



# Clinical Utility of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

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## Agenda

- A. Discuss the fundamental changes from the WISC-IV to the WISC-V.**
- B. Describe how the changes impact interpretation of results.**
- C. Articulate the importance of various cognitive abilities for learning.**
- D. Describe how the WISC-V aligns to current approaches regarding the identification of students with specific learning disabilities.**

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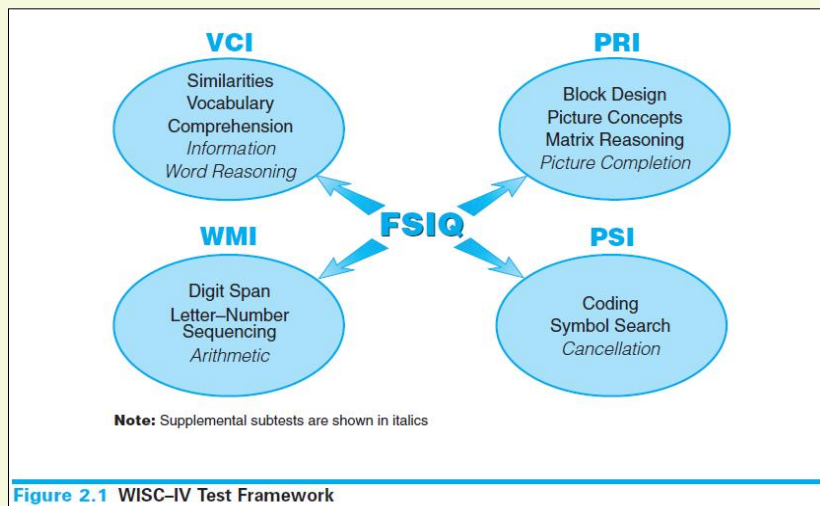


## Conceptual Structure

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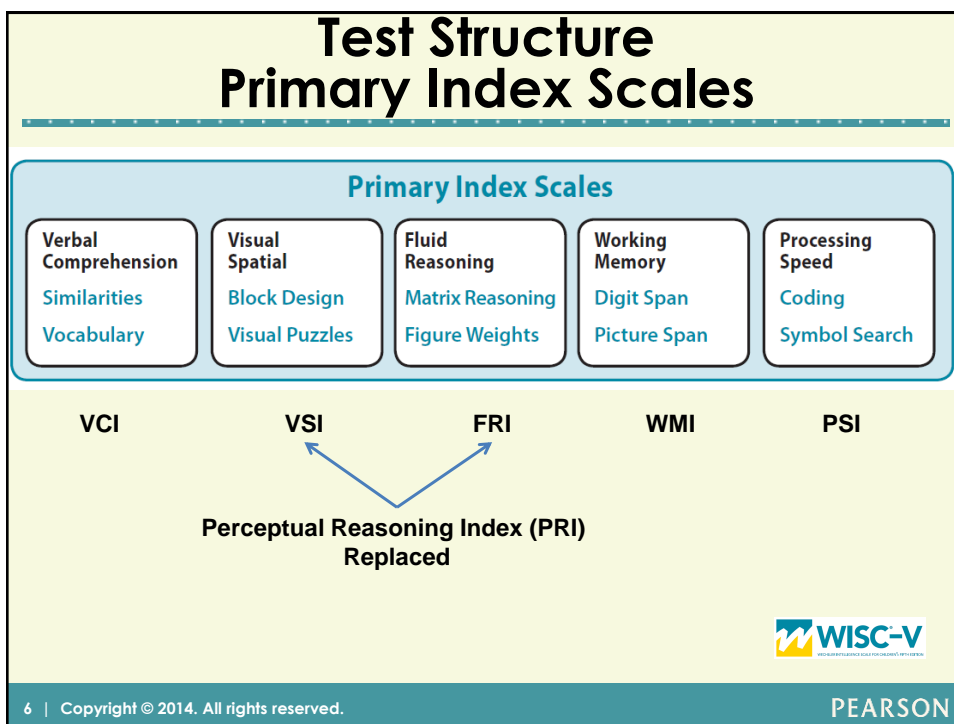
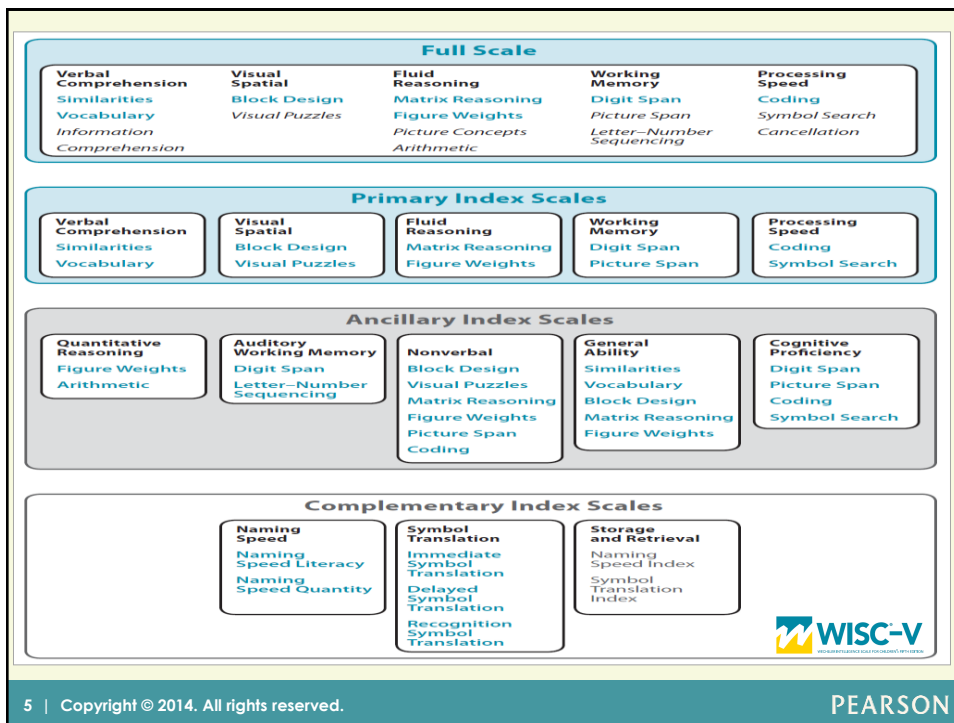
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## WISC-IV (2003)



