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# DIAGNOSTIC LANGUAGE TOOL AND MUSIC INTERVENTION FOR ADOLESCENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER (DLD)



#### Introduction

This research introduces language diagnostic tool in educational settings, with particular reference to the needs of adolescents with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). It summarises the objectives and functions of language diagnostic, including formative assessment. The diagnostic language tool (syntactic test) included syntactic structures and tasks that proved to be the most sensitive for the detection of syntactic DLD in previous studies. This research also illustrates some ways in which music intervention can be used to engage adolescents with DLD and suggest that music intervention is a crucial medium that enables positive transfer from music to language impairment.

#### **Problem statement**

- Developmental Language Disorder is an invisible, under diagnosed condition that affects over 70% of children
- 2 in 30 children have Developmental Language Disorder, that's two kids in every classroom.
- Between 5-7 million children in the US are affected.
- 15-20% of 2-year-old children show speech delay but they show the proficiency after reaching 4-5-year-old. However, 5-8% of the children still display the language disorder.

#### **Novelty & Inventiveness**

- Modify and develop diagnostic language tools for adolescents with DLD.
- New techniques, activities and processes within the music therapy are designed to meet their needs.
- Music therapy applied within a supportive relationship is an effective tool that has the potential to be used therapeutically by matching rhythmic patterns with speech patterns.



- The existing application can be used by educators in either primary or secondary school and by speech therapists in either clinic or hospital settings.
- The diagnostic language tools can help the educators or therapists to identify their language difficulties.
- To overcome this language impairment music therapy is an effective tool that has the potential to be used therapeutically by matching rhythmic patterns with speech patterns.
- The diagnostic language tools and the modules of music therapy are also useful to others, especially patients with expressive aphasia.



The prototype had been developed and tested in relevant environment such as clinical setting and school.



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# **Industry/Business Partner**

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# **Commercialization Potential**

Study being carried out, feedback from clinical staffs, teachers, and students.

# **Level of Impact**

• Impact of the invention may contribute to the improvement of community, especially the language development among children or adolescents with developmental language disorder (as well individuals with Broca's aphasia).



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