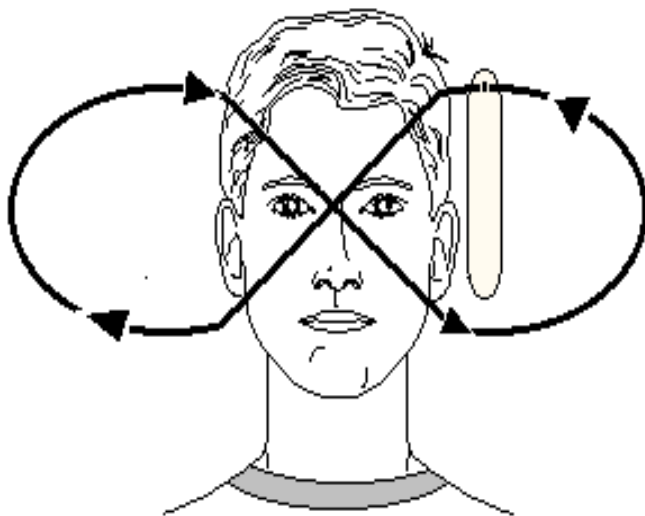


## OBSERVING EYE MOVEMENTS

You will learn a lot about the eye movement skills and smoothness when you perform this test. Hold the small paddle with a small image about 12-16 inches in front of the young person's eyes, move it in a figure eight as shown at a moderate speed (about 6 to 8 seconds for the complete loop). Have the person look at and follow the target. Watch as their eyes move to follow the target. Do not adjust the paddle speed or direction to correspond to their eye movements, have them follow your smooth movement.



1. Eye movements are smooth all the way through the loop. This is good.
2. Eyes jerk from point to point and do not move smoothly. Indicates that the eyes are having trouble with following, tracking skills are weak.
3. Eyes move smoothly in some areas, jerky in others. The person's movement skills are insufficient when looking in certain directions.
4. Eyes lose track of the target, then glance quickly to catch up. The break may recur at certain points or, with really poor skills, may break at various points along the tracking path.
5. Eyes do not follow the target through certain parts of the path, but recapture and follow other portions of the path. The subject may simply not bother following where he or she know following is impossible.
6. The eyes do not move. The child reports seeing the target moving. This often happens with children who have seriously underdeveloped visual skills- they know where the target is, but cannot follow. This is a serious sign, particularly if accompanied by reading problems.