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## Test Structure – Full Scale IQ



### Full Scale

Verbal Comprehension	Visual Spatial	Fluid Reasoning	Working Memory	Processing Speed
Similarities	Block Design	Matrix Reasoning	Digit Span	Coding
Vocabulary	Visual Puzzles	Figure Weights	Picture Span	Symbol Search
Information		Picture Concepts	Letter-Number Sequencing	Cancellation
Comprehension		Arithmetic		

### Primary and Secondary Subtests

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## Test Structure Ancillary Index Scales

### Ancillary Index Scales

Quantitative Reasoning	Auditory Working Memory	Nonverbal	General Ability	Cognitive Proficiency
Figure Weights	Digit Span	Block Design	Similarities	Digit Span
Arithmetic	Letter-Number Sequencing	Visual Puzzles	Vocabulary	Picture Span
		Matrix Reasoning	Block Design	Coding
		Figure Weights	Matrix Reasoning	Symbol Search
		Picture Span	Figure Weights	
		Coding		

**New!**

**Indexes Retained!**



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## Test Structure

### Complementary Scales and Subtests



#### Complementary Index Scales

**Naming  
Speed**

Naming  
Speed Literacy

Naming  
Speed Quantity

**Symbol  
Translation**

Immediate  
Symbol  
Translation

Delayed  
Symbol  
Translation

Recognition  
Symbol  
Translation

**Storage  
and Retrieval**

Naming  
Speed Index

Symbol  
Translation  
Index

**NSI**

**STI**

**SRI**

On Record Form Analysis Pages and in  
Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement: Optional carry-along

## Theoretical Foundations

**Structural Intelligence  
Models**

**Neurodevelopmental  
and neurocognitive  
research**

**Working Memory  
Models**

## Substitution and Proration No More “Core” and “Supplemental”

FSIQ Subtest	Allowable Substitutions for Deriving the FSIQ*
Similarities	Information or Comprehension
Vocabulary	Information or Comprehension
Block Design	Visual Puzzles
Matrix Reasoning	Picture Concepts
Figure Weights	Picture Concepts or Arithmetic
Digit Span	Picture Span or Letter-Number Sequencing
Coding	Symbol Search or Cancellation

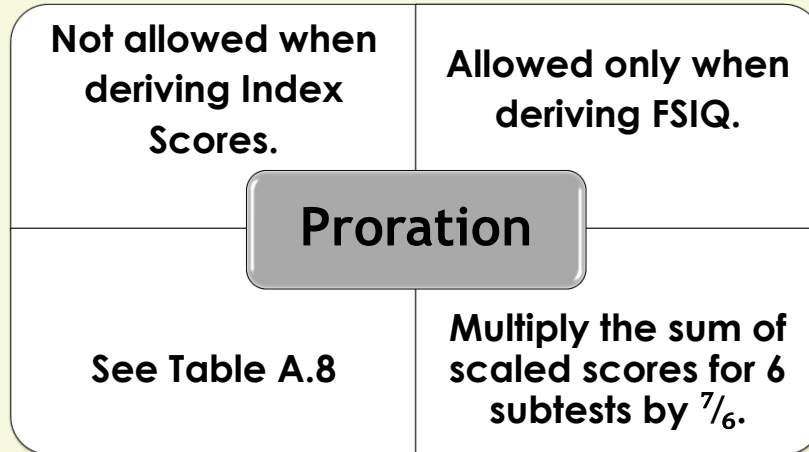
\*Because subtest substitution may introduce additional measurement error, only one substitution is allowed.

