

CATEGORY EXCLUSION

One skill, start to finish: the IEP goal, six probe forms, the graph. Untimed. Fillable PDF.

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BY (DATE):

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GIVEN (CONDITION, WHAT IS SHOWN, ANY ALLOWED SUPPORT)

ON ____ OF ____ CONSECUTIVE PROBES

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AS MEASURED BY (THIS PROBE: CATEGORY EXCLUSION, FORMS A-F, PAGE 6-11)

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Benchmarks toward the goal

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My name: _____

Category Exclusion - Form A

Date: _____

Read the four words. Write the one that does not belong.

READ THE FOUR WORDS - WRITE THE ONE THAT DOES NOT BELONG

1.	oval	circle	cat	square	
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3.	zebra	tiger	kangaroo	scooter	
4.	white	silver	submarine	blue	
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How to fill it

What it is for

EXAMPLE A Filled-In Data Log (Invented Student)

Pritya is invented. Twelve weekly probes on category exclusion, the aim line, the change that three low points forced, and the criterion being met.

The goal, as written for Pritya, third grade (invented)

By May 20, when given 10 sets of four printed words where three words share a category and one does not, Pritya will write the one word that does not belong for 8 of 10 sets on 3 consecutive weekly probes, as measured by teacher-scored category exclusion probes (forms A-F).

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How to read the log

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PROGRESS MONITORING How This Pack Works

Goal, baseline, weekly probes, graph, decision. Six steps, one skill.

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- ☐ The caseload page is one grid for every student on this goal: print it once a month.

What this probe is not

It is not a norm-referenced test and it carries no benchmark score. The sample goal uses invented criteria in brackets; your team sets the real ones from the baseline and the student's IEP. Every form is untimed and ten items long, so a score of 8 means the same thing on every form, and a student is never scored on speed.

Equivalent forms, and why it matters

Every form has ten items drawn the same way, from one shuffle of the same bank, and no item appears on two forms — 60 different items across the six forms. A score on one form means the same as a score on another, so the line on the graph is the student, not the paper. Rotate the forms and the page cannot be memorized.

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Giving and scoring the probe

- ☐ Say: "Read all four words. Write the one that does not belong."
- ☐ Correct: the one word that does not share the category the other three share, spelled exactly as it appears in the row.
- ☐ The same five categories repeat every form, so a missed item names which two were confused.
- ☐ Untimed. Let the student finish all ten before you score.

Scoring rules for this student (accepted answers, reversals, supports allowed)

What the errors say to reteach (carry over from the log)

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giraffe

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papaya

pink

8.

apple

pentagon

heart

star

9.

black

boat

van

train

10.

cube

cat

giraffe

lion

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1.

silver

pineapple

guava

apple

2.

truck

red

purple

white

3.

elephant

star

diamond

circle

4.

gray

blue

pink

banana

5.

tiger

kangaroo

tractor

zebra

6.

black

bicycle

tractor

train

7.

banana

star

pear

lychee

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circle

star

apple

pentagon

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truck

zebra

bicycle

train

10.

