Protocol for the Analysis of Aided Language Samples in Spanish (PAALSS)



Aided Language Sampling Analysis in Spanish

Today's date (mm/dd/yy): _____

CLIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name of client (First/Last):
Birth date of client (mm/dd/yy):
Age of client: Year(s) Month(s)
Etiology:
Receptive language:
Measured by:
Expressive language:
Measured by:
Literacy level:
Measured by:
Adaptive behavior:
Measured by:
Vision:
Hearing:

CLIENT AIDS AND DEVICES

High-tech AAC aids:
No tech or low-tech aids:
Wheelchair; manual or powered:
Walker:
Pointer (e.g., head, hand, etc.):
Switches:
Other AT Aids:

COMMUNICATION PARTNER INFORMATION

Communication Partner/s (e.g., parents, teachers, etc.) and date:_____

Communication partner usage of communication behaviors per sample:

Open ended questions:	 Yes/No questions:	
Aided models:	 Gestural prompts:	
Verbal prompts:	 Recasts and expansions:	
Other:		

Language Sample

Name of client (First/Last): _____

Elicitation activities: _____

Date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Name of communication partner (First/Last): _____

Length of recording: _____

#	Utterance	Modality (e.g., SGD, vocalization)	Notes

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I. Vocabulary

Mark all the words that appear in your sample. Use the 'other' space to add those words used in the sample but not available in the vocabulary list. For verbs used in the sample, check their infinitive form and use the Morphology section to indicate their person and tense. You can also use the vocabulary list below to check if the words in the Protocol are not available in the client's AAC system or have not been targeted in intervention.

NOUNS

Animals

ardilla	not available in the system
bicho	not available in the system
caballo	not available in the system
conejo	not available in the system
gallina	not available in the system
gato	not available in the system
jirafa	not available in the system
león	not available in the system
mariposa	not available in the system
mono	not available in the system
osito	not available in the system
050	not available in the system
pájaro	not available in the system
pato	not available in the system
perro	not available in the system
pescado	not available in the system
pingüino	not available in the system
pollito	not available in the system
pollo	not available in the system
rana	not available in the system
ratón	not available in the system
vaca	not available in the system

available but not targeted available but not targeted

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Other: _

People

🗅 abuela	not available in the system
abuelo	not available in the system
🗅 amigo	not available in the system
hermana	not available in the system
hermano	not available in the system
maestra	not available in the system
🖵 mamá*	not available in the system
🗅 niña	not available in the system
🗅 niño	not available in the system
❑ papá*	not available in the system
🗅 payaso	not available in the system
policía	not available in the system
🗅 prima	not available in the system
🗅 primo	not available in the system
□ tía	not available in the system

Other: _____

Food and Drinks

agua*	not available in the system
azúcar	not available in the system
calabaza	not available in the system
chocolate	not available in the system
comida	not available in the system
dulce	not available in the system
galleta	not available in the system
helado	not available in the system
hielo	not available in the system
jugo/zumo	not available in the system

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Food and Drinks (continued)

Other: _____

🗅 leche	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 naranja	not available in the system	available but not targeted
papa/patata	not available in the system	available but not targeted

Home Objects

cuchara	not available in the system
cuna	not available in the system
escalera	not available in the system
escoba	not available in the system
espejo	not available in the system
luz	not available in the system
mesa	not available in the system
peine	not available in the system
plato	not available in the system
puerta	not available in the system
silla	not available in the system
teléfono	not available in the system
vaso	not available in the system

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Other: _____

Body Parts

not available in the system	available but not targeted
not available in the system	available but not targeted
not available in the system	available but not targeted
not available in the system	available but not targeted
not available in the system	available but not targeted
not available in the system	available but not targeted
	 not available in the system

Body Parts (continued)

🗅 pelo	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 pie	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 teta	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other:		

Toys

carriola	not available in the system
□ colores	not available in the system
🖵 globo	not available in the system
juguete	not available in the system
🗅 lápiz	not available in the system
🗅 muñeca	not available in the system
🗅 pala	not available in the system
papel	not available in the system
pelota*	not available in the system

