THE SUSTAINED VOWEL TASK (SVT)

A. Instrumentation; Materials

1. Recording device and matching external microphone
2. Stop-watch
3. This scoring form

B. Procedure; Instructions

1. Position microphone using standard procedure for either a stand-held or head-mounted microphone.
2. Use standard procedure to adjust audio levels for the participant's speech.
3. Tell the participant: “Now we are going to hold out some sounds as long as we can. The first sound we’ll say is /a/. I'll go first.” Demonstrate by sustaining the /a/ sound for 6 seconds or so. Then say: “Now you try it. Remember to say it for as long as you can.” Have the participant complete three trials of the sustained /a/.
4. Scoring. Use a stop-watch to measure the duration of each trial and record in the space below. (Measurements can also be made later from the recording.)
Optional: Enter transcript into PEPPER. Complete acoustic analyses.

### Trial   Vowel   Duration (in sec.)   Notes
1   /a/   __________   ________________________
2   /a/   __________   ________________________
3   /a/   __________   ________________________