

The Life Interests & Values (LIV) Cards

*An interdisciplinary research project at the Department of Allied Health Sciences
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Seeking Research Participants

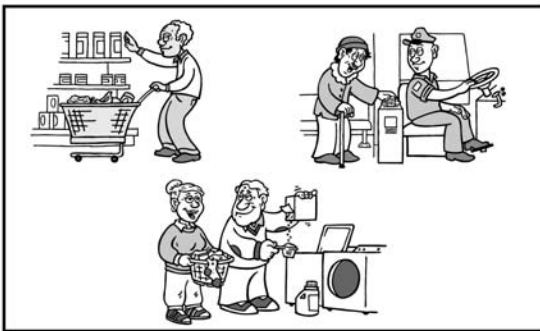
We are currently seeking participants in North Carolina for a research project to find out how a new assessment tool helps people with aphasia communicate about their experiences and interests in different kinds of life activities. If you have aphasia or if you are a friend or a family member for someone with aphasia you may be eligible to participate. Participants with aphasia receive \$25 and an evaluation summary and friends or family member participants receive \$10.

Designed for practicing speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and people with aphasia, the LIV-cards consist of four sets of easily-recognizable pictures of common life activities:

- Everyday activities and chores, such as washing dishes or doing laundry.
- Social activities, such as eating in restaurants or giving a party.
- Leisure activities, such as reading or listening to music
- Physical activities, such as hiking or exercising.

The participant sorts the cards into two piles: one with activities they want to do, the other with activities they aren't interested in pursuing. This sorting procedure allows people with aphasia to communicate about the things they are interested in doing--without actually having to talk. Clinicians can learn quickly what is important to the patients they work with. This information can then be integrated into the therapy plan.

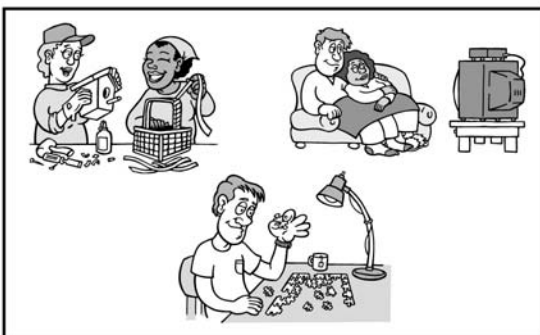
Everyday activities



Social activities



Leisure activities



Physical activities



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