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ABSTRACT

Despite the several attempts to decode the lexical access to nouns and verbs, that still not understood. In Portuguese Language there are no instruments to evaluate the lexical categories of nouns and verbs, design controlling different word properties. We build a test of nomination and generation of nouns and verbs with 3 parts (a test of nouns nomination, a test of verb nomination and a test for verb generation) that allows evaluating language difficulties in aphasic and dementing patients. We evaluate the battery characteristics as well as the effect of demographic and linguistics variables. The battery was applied to 161 normal subjects, using 90 black and white draws, selected after the pilot study. We previously apply 3 other tests, 2 from WASI e one reading test. The results show that the battery is valid and applicable to Portuguese population, but the results can be different with age and education. The results of Wasi tests and reading test can predict the results of our tests. There are differences in the subjects performance depending of the test applied. There are no effects of the linguistic variables. Key words: Nouns, Verbs, Nomination, Generation