The Revised* Sheridan Gardiner Test of Visual-Acuity for Young or Retarded Children

Instructions for use

For distance vision the test may be carried out at 20 feet (6 metres) or at 10 feet (3 metres) from a mirror. The transparent key chart recently introduced by Ahmed & Dua enables the examiner to see whether the child’s answers are correct at either working distance, without the aid of an assistant or parent.

Efficient covering of the eye not being tested is essential and the illumination of the cards should be as for normal testing with older children.

The examiner shows the child at close range one of the distance pack, other than the first, and asks him to point at the corresponding letter on the key chart which the child holds. Having established that the child knows what he is required to do, the cards in the distance pack are shown in sequence at the proper distance, and the child identifies them by pointing to his key card.

For near vision the examiner holds the near vision card at normal reading distance and the child, as before, holds the key card.

Using a fine pointer, the letter the child is required to read is indicated, which the child then identifies on the key card.

The Reduced Snellen provides the better clinical test. Failure to read all the letters at the 6/6 (20/20) level constitutes a defect, as does a difference between right and left eye at any level.

The N scale is included to compare with other standard tests.