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Other: _____

Vehicles

avión	not available in the system
barco	not available in the system
camion*	not available in the system
carro	not available in the system
coche	□ not available in the system
moto	not available in the system
tractor	□ not available in the system
tren	□ not available in the system

Other: _____

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Places

	calle	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	casa	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	cocina	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	parque	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	playa	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other:			
Clothing	9		
	reloj	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	sombrero/gorro	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	zapato	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other:			
Outside	Objects		
	estrella	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	flor	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	sol	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other:			
Activitie	25		
	besito	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	fiesta	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other:			
Time			
	tarde	not available in the system	□ available but not targeted

Time (continued)

Other: _____

Total # of Nouns:

VERBS

abrir	not available in the system
acabar	not available in the system
bailar	not available in the system
buscar	not available in the system
caer(se)	not available in the system
caminar	not available in the system
cantar	not available in the system
cerrar	not available in the system
cocinar	not available in the system
comer(se)	not available in the system
comprar	not available in the system
correr	not available in the system
dar*	not available in the system
dormir(se)	not available in the system
enseñar	not available in the system
escuchar	not available in the system
esperar(se)	not available in the system
estar	not available in the system
gustar	not available in the system
haber	not available in the system
hablar	not available in the system
hacer	not available in the system

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VERBS (continued)

□ ir(se)	not available in the system
🗅 jugar	not available in the system
Ilevar(se)	not available in the system
Ilorar	\Box not available in the system
mirar*	not available in the system
morder	not available in the system
🗅 oír	not available in the system
parar(se)	not available in the system
peinar(se)	not available in the system
perder(se)	not available in the system
poner(se)	not available in the system
uerer querer	not available in the system
🗅 quitar	not available in the system
romper	not available in the system
saber	not available in the system
salir(se)	not available in the system
saltar	not available in the system
sentar(se)	not available in the system
🗅 ser	not available in the system
□ tener	not available in the system
🗅 tirar	not available in the system
tocar	not available in the system
□ tomar(se)*	not available in the system
venir(se)	not available in the system
ver(se)	not available in the system

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Other:

Total # of Verbs:

PRONOUNS AND DETERMINANTS

aquella	not available in the system	available but not targeted
dónde	not available in the system	available but not targeted
esa	not available in the system	available but not targeted
ese	not available in the system	available but not targeted
eso	not available in the system	available but not targeted
esta	not available in the system	available but not targeted
este	not available in the system	available but not targeted
esto*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
le	not available in the system	available but not targeted
me	not available in the system	available but not targeted
mi*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
mía*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
mío*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
por qué	not available in the system	available but not targeted
que	not available in the system	available but not targeted
qué	not available in the system	available but not targeted
quién	not available in the system	available but not targeted
se*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
tuyo	not available in the system	available but not targeted
уо*	not available in the system	available but not targeted

Other: _____

Total # of Pronouns and Determinants:

ADVERBS

🗅 abajo	not available in the system	available but not targeted
ahí*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
allá*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 allí	not available in the system	available but not targeted
aquí*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 arriba	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 más	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 mucho	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🖵 no*	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 otra	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 otro	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 sí	not available in the system	available but not targeted
🗅 ya	not available in the system	available but not targeted

Other: _____

Total # of Adverbs:

ADJECTIVES

- □ amarillo
- azul
- □ blanco
- □ chico/pequeño
- □ feo
- fría
- □ grande*

- □ not available in the system □ not available in the system
- □ not available in the system
- □ not available in the system
- not available in the system
- □ not available in the system
 - not available in the system

- available but not targeted

ADJECTIVES (continued)

	limpio	not available in the system
	lindo/bonito	not available in the system
	rojo	not available in the system
	verde	not available in the system
Other: _		

Total # of Adjectives:

