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Questions refer to Stewart, “Reception Thresholds for Sentences in Quiet, Continuous Noise, and Interrupted Noise in School-Age Children,” pp. 135–146.

Learner Outcomes

Each reader of this article should be able to

- Explain how the study of speech perception in fluctuating competing signals offers insight into temporal resolution abilities of listeners.
 - Compare temporal resolution and processing efficiency as competing hypotheses for describing auditory development.
 - Identify differences of speech recognition in interrupted noise between children and adult listeners.
1. Conditions that can worsen listening performance of children when competing signals are present include:
 - a) listening through a second language
 - b) history of recurrent otitis media
 - c) learning disability
 - d) all of the above
 2. Speech recognition measured as a function of S/N in spectrally identical continuous and interrupted broadband noise allows examination of:
 - a) temporal resolution
 - b) spectral resolution
 - c) temporal and spectral resolution
 - d) acceptable noise level
 3. Which of the following statements is true?
 - a) the temporal resolution hypothesis suggests better temporal acuity for children than adults
 - b) the temporal resolution hypothesis suggests similar temporal acuity for children and adults
 - c) the processing efficiency hypothesis proposes poorer processing efficiency for children than adults
 - d) the processing efficiency hypothesis proposes similar processing efficiency for children and adults
 4. In this investigation, reception thresholds for sentences (RTSs) in quiet, for children, were equivalent to adult thresholds:
 - a) after age 7 years
 - b) after age 9 years
 - c) after age 11 years
 - d) after age 13 years
 5. Release from masking in interrupted noise was determined by:
 - a) dividing continuous noise RTS dB S/Ns by interrupted noise RTS dB S/Ns
 - b) adding interrupted noise RTS dB S/Ns to continuous noise RTS dB S/Ns
 - c) subtracting continuous noise RTS dB S/Ns from interrupted noise RTS dB S/Ns
 - d) subtracting interrupted noise RTS dB S/Ns from continuous noise RTS dB S/Ns
 6. The release from masking experienced by children in interrupted noise was:
 - a) the same as adults by age 8 years
 - b) no different than adults
 - c) poorer than adults in all age groups of children
 - d) better than adults in all age groups of children
 7. Superior performance in interrupted noise was evidenced in all participants by:
 - a) higher RTS S/Ns relative to RTS S/Ns in continuous noise.
 - b) lower RTS S/Ns relative to RTS S/Ns in continuous noise.
 - c) equivalent RTS S/Ns relative to RTS S/Ns in continuous noise.
 - d) none of the above
 8. The developmental differences between children and adults while listening in interrupted noise has been attributed to:
 - a) masking level differences
 - b) peripheral auditory maturation
 - c) central auditory system maturation
 - d) peripheral and central auditory system maturation
 9. The release from masking observed in this investigation, collapsed across all age groups, was 9 dB. This value was:
 - a) less than reported in previous investigations
 - b) greater than previously reported
 - c) about equal to values observed previously
 - d) not compared with previously reported values
 10. Administration of four *Hearing in Noise Test for Children* (HINT-C) 10-sentence lists can be completed in less than:
 - a) 5 minutes
 - b) 10 minutes
 - c) 15 minutes
 - d) 20 minutes



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