

**MEL: Music in Everyday Life Assessment – Scoring instructions**  
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**Subscale 1 (Domains 1 – 4): Music in Everyday Life - Joint Activities using Music (MEL-JAM)**

Items 1a – 4b ask parents to report on the frequency (represented by the "a" in each item) in use of four different shared musical activities during the past week, as well as the quality (represented by the "b" in each item) of the musical interaction. Scoring is as follows:

**Frequency items: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a**

**“In the past week, how often have you....”**

- 4 = Every day of the week
- 3 = Almost every day of the week
- 2 = A couple of the days of the week
- 1 = One day of the week
- 0 = Not at all

**Quality items: 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b**

**“How do you think your child responded to...”**

- 2 = It was a very positive experience for my child
- 1 = It was a somewhat positive experience for my child
- 0 = It was neither a positive nor a negative experience for my child
- 1 = It was a negative experience for my child

Item scores are calculated by representing the frequency weighted by the experience. Multiplying the 0 to 4 score for frequency with the -1 to 2 score for corresponding experience, so that the overall score for each item could range from -4 to 8.

Eg. 1a = 3, 1b = 1.  $3 \times 1 = 3$ . Score for Item 1 = 3

**Calculating total score for subscale 1**

To obtain the total score for Subscale 1, sum each of the item scores.

Eg. Item 1:  $3 \times 1 = 3$ ; Item 2:  $4 \times 2 = 8$ ; Item 3:  $2 \times 0 = 0$ ; Item 4:  $2 \times 1 = 2$ .

TOTAL Score for subscale 1:  $3 + 8 + 0 + 2 = 13$

## **Subscale 2 (Domain 7): Music in Everyday Life - Routine Activities using Music (MEL-RAM)**

Items 7a to 7g ask parents to report on how music was used to support the child within the daily routines of everyday life. Scoring is as follows:

0 = Not at all

1 = One day of the week

2 = A couple of days of the week

3 = Almost every day of the week

4 = Every day of the week

### **Calculating total score for subscale 2**

Sum each of the items to obtain the total score for Subscale 2.

Eg. 7a = 0; 7b = 2; 7c = 2; 7d = 3; 7e = 2; 7f = 1; 7g = 1

TOTAL score for subscale 2:  $0 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 11$

### **Instructions for additional items**

Domain 5: family members playing musical instruments

Items 5a, 5b and 5c – unscored: program planning use only

Domain 6: preferred genres for music listening

Item 6a to 6h – unscored: program planning use only

Item 8 – free text; program planning use only