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Sensory Processing

1. What is an occupational therapist's main role in sensory processing?

A. To help someone avoid sensory triggers

B. To help them better integrate and process sensory information in a way that promotes function

C. To find environments that do not trigger patients

D. To tell them to stay in their room if they are feeling triggered

2. How can an occupational therapist help someone with auditory processing deficits?

- A. Give them earbuds
- B. Tell them to cover their ears when they are upset
- C. Schedule times for uncomfortable but predictable noises
- D. Both 1 and 3

3. Which of the following is NOT a reliable sensory processing assessment?

- A. Sensory Processing Measure
- B. Sensory Integration and Praxis Tests
- C. DeGangi-Berk
- D. All of the above are reliable assessments for this area

4. What is an appropriate recommendation for someone with visual processing deficits?

- A. Practice scavenger hunts
- B. Avoid looking at fast-moving objects
- C. Wear an eye patch
- D. Play sports with fast-moving objects

5. Which of the following is NOT a type of sensory modulation?

- A. Over-responsive
- B. Under-responsive
- C. Somewhat-responsive
- D. Sensory seeking

6. Which type of sensory input is almost always of benefit for someone with sensory concerns?

A. Tactile input

- B. Proprioception
- C. Visual input
- D. Auditory input

7. People may be mistaken as lazy or tired if they have which classification of sensory concerns?

- A. Sensory-based motor disorders
- B. Sensory seeking
- C. Poor discrimination
- D. Hyper-reactive

8. Which is not considered a sensory-based motor concern?

- A. Dyspraxia
- B. Developmental coordination disorder (DCD)
- C. Postural control concerns
- D. All of the above are sensory-based motor concerns

9. Which of the following may be a reaction to uncomfortable sensory input?

- A. Running away and screaming
- B. Looking for more of the input
- C. Not reacting at all
- D. Asking thoughtful questions about the input

10. What is the best definition of an adaptive response?

A. A healthy response to something

B. A natural response to any kind of input that allows someone to engage in learning and exploration

C. A strategy that someone uses to avoid something they don't like

D. A misperception of sensory input

11. What is the best definition of sensory discrimination?

- A. Not knowing when sensory input will get processed
- B. The ability to differentiate between different types of sensory input
- C. Trouble knowing what sensory input they like vs. what they don't like
- D. Misunderstanding what is going on around them

12. A child who has difficulty tolerating new foods may have difficulty processing what type of sensory input?

A. Visual B. Gustatory C. Tactile D. Both 2 and 3

13. A child who often bites on or mouths inedible objects may have what sensory concern?

- A. Seeking tactile input
- B. Defensive to gustatory input
- C. Seeking gustatory input
- D. Both 2 and 3

14. What are food bridges?

- A. Foods that should never be eaten together
- B. Foods that should not touch on the dinner plate
- C. Foods that have similar properties, such as colors, patterns, shapes, and textures
- D. Foods that must be eaten in between two other foods

15. What essential oils may help calm someone who is defensive to olfactory input?

- A. Lavender
- B. Spearmint
- C. Peppermint
- D. Lemon

16. How can sensory bins help someone with tactile defensiveness?

- A. Sensory bins get someone used to feeling various textures in a functional way
- B. Sensory bins force someone to repeatedly dunk their hand in unpleasant materials all at once

C. Sensory bins are only to be used under the close supervision of a therapist, since they can be dangerous to use at home

D. Sensory bins can encourage playfulness

17. Someone who often breaks pencils when writing may have what sensory concern?

- A. Sensory-based motor concern
- B. Under-responsive to tactile input
- C. Over-responsive to tactile input
- D. Both 1 and 2

18. What type of child may get a recommendation to wear tight-fitting or compression clothing?

- A. Someone in need of proprioception
- B. Someone who is under-responsive to tactile input
- C. Someone who is over-responsive to tactile input
- D. Both 1 and 2

19. Which of the following is NOT a way to build oral motor strength for those with tactile sensitivity?

- A. Slowly guide them through eating chewier or tougher foods
- B. Encourage the use of straws
- C. Use manipulatives like fidget spinners
- D. Use pinwheels, kazoos, whistles, and other similar toys in therapy

20. Someone with poor body awareness might be mistaken for having visual concerns if they do what?

- A. Cover their ears and run away
- B. Bump into things
- C. Ask for help with certain objects
- D. Don't like playing sports

21. What is one of the best recommendations for children with motor-based sensory concerns?

- A. Give verbal and visual instructions one at a time
- B. Offer as much tactile information as you can
- C. Avoid giving instruction at all and let them figure it out
- D. Give them extra time to complete tasks

22. What is helpful for computer users who have visual issues?

- A. When possible, work outside where there is plenty of light
- B. Use an eye mask to help sleep at night
- C. Adjust brightness, blue light settings, and minimize glare on the screen
- D. Only use a pen and paper to get work done

23. What is a good activity that offers proprioception?

- A. Weight-bearing activities like push-ups and yoga
- B. Swimming
- C. Using an elliptical to get cardiovascular activity
- D. Wear loose clothing to let your skin breathe better

24. What type of vestibular input is alerting?

A. Swaying side to side

- B. Rocking
- C. Rotational spinning
- D. Running in place

25. What type of over-responsiveness might gentle stretching help with?

- A. Tactile
- B. Vestibular
- C. Proprioception
- D. Visual

26. Motor planning deficits can impact someone's ability to do what?

- A. Do tasks in the right order
- B. Sit upright in a chair
- C. Learn any new motor action
- D. All of the above

27. Kids with poor core strength can benefit from what?

- A. Laying down while doing activities
- B. Modified seating that encourages the use of their stomach muscles
- C. Sitting on the floor
- D. Running more often

28. Writing on a slant board may be a recommendation for a child with what concern?

- A. Low proprioception
- B. Dyspraxia
- C. Tactile defensiveness
- D. Vestibular sensitivities

29. What is important to remember when writing sensory goals?

- A. Don't add any milestones
- B. Specify what time of day it should be achieved in
- C. Connect each sensory concern with function and make it measurable
- D. Make it short and something a child can achieve in 2 weeks at most

30. At what age is a child's sensory systems be nearly fully developed?

A. Age 6 B. Birth

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