A. Spaced-Retrieval Screen

(At each Trial, score as follows: Correct response = +; Incorrect response = - and record observations / what the participant says that is useful)

Start the Screening by saying:

"Today we are going to practice learning how to remember things better. We'll start by practicing remembering the name of this person." [Show photograph]

Step 1
Say:

"Her name (first and last) is Peggy Bailey. What is her name?"

Observations:

Trial 1  2  3

Incorrect: Wait for about a minute, chatting with the participant, and then do a second trial of Step 1

If incorrect on a second trial of Step 1, wait for about a minute, chatting with the participant, then do a third trial of Step 1.

If incorrect on a third trial of Step 1, then proceed directly to "EXIT LINE."

If correct at any trial, say:

"That's right. I am glad that you remembered." Then Go to Step 2.

Step 2 (SHORT DELAY -- about 10 seconds) Say:

"Good. I will give you more chances to practice as I am working with you today. Let's try again. What is her name?"

Observations:

Trial 1  2  3

Incorrect: Record response and go back to Step 1 for a second or third trial at Step 1.

If incorrect on a third trial of Step 2, then proceed directly to "EXIT LINE."

Step 3 (LONG DELAY -- about 15-20 seconds) Say:

"You are doing well remembering her name for a longer period of time, and that's the idea. I would like you to always remember her name. I will be practicing this with you during therapy by asking you often. So, what is her name?"

Observations:

Trial 1  2  3

Incorrect: Say:

"Actually, her name is Peggy Bailey. What is her name?"

Go back to Step 2.

If incorrect on a third trial of Step 3, then proceed directly to "EXIT LINE."

Correct: Say:

"That's right you are remembering for a longer period of time. You did a great job remembering her name. We are going to continue practicing this later today."

If you reach this point, continue with the study protocol.

EXIT LINE: "Thanks for trying so hard. Let's work on something else now."

If the client has not mastered Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3 successfully, try again on another day using a card with the name printed on it. If the client fails the second screen, start therapy WITHOUT doing more screening for the study. DO NOT ENROLL a person in the study who has not passed this Spaced-Retrieval screen.