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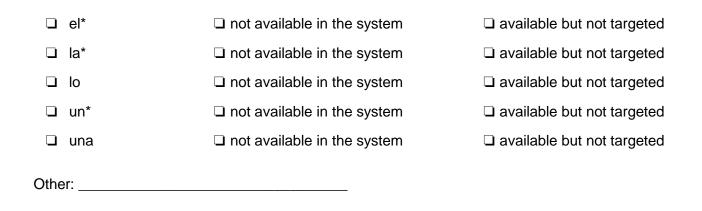
SUBSTITUTES

🗅 cua c	ua (pato)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
🗅 gua g	ua (perro)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
🗆 kikirik	i (gallo)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	b
🗆 miau	(gato)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
🗆 mu (v	aca)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
🛛 pío pí	o (pollo)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
🗅 pipi (d	carro)	not available in the system	available but not targeted	t
Other:				

ounor.

Total # of Substitutes:

ARTICLES



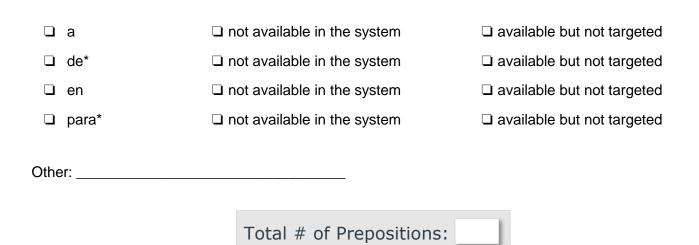
Total # of Articles:

NUMERALS

	cinco	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	cuatro	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	dos	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	tres	not available in the system	available but not targeted
	uno	not available in the system	available but not targeted
Other: _			

Total # of Numerals:

PREPOSITIONS



* High frequency words >100 according to Piñeiro & Manzano (2000)

II. Morphology

Mark the endings, derivations, and conjugations of the words or contractions that appear in your sample. Use this section in conjunction with the vocabulary checklist. Also, make a note if the morphological derivations in the Protocol are not available in the client's AAC system or have not been targeted in intervention.

1. (GENDER/GÉNERO (e.g., niño, niña)		
	masculine Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of gender produced):	□ feminine	
2. I	PLURAL (e.g., casas, muñecas)		
	□ singular	□ plural	
	Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of plurals produced):		_
	DIMUNITIVES/SUPERLATIVES-DIMUNITIVO g., cochecito,grandullón)	DS/SUPERLATIVOS	
		□ not produced	
	Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of dimunitives/superla	atives produced):	-
4. I	MPERATIVE/IMPERATIVO (e.g., dame, ton	na, mira)	
	□ produced	□ not produced	
	Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of imperatives produc	ced):	-
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5. COPULA/CÓPULA (e.g., ser, estar, parecer)	
□ produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of copulas produced):	□ not produced
	-)
6. PARTICIPLE/PARTICIPIO (e.g., roto, mojado	0)
	□ not produced
Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of participles produce	d):
7. COMPOUND PAST/PRETÉRITO PERFEC	CTO (e.g., <i>he comido</i>) auxiliary plus participle
□ produced	□ not produced
Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of compound past pro	oduced):
8. IMPERFECT PAST/PRETÉRITO IMPERFI	ECTO (e.g., <i>comía, jugaba</i>)
	□ not produced
Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of imperfect past proc	duced):
9. GERUND/GERUNDIO (e.g., lloviendo)	
	not produced
Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of gerund produced):	

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10. PERIPHRASTIC FUTURE/FUTURO PERIFRÁSTICO (e.g., voy a)				
Notes/Uttera	produced nces (write exemplars of periphrastic future periphras	not produced produced):		
11. FUTURE	/FUTURO (e.g., <i>iré</i>)			
	□ produced	□ not produced		
Notes/Uttera	nces (write exemplars of future tense produc	ed):		
12. SUBJUN	CTIVE/SUBJUNTIVO (e.g., que va	ayas)		
	□ produced	□ not produced		
Notes/Uttera	Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subjunctive produced):			
	Total # of Different Morphologic	al Structures: of 12		
	(The sum of all different morp	phological structures)		
	Total # of Morphological	Structures:		
	(ALL instances of observed morphological struc	tures, e.g., 2 gender, 5 plurals, etc.)		

