

# Section 1

## 2. Communication and interaction style

### a) Method of communication

- What is their preferred communication method?
  - Examples:
    - Communication aid devices
    - Sign language
    - Verbal
    - Writing
    - Combination of methods (specify)
- Do they listen, understand, and respond accordingly?
- Are they able to initiate and carry on a two-way conversation?
- Do they enjoy carrying on a conversation with themselves (self-talk)?

### b) Communication difficulties

- Are there any communication difficulties?
  - Examples:
    - Stuttering
    - Pronunciation challenges
    - Unable to focus on what is being communicated to them
    - Needs a lot of time to form responses
- How do they react if they are misunderstood or cannot understand?
- Give a description of how a caregiver can assist them with their communication.
  - Examples:
    - Enroll them in speech therapy classes
    - Learn sign language
    - Know when to step into a conversation to interpret

### c) Interactions with others

- Are they sociable, shy, or indifferent to those around them?
- Explain how you handle difficult situations.
  - Examples:
    - When they are being overly sociable with or demanding of attention from someone they find attractive
    - When they do not respond, or are too quiet in their response to greetings
    - When they hug inappropriately

## 3. Fears and worrying

### a) Fears or phobias

- Specify the fears or phobias.
  - Examples:
    - Cannot go up or down open riser staircases or glass elevators
    - Frightened to go into a large room with high ceilings and shiny floors
    - Terrified of anything associated with Halloween
- How do they indicate distress?