

Greater Task Complexity

- 7** Student indicates ability to extend semantic boundaries by recognizing elements such as size, shape, texture and color (e.g., “big/little” dog, “furry/soft” dog, “brown/black” dog)
Student demonstrates ability to discriminate different semantic characteristics by recognizing and labeling elements such as color, shape, size.
- 8** Student indicates comprehension beyond match-to-sample – for example, by selecting the photo of a dog in response to “Find the one that is brown and big” (elements of “brown” and “big” can be represented by visuals).
This is a further extension of linguistic/conceptual understanding and semantic flexibility. Students are able to reconstruct a whole by integrating their knowledge of semantic classes and elements within those classes.
- 9** Student demonstrates recognition of action verbs through matching videos of characters performing actions, to photographs, pictures and line drawings.
This is the beginning of understanding relationships between action and agent, and sets the groundwork for understanding the structure of a sentence.

Note: Monarch’s Visual Representation Assessment, which was developed with Dr. Howard Shane from Boston’s Children’s Hospital, and is administered by Monarch Speech/Language Pathologists, is significantly more structured and involved than the scenario above. This is merely presented for illustrative purposes, to give you a high-level understanding.