

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Q	SENT	NBR	SYN	FUNC	LEX	SEM
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11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

Pending fillup

Reload

# PERSPECTIVE OF SPEECH PATHOLOGIST



**THANK YOU!**