Abbreviated Profile of Hearing Aid Benefit (APHAB)

Name ____________________________ Date ____________ File# ____________

**DIRECTIONS:** Please circle the answer that comes closest to your everyday experience. Notice that each choice includes a percentage. You can use this to help you decide on an answer. For example, if a statement is true about 75% of the time, circle ‘C’ for that item. If you have not experienced the situation described, try to think of a similar situation. If you have no idea, leave that item blank.

**Without Hearing Aid** | **With Hearing Aid**
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1. When I am in a crowded grocery store, talking with the cashier, I can follow the conversation. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
2. I miss a lot of information when I am listening to a Lecture. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
3. Unexpected sounds, like a smoke detector or alarm bell, are uncomfortable. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
4. I have difficulty hearing a conversation when I’m with one of my family members at home. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
5. I have trouble understanding the dialog in a movie or at the theater. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
6. When I am listening to the news on the car radio, and family members are talking, I have trouble hearing the news. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
7. When I’m at the dinner table with several people, and am trying to have a conversation with one person, understanding speech his / her speech is difficult. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
8. Traffic noises are too loud. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
9. When I am talking with someone across a large empty room, I understand the words. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G
10. When I am in a small office, interviewing or answering questions, I have difficulty following the conversation. | A B C D E F G | A B C D E F G

This form is about your hearing and listening abilities, and responses to everyday sounds.
A Always (99%)     C Generally (75%)     E Occasionally (25%)
B Almost Always (87%)     D Half-of-the-time (50%)     F Seldom (12%)     G Never (1%)

11. When I am in a theater watching a movie or play, and
the people around me are whispering and rustling paper
wrappers, I can still make out the dialog.           A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
12. When I am having a quiet conversation with a friend,
I have difficulty understanding.                    A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
13. The sounds of running water, such as a toilet or
shower, are uncomfortably loud.                    A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
14. When a speaker is addressing a small group, and everyone
is listening quietly, I have to strain to understand. A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
15. When I am in a quiet conversation with my doctor
in an exam room, it is hard to follow the conversation. A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
16. I can understand conversations even when several
people are talking.                                 A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
17. The sounds of construction work are uncomfortably loud. A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
18. It’s hard for me to understand what is being said at
lectures or church services.                        A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
19. I can communicate with others when I am in a crowd. A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
20. The sound of a fire engine siren close by is so loud
that I need to cover my ears.                      A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
21. I can follow the words of a lecture.              A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
22. The sound of screeching tires is uncomfortable loud. A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
23. I have to ask people to repeat themselves in one-on-one
conversation in a quiet room.                      A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G
24. I have trouble understanding others when an air
conditioner or fan is on.                           A B C D E F G     A B C D E F G

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