III. Grammatical Complexity

When the language sample includes clauses, sentences, or phrases, mark the types of structures included in the protocol. Each structure gets scored only once, but you can write the exemplars of such structures in the notes column. Also, check if the grammatical structures in the Protocol are not available in the client's AAC system or have not been targeted in the intervention yet. The presentation of grammatical structures follows the order of appearance in typical development. It is possible that the individual uses structures that follow a different order of appearance, or that he/she does not use structures that appear in the list.

SIMPLE CLAUSE

Noun Phrase/Sintagma Nominal

Article + Noun	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Approximation (e.g., gesture, vocalization, word substitution, involuntary activation, activation of word near target) + noun (e.g., gesture + nena/girl)	□ 1 point	
Article (any type) + noun (e.g., la nena/the girl)	2 points	

Determinant + Noun	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Approximation + noun (e.g., gesture + nena/girl)	🗅 1 point	
Determinant (any type) + noun (e.g., esta nena/this girl)	2 points	

[Article] + Noun + Adjective	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Noun + adjective (no noun adjective agreement) (e.g., nenas bonita/pretty girls)	1 point	
Approximation + noun + adjective (e.g., gesture + nena/girl + guapa/pretty)	2 points	
Article + noun + adjective (e.g., la nena guapa/the beautiful girl)	3 points	

[Determinant] + Noun + Adjective	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Noun + adjective (no noun adjective agreement) (e.g., nenas bonita/pretty girls)	🗅 1 point	
Noun + adjective agreement (e.g., nenas bonitas/pretty girls)	2 points	
Determinant + noun + adjective (e.g., estas nenas bonitas/those pretty girls)	3 points	

Verbal Phrase/Sintagma Verbal

Person Marking in the Verb	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Only impersonal/3 rd person present singular/Imperative	🗆 1 point	
Only 1 person (e.g., 1 st singular)	2 points	
2 or more persons	3 points	

Compound Past/Pretérito Perfecto	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
No past/only participle (e.g., roto)	🗅 1 point	
Auxiliary plus participle (e.g., he roto)	2 points	

Periphrastic Future/Futuro próximo/Futuro perifrástico	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Lexicalized future (e.g., mañana/tomorrow)	🗅 1 point	
A + infinitive (e.g., to eat/a comer)	2 points	
Periphrastic future (e.g., I am going to eat/Voy a comer)	3 points	

Clitics/Clíticos*	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
1 form (e.g., give me/dame)	🗅 1 point	
2 or more forms (e.g., Give it to me/Dámelo)	2 points	

*pronouns attached to the verb

Prepositional Phrases	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Approximation (e.g., where daddy/donde papá?; de papá)	1 point	
Correct form (verb + preposition) (e.g., Where is daddy/Dónde está papa?; Es de papá)	2 points	

Possessive Phrases	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Pre-grammatical marking (e.g., possessor-possessed (pencil boy/lápiz nene)/invariable 'mine') or approximation	□ 1 point	
Correct form no verb (e.g., my pencil/mi lápiz)	2 points	
Correct form + verb (e.g., It is my pencil/Es mi lápiz)	3 points	

Subjunctive Phrases	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Attempt or approximation (e.g., no come/no viene/vení no for 'don't come'/'no vengas')	□ 1 point	
Correct form (e.g., Don't come/No vengas/Que vengas)	2 points	

Copula*	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
No verb (e.g., nena guapa/girl pretty)	🗅 1 point	
With verb (e.g., nena es guapa/girl is pretty)	2 points	

*e.g., ser, estar, parecer

Negative sentences/ Oraciones simples negativas	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
No verb (e.g., esto no/this no)	🗅 1 point	
Negative + infinitive (e.g., No tocar/Do not touch)	2 points	
Correct form (no + conjugated verb) (e.g., No se toca)	3 points	

Interrogative sentences/ Oraciones simples interrogativas	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Use of interrogation (e.g., is car/está coche? or car/coche?)	🗆 1 point	
Correct form (preposition + verb; pronoun + verb) (e.g., Where is the car/Dónde está el coche? Who is he/Quién es?)	2 points	