triangle

tiger

horse

rabbit

Category Exclusion — Data Log and Graph

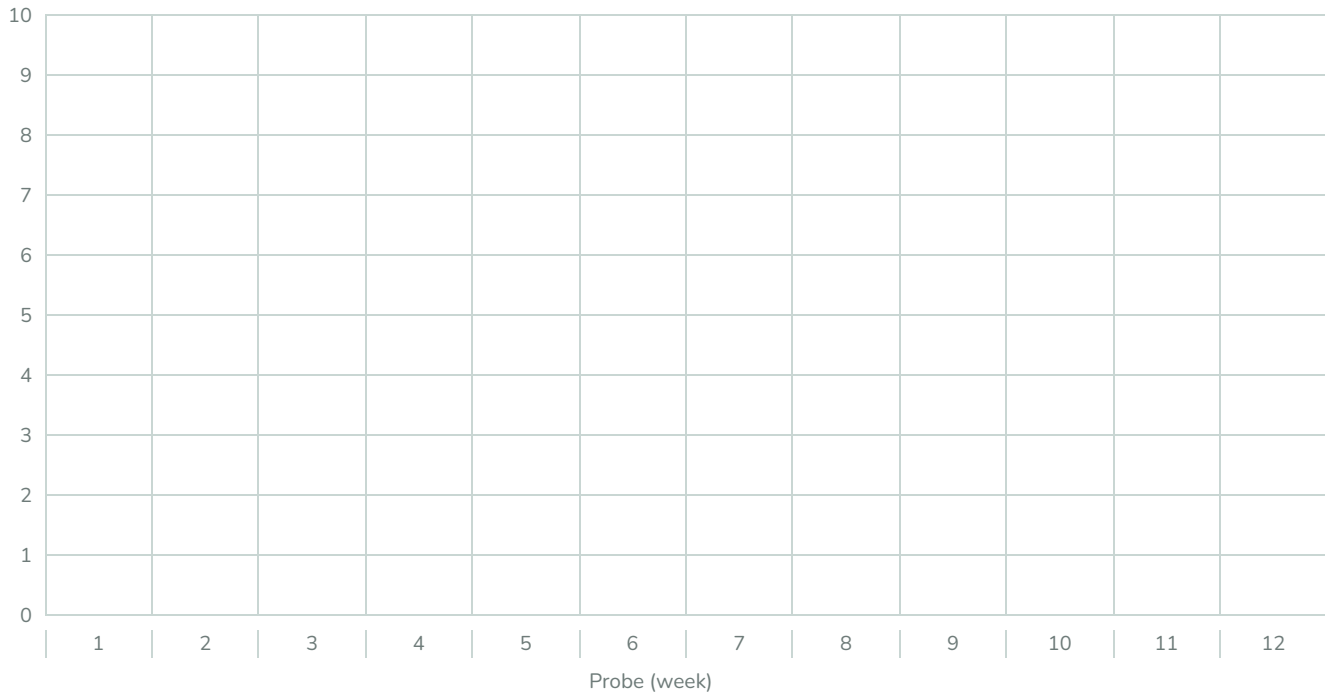
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- ☐ One row per student who has a goal on this skill. Baseline is the median of the first three probes.
- ☐ One column per weekly probe; write the score out of 10, not a percent, so the rows compare.
- ☐ Trend: up, flat or down over the last four probes. That word, not the last score, is what the decision follows.
- ☐ Decision: keep going, change the teaching, or raise the target. A blank decision on a flat row is the thing this page exists to catch.

What it is for

Grouping. When six students sit on the same goal, the individual graphs answer “how is this child doing” and nothing answers “who needs the same fifteen minutes.” Rows that are flat together are a group; a row that is flat alone is a different question. Take this page to the data meeting instead of ten folders.

EXAMPLE

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Priya is invented. Twelve weekly probes on category exclusion, the aim line, the change that three low points forced, and the criterion being met.

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- ☐ The aim line runs from 3 in week 1 to 8 at the goal date. Probes 4, 5 and 6 (3, 2, 3) sat under it: three in a row, so the teaching changed and the change is written on the row.
- ☐ The notes name the pattern, not just the count: “wrote the correct word for rectangle, car and lion, but missed gold, diamond, pink, monkey, moped, banana and fig” is what sent the teaching somewhere specific, and a score on its own would not have said that.
- ☐ Criterion met on probes 11 and 12; one more consecutive probe at 8 or better and the goal is met.

The progress report sentence this log produces

“On weekly category exclusion probes (10 items, untimed), Priya scored 3 of 10 at baseline in September and 8 of 10 on each of the two most recent probes in November. Progress is sufficient to meet the goal of 8 of 10 on three consecutive probes by May.” Every number in it is on the log above; nothing is from memory.