

Neurologist James Kelly and NHL Great Pat LaFontaine: Neuropsychology Test

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Dr. James Kelly: Let's go through just some standard memory testing. What I want you to do is try to remember a few things and I'll ask you again in a couple of minutes. First of all, just three words: Chevrolet, zebra and honesty. What are they?

Pat LaFontaine: Chevrolet, zebra, and honesty.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay and now three things around us in the room right now. The TV monitor that's right next to you there, the computer, my stop watch and this particular book.

Pat LaFontaine: Okay.

Dr. James Kelly: So what are the three things in the room?

Pat LaFontaine: The TV, the stop watch and the book.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay, great. Try to remember the words and the things in the room and I'll ask you again in just a couple of minutes, okay? What day of the week is today?

Pat LaFontaine: Today is Saturday.

Dr. James Kelly: Uh-hum. And what city are we in?

Pat LaFontaine: Boston.

Dr. James Kelly: Uh-hum. And what is the date?

Pat LaFontaine: October 21, is it? -- No, I'm sorry, November 21.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay.

Pat LaFontaine: You wrote it down.

Dr. James Kelly: I did. I write down everything you say.

Pat LaFontaine: I look in my days.

Dr. James Kelly: Nineteen...

Pat LaFontaine: I should -- I don't keep track of dates anymore.

Dr. James Kelly: Yeah.

Pat LaFontaine: I haven't had these...

Dr. James Kelly: Things have changed.

Pat LaFontaine: Yeah, 1998.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay, sure. Okay, now who's our President now?

Pat LaFontaine: Clinton.

Dr. James Kelly: And who is president before him?

Pat LaFontaine: Reagan -- I mean Bush. Sorry.

Dr. James Kelly: That's okay. That's common for all us.

Pat LaFontaine: Very common.

Dr. James Kelly: Very common for all of us to do. And then before him was?

Pat LaFontaine: Reagan.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay and then just one before that the president?

Pat LaFontaine: Carter.

Dr. James Kelly: Yeah, okay. Good.

Dr. James Kelly: Now, tell me some news worthy events that are going out in the world today. What's going on that you know about?

Pat LaFontaine: That's a good question because I played golf for two or three days.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay.

Pat LaFontaine: And then watching -- well, actually kind of, this hearing, the presidential hearings.

Dr. James Kelly: Yeah.

Pat LaFontaine: The -- that's been going on.

Dr. James Kelly: What controversy or case was that about now?

Pat LaFontaine: Monica Lewinsky case.

Dr. James Kelly: Yeah.

Pat LaFontaine: They start hearings and debates and...

Dr. James Kelly: Okay.

Pat LaFontaine: I guess for the impeachment hearings that's what it said.

Dr. James Kelly: Very good. Now, what I want you to do is to spell world backwards.

Pat LaFontaine: D-L-R-O-W.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay, very good. Show me how you would use a comb to comb your hair, okay and how you would blow out a candle. Okay, good. Now what I want you to do is to take this page -- I want you to draw the face of a clock. Make the circle big enough and put the numbers in and then set the hands at ten past eleven.

Pat LaFontaine: I haven't done this for a long time. Ten past eleven you said?

Dr. James Kelly: Ten past eleven. Perfect. Now, say this after me: No ifs, ands or butts.

Pat LaFontaine: No ifs, ands or butts.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay, now what I want you to do is to tell me those three things we pointed to in the room.

Pat LaFontaine: A TV and a watch and a book.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay and the words before that?

Pat LaFontaine: Chevrolet, zebra and honesty.

Dr. James Kelly: Okay, very good. Now take this back and anywhere on here, write any simple sentence. A complete sentence that you make up with -- it can be very simple.

Ok, very good. That's intended to be a 3-dimensional drawing, okay. So do a representation of a cube for yourself.

Let's say, this a map of the United States, okay, this whole page. Let's use this brand new one, okay? So if you just picture the whole United States fitting on this right now. Put a C where California is and F for Florida is, okay, and where's your hometown and just put the initials for that. Okay and where would Denver be. Exactly, okay. And how about the Gulf of Mexico?

Okay, other Mental Status issues that's pretty much all I would do right now in a screening examination. You've got geographical orientation. You've done memory, both for verbal and non-verbal or visual information. We've looked at historical information, we looked at current events, we looked at language skills. The only thing we would probe more deeply would be focus, concentration, and attention and mathematical skills and those sorts of things. And at least for right now, we won't be going that on this level of testing. So that's worked out just fine. What you're able to do here having seen you operate all day long knowing that there aren't any problems, is certainly adequate information for me.

Pat LaFontaine: Okay.

Dr. James Kelly: Things are working just fine.