

ToM Stories – Scoring Criteria

Prompts: Only ask for clarification of initial response (e.g., *Can you tell me more about that?*)

General:

2 = full and complete answer

1 = incomplete or partially correct answer

0 = incorrect answer

Note MS where mental state / psychological term used

Refers to thoughts, feelings, desires, traits, and dispositions

Examples: thinks, knows, wants, greedy, playing a game, pretending, like, happy, cross, afraid, joke, pretend, lie, to fool someone, expecting, upset, polite, (not) rude, etc.

MSx if an inappropriate mental state is attributed – **or if mental state is attributed but the answer is incorrect.**

MS2 if a 2nd order mental state (e.g. he thinks she wants), MS3, etc

1. Kittens "Why did Mrs. Smith say that?"

2 = ref to persuasion, manipulating feelings, trying to induce pity/guilt, etc; make her buy one by making her feel sad/bad/guilty

Examples: "Because she didn't want her kittens anymore and then she wanted Jill to buy one so she was trying to be sort of cruel, really so Jill could buy one, so she said that she drown one" (Darryl, 11 years)

"So Jill will buy the kitten and so Jill will feel sorry for them and won't get killed" (Andrew, 16 years).

1 = ref to outcome (to sell them/get rid of them) without explaining how, or simple motivation (eg to make Jane sad).

"Because she wanted her (Jill) to buy them" (Hugh, 9)

"So the girl will buy the kitten" (Lisa, 16 years).

"Because she couldn't look after them all because there was too many of them and she probably wanted the kid to take them, the kittens" (Helen, 16 years).

0 = ref to general knowledge or dilemma without realisation that statement was not true (e.g. she couldn't keep them all. Its kinder to kill them. She's a horrible woman, she hates cats)

Examples: "Because she couldn't afford to look after them all"

"Mrs Smith said that because she didn't want all of the kittens and she would have to drown them because she didn't want them" (Katherine, 10 years)

“Mrs Smith said she would drown them because no-one would buy them and couldn't keep them because there were too many of them” (Andrew, 16 years).

2. Prisoner “Why did the prisoner say that?”

2 = ref to fact that other army will not believe and hence look in other place, to prisoner's realisation that that's what they'll do, or ref to double bluff.

Examples: “That's very clever, he thought they would lie to them, and then they would just go to the sea” (Andrew, 11 years)

“Because they would think he was lying and if he told them where they really were they'd go to the sea” (Joe B, 11)

“Because he's bluffing” Tell me more “Because they'll think he's lying so they go to the sea, and they're not there” (Matthew, 15)

1 = ref to outcome (e.g. to save his army's tanks) or simple lying (to mislead them, to lie)

Examples: “Because he wanted to save his people” (Hugh, 9)

“To trick them – they go there and then they move them. So they'd go to the mountains. Could hide them under ground, or in a tree”. (Gregory, 9)

“Because he didn't want them to know where the tanks were, and he wanted to save his army” Why would that help? “Because they'd go to the wrong place” Why? “Because he told them the wrong place” (Aimee, 10)

“Because he didn't want them to have the tanks”

0 = ref to motivation that misses point of double bluff (e.g. because he was scared and wanted to tell the truth).

Examples: “The prisoner said that because the army could fight the other army and take the tanks away” (Dharine, 11 years)

“Because he wanted to lose... because he wanted to lie and he accidentally told the truth” (Darryl, 11 years)

“The prisoner said that because ...the other side, they meant the other side opposite the red... more people were fighting, he told him because they were on the same side” (Le Khang, 10 years)

“Because there was probably, there was a cave in the mountain and they were hidden in there, he probably said, thought they were on top of the mountain” (Katherine, 10 years)

3. Brothers “Why will Jim look in the cupboard for the paddle?”

2 = reference to Simon having lied, being a liar, Jim knowing Simon lies, etc

Examples: “Because he knows it won't be in the place that he told him because he always lies and tells him the opposite to things where they were” (Katherine, 10 years)

“Because his brother Simon always lies, and he thinks that its going to be in the cupboard rather than under the bed” (Keiran, 9 years).

“Because his brother always lies so Jim doesn’t trust his brother, so he’s going to look in the cupboard” (Arsallan, 11 years).

1 = reference to facts without explicit mention of lying – e.g. That’s where it is really; One of two places left to look

Examples: *“Because he was going to look in the cupboard first and he was going to look under the bed... but because he had looked everywhere else for it.” (Rishni, 11 years)*

0 = reference to general, story-nonspecific info – e.g. things are usually left in cupboards, one of the two places left to look.

Examples: *“He looked in the cupboard for the paddle because these are places where people could hide things”*