COMPLEX AND COMPOUND SENTENCES

Coordination	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Juxtaposition (e.g., I play a little, then sleep/Juego un poco, luego a domir)	□ 1 point	
Correct form (e.g., I play a little and then I go to sleep/Juego un poco y luego voy a dormir)	2 points	

Subordination	Point Value	Notes/Utterances
Approximation (e.g., I want you go/Quiero tu ir)	□ 1 point	
Sub. completivas (que + infinitive) (e.g., I want you to go/Quiero que tu ir)	2 points	
Other types of subordination (e.g., I want you to go/Quiero que vayas)	3 points	

*adapted from Protocolo de Observación del Desarrollo Gramatical Temprano by Equipo de Investigación en Adquisición del Lenguaje, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, España

Total Grammatical Complexity Score:

IV. Syntax

Write each word combination in the notes column according to the type of word order as shown below. Categorize the order of the words according to their function within the utterance (e.g., subject, verb, object, etc.).

Subject: Person, animal or thing that actsVeObject: Who or what has been affected by the verbCoQuestion word: Pronoun/preposition that starts a questionAd

Verb: Action Complement: Adjective or noun modifier Adverb: A verb modifier

1. OBJECT + SUBJECT (e.g., Coche papá) □ produced □ not produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of object + subject utterances produced): _____ 2. SUBJECT + OBJECT (e.g., Papá coche) produced not produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subject + object utterances produced): 3. VERB + SUBJECT (e.g., Como) Subject embedded in verb or infinitive □ produced not produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + subject utterances produced):

4. \	/ERB + OBJECT (e.g., Como pan)		
	produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + obje	not produced	
5. SUBJECT + VERB (e.g., Mamá come)			
	produced Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subject + vertice)	not produced erb utterances produced):	

6. QUESTION WORD + VERB (e.g., ¿Qué es?)

□ produced

□ not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of question word + verb utterances produced): _____

7. VERB + SUBJECT + OBJECT (e.g., Quiero muñeca)

□ produced

□ not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + subject + object utterances produced): _____

8. SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT (e.g., Nena quiere muñeca)

□ produced

□ not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subject + verb + object utterances produced): _____

9. VERB + SUBJECT + ADVERB (e.g., Corro rápido)

□ produced

not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + subject + adverb utterances produced): _____

10. SUBJECT + VERB + ADVERB (e.g., Nena tiene frío)

produced

□ not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subject + verb + adverb utterances produced): _____

11. VERB + OBJECT + OBJECT (e.g., Doy un beso a papá)

produced

not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + subject + object utterances produced): _____

12. VERB + OBJECT + COMPLEMENT (e.g., Tomo leche caliente)

produced

□ not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of verb + subject + complement utterances produced):_____

13. QUESTION WORD + VERB + SUBJECT (e.g., ¿Dónde está papá?)

□ produced

not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of question word + verb + subject utterances produced): ____

14. SUBJECT + OBJECT + VERB + OBJECT (e.g., Papá me da un beso)

produced

not produced

Notes/Utterances (write exemplars of subject + object + verb + object utterances produced): _____

Total # of Different Syntactic Structures: _____ of 14

(The sum of all different syntactic structures

Total # of Syntactic Structures:

(ALL instances combined of observed syntactic structures. e.g., 5 subject + object, 2 verb + subject + adverb, etc.)

Results

Total # of Utterances:	
Total # of Words:	
Total # of Different Words:	
Total # of Nouns:	
Total # of Verbs:	
Total # of Pronouns and Determinants:	
Total # of Adverbs:	
Total # of Adjectives:	
Total # of Substitutes:	
Total # of Articles:	
Total # of Numerals:	
Total # of Prepositions:	
Total # of Interjections:	
Total # of Conjunctions:	
Total # of Morphological Structures:	
Total # of Different Morphological Structures:	
Total Score for Grammatical Complexity:	
Total # of Syntactic Structures:	
Total # of Different Syntactic Structures	