

Fluency Severity Rating Scale

Use method A for both parts I and II or use method B for both parts I and II.

	(1) Mild	(2) Mild- Mod.	(3) Moderate	(4) Moderate- Severe.	(5) Severe
I. (a) Frequency of Blocks: Include prolongations & repetitions or	2-5%	6-10%	11-18%	19-24%	25% or more
(b) Stuttered words per minute**	.6-5		6-10		11+
II. (a) Duration – Average of 3 longest blocks or	Up to 1 sec.	2-4 secs.	5-9 secs.	10-15 secs.	16 secs. or more
(b) Total Words spoken per minute	90-99		70-89		69
III. Secondary Characteristics: Sounds, head moves, facial grimaces, etc.	Not noticed by average person		Distracts from content of communication		Displays obvious/severe secondaries.

Recommended Procedure: Tape record speech samples of 200 words minimum for baseline. Tally frequency of blocks to compute percentage. Average 3 longest blocks to determine duration.

From *Programmed Therapy for Stuttering in Children and Adults*, by Bruce Ryan, 1974, Charles Thomas Publisher, Springfield, Illinois.