

# Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly Screening Version (HHIE-S; Ventry & Weinstein, 1983)

Please check “yes,” “no,” or “sometimes” in response to each of the following items. Do not skip a question if you avoid a situation because of a hearing problem. If you use a hearing aid, please answer the way you hear **with\*** the aid.

E = emotional S = social “No” response = 0 “Sometimes” = 2 “Yes” = 4

		Yes	Sometimes	No
E	1. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when you meet new people?			
E	2. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family?			
S	3. Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper?			
E	4. Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?			
S	5. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?			
S	6. Does a hearing problem cause you to attend religious services less often than you would like?			
E	7. Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?			
S	8. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?			
E	9. Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?			
S	10. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?			
Score _____				

HHIE-S Score Interpretation (Lichtenstein, Bess, & Logan, 1988)

*Raw Score Handicap Range Post hoc Prob. of Hearing Impairment* 0– 8 No handicap 13% 10–24 Mild-moderate handicap 50% 26–40 Severe handicap 84%

\*Note: This is a modification of the actual instructions, which use the word "without" to measure hearing handicap.