Instructions for the Sydney Language Battery (SYD BAT)

The Sydney Language Battery is a computer administered test of language at a single word level. Each of the 30 words within the battery consists of an imageable noun, 3 or more syllables in length. Items are ordered with decreasing frequency and are graded into three broad levels of difficulty.

There are 4 subtests included:

1) Naming
2) Repetition
3) Comprehension
4) Semantic Association

Enclosed in this test pack are five other files: a response sheet to print out hard copy forms to record answers given by the respondent, a scoring criteria guidelines document, and 3 computer files to administer the Naming, Comprehension and Semantic Association subtests. No file is required to administer the Repetition subtests.

The order of administration of the test is important. The Naming subtest should <u>always</u> be the first subtest administered (so that the respondent has not been cued for the answers). Although the Repetition subtest can then be administered either as the 2nd, 3rd or final component, the Comprehension subtest should <u>always</u> precede the Semantic Association test.

Note that while the Comprehension subtest deliberately uses different pictures of each item to those in the Naming subtests, where possible, a delay should be inserted between the Naming subtest and the Comprehension and Semantic Association subtests. This is to reduce the impact of visual memory skills in aiding respondents' answers.