Examinee

Administer standardized tests of lexical retrieval

Aphasic lexical retrieval problems (anomia)

Diagnosis: Aphasia

Obtain discourse samples

(Average number of words per longest 3 utterances)

(0–5 words) Nonfluent Aphasias
Broca’s aphasia
Transcortical motor aphasia
Mixed nonfluent aphasia
Global aphasia

(6–8 words) Borderline Fluently Aphasias
Anterior capsular-putaminal aphasia
Posterior capsular-putaminal aphasia
Thalamic aphasia

(9 or more words) Fluent Aphasias
Wernicke’s aphasia
Transcortical sensory aphasia
Conduction aphasia
Anomic aphasia

Administer Standardized Tests of Auditory Comprehension

Auditory Comprehension Skills

Nonfluent Aphasias

Very Poor
Poor
Relatively Good
Global
Mixed N/F
Broca’s TCS

Borderline Fluently Aphasias

Poor
Highly Variable
Poor
Relatively Good
Post. C/P
Thalamic
Ant. C/P

Fluent Aphasias

Poor
Relatively Good
Wernicke’s Conduction
Anomic TCS

Administer Standardized Tests of Repetition

Repetition Skills

Nonfluent Aphasias

Poor
Poor
Poor
Good
Global
Mix N/F
Broca’s TCM

Borderline Fluently Aphasias

Good
Good
Poor
Ant. C/P
Thalamic
Post. C/P

Fluent Aphasias

Poor
Good
Poor
Good
Wernicke’s TCS
Conduction
Anomic

Key

N/F = nonfluent aphasia
TCM = transcortical motor
TCS = transcortical sensory

Post. C/P = posterior capsular-putaminal
Ant. C/P = anterior capsular-putaminal

FIGURE 3.6. Overview of classification of aphasia syndromes.