

Video Commentary

This video shows Chris, a teacher, working with Ellie-Mae, a nine year old with a diagnosis of autism. Assessment in relation to the p-scales shows that Ellie-Mae is at about p-level 3ii for speaking and listening.

The video is just part of a 20-minute session during which Chris was trying to establish Ellie-Mae's preferences for objects but also trying to engage her in a range of activities.

Chris and Ellie-Mae had been playing with a range of balls including the two depicted. Chris drapes a gauzy cloth over the balls as Ellie-Mae watches. Is the cloth too transparent? The lighted ball shines through clearly and Ellie-Mae quickly retrieves it. Next time around, Chris makes it more difficult to get at the lighted ball. It could be that the time delay has led to Ellie-Mae forgetting the location of the ball or it could be that she believes that Chris does not want her to have it. This will require further checking.

Ellie-Mae seems to 'tune out' after this but Chris gradually regains her interest by developing a game of imitating her lip smacking and simple turn taking with the balls.