

# TEACH CVI

Screening list for children with a suspicion of  
Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI)

Scoring list 2



“My home: stairs, people, and windows”  
Drawing by S.H., a five year old girl with CVI.



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### Scoring

The answers that are indicative for CVI are marked bold for each question and specific screeners are indicated for each screening list.

Healthcare professionals need to check whether the responses of the parents/ teachers/interested others correspond with these bold answers and need to count the number of these responses. They should also check whether or not screeners are marked.

A positive screen is based on the number of marked screeners and/or the number of marked questions. There is a positive screen if:

- 4 out of 8 screeners are indicated with or without additional marked items;
- Or 11 or more items are marked (1/3 of the screening list).

**1 = Never**

**2 = Occasionally**

**3 = Frequently**

**4 = Always**

1. Makes eye contact.	1	2	3	4
2. Has difficulties with looking at objects.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
3. Has difficulties with looking at people.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4. Tilts head to look at something.</b>	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
5. Has difficulties following moving objects (e.g. following a moving car).	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
6. Has difficulties following moving people (e.g. following a moving person).	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
7. Stares at light sources (e.g. lights or windows).	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
8. Falls over clearly visible objects.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
9. Orientates the head downwards when walking.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
10. Easily bumps into things.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

11. Pays attention only to objects in front of him/her.	1	2	3	4
12. Use of vision can fluctuate.	1	2	3	4
13. Clutter in the room appears to interfere with visual attention.	1	2	3	4
14. Objects need to be brought close to be seen.	1	2	3	4
<b>15. Looks away while reaching out for an object.</b>	1	2	3	4
16. Reacts adversely in a strange or unfamiliar environment (e.g. shop or street).	1	2	3	4
17. Has difficulties distinguishing familiar from unfamiliar faces.	1	2	3	4
18. Reacts adversely to traffic sounds or suddenly produced sounds.	1	2	3	4
19. Reacts adversely to, e.g. passing children, cyclists or cars.	1	2	3	4
<b>20. Does not recognise common objects.</b>	1	2	3	4
21. Does not recognise common pictures/images.	1	2	3	4
<b>22. Recognises common objects only when drawn in colour.</b>	1	2	3	4
23. Recognises people by their voice, clothes and posture rather than looking at their faces.	1	2	3	4
24. Has difficulties when the lay-out of a room/class has changed.	1	2	3	4
<b>25. Has difficulties with interpreting more complex drawings (e.g. overview picture/situation picture).</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>26. Can find a favourite toy easily when it is amongst other toys.</b>	1	2	3	4
27. Can find a favourite toy easily when it is on a patterned surface (e.g. a rug or blanket).	1	2	3	4
28. Has difficulties distinguishing familiar from unfamiliar faces in a crowd.	1	2	3	4
29. Hesitates when there is a change of floor surface (e.g. from a wooden floor to a carpet or when encountering steps).	1	2	3	4

30. Hesitates where a floor pattern changes (e.g. from black to white tiles).	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>31. Has difficulty walking down steps.</b>	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
32. Has difficulty perceiving the movement of objects (e.g. movement of a car or movement of a ball).	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
33. Has difficulty perceiving the movement of people.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>34. Touches an object in preference to looking at it.</b>	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
35. The child appears to try to compensate by talking a lot.	1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Number of screeners: .....

Number of answers that are indicative for CVI: .....