### Summary Total Raw Score to Scaled Score Conversion

Subtest	Raw Score	Scaled Score					
Block Design	30		12				12
Similarities	31	15					15
Matrix Reasoning	18			11			11
Digit Span	21				9		9
Coding	29					9	9
Vocabulary	invalid	—					—
Figure Weights	19			11			11
Visual Puzzles	16		12				( 12 )
Picture Span	21				8		( 8 )
Symbol Search	18					9	( 9 )
Information	20						( 15 )
Picture Concepts	13						( 10 )
Letter-Number Sequencing	12						( 8 )
Cancellation	54						( 10 )
Comprehension	23						( 15 )
Arithmetic	18						( 11 )
Sum of Scaled Scores		invalid.	24	22	17	18	82
		Verbal Comp.	Visual Spatial	Fluid Reas.	Work. Mem.	Proc. Speed	Full Scale

One Substitution

## Prorating the Full Scale Sum of Scaled Scores



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## Changes

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## Subtests on WISC-IV Dropped from WISC-V

- **Word Reasoning**
  - Redundant measure of verbal comprehension (high correlation with Information)
- **Picture Completion**
  - Construct not as representative of visual spatial ability as others (secondary verbal loading)
- **And we needed space for new subtests . . .**

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## Changes to Retained Verbal Comprehension Subtests

- Updated art with increased international portability.
- Revised scoring rules with data-based queries.
- New, contemporary item content.
- Stimulus Book eliminated on Vocabulary.

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## Changes to Retained “Perceptual Reasoning” Subtests

### Block Design

- New complex designs
- Evaluating new process scores
  - Partial Score
  - Simplified Break in Configuration Error Score

### Matrix Reasoning

#### Two item types retained

- 2x2 matrix
- serial order

### Picture Concepts

- Items revised so images not reused
- New items

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## Changes to Retained Working Memory Subtests

### Letter-Number Sequencing

- Eliminated rhyming letters and numbers.
- Teaching modified for floor:
  - First, teach numbers before letters.
  - Then teach reordering task.

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## Changes to Retained WISC-IV Working Memory Subtests

- **Arithmetic**
  - New and revised items
  - One repetition on difficult items; no repetition on easy items.
  - Increased WM demands.
  - Cross loading
- **Digit Span**
  - Added trials to Forward ceiling
  - Added some trials for gradient
  - Added new Sequencing task

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## Changes to Retained Processing Speed Subtests

### Coding

- Item difficulty consistent across rows
- Changed symbols for digital

### Symbol Search

- New symbols
- Evaluating error scores

### Cancellation

- New art
- Designed by quadrant (target to distracter ratio)

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## New Subtests

- **Visual Spatial subtest**
  - Visual Puzzles
- **Fluid Reasoning subtest**
  - Figure Weights
- **Working Memory subtest**
  - Picture Span
  - Digit Span Sequencing task added to Digit Span
- **Complementary Subtests**
  - Naming Speed
  - Symbol Translation



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## Visual Puzzles

- Child views a completed puzzle and selects three response options that would combine to reconstruct the puzzle.
- Item time limit of 30 seconds.
- Measures ability to analyze and synthesize abstract information.

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## Figure Weights

- Child views scale with missing weight(s) and selects the response option that balances the scale.
- Item time limit of 20 or 30 seconds.
- Measures quantitative and analogical fluid reasoning.

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## Picture Span

- Child views one or more pictures, then selects them in sequential order from a larger picture array.
- Two points for correct pictures in the correct order and one point for correct pictures in the incorrect order.
- Simple visual span task with proactive interference.
- Research indicates proactive interference increases processing demands of working memory tasks (Blalock & McCabe, 2011; Carroll, et al., 2010).

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## Digit Span Sequencing

- Examiner reads a sequence of numbers; examinee recalls the numbers in ascending order.
- *Digit Span Sequencing* is similar to other tasks that are designed to measure working memory and mental manipulation.

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## Naming Speed (Literacy and Quantity)

- Child names elements as quickly as possible.
- Child takes two or three tasks, depending on age.
- Each task has a sample item and a 2-page test item.
- Quantity naming added to improve sensitivity to math disability (Pauly et al., 2011; Willburger et al., 2008).

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## Symbol Translation

- Child learns associations between symbols and words and is then asked to translate symbol strings.
- Immediate subtest teaches visual-verbal associations in a stepwise manner, with repetition of associations introduced in the previous step.
- Delayed subtest administered 20 to 30 minutes after completion of Immediate subtest.
- Immediate subtest includes only a recall task.
- Delayed subtest includes a recall and a recognition task.

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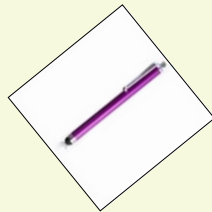


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## Digital Administration



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# Interpretation

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## Considerations for Interpretation

- All cognitive tests require multiple cognitive processes.
- Tests vary in the degree to the number of processes invoked and the difficulty of the task for examinees.
- WISC-V primary and complementary measures are specifically designed to measure complex cognitive processes while ancillary measures are designed to measure processes related to learning difficulties.

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## Verbal Comprehension Index

- High VCI scores indicate a well-developed verbal reasoning system with
  - strong word knowledge acquisition,
  - effective information retrieval,
  - good ability to reason and solve verbal problems, and
  - effective communication of knowledge.
- Relative to the WISC-IV VCI, the WISC-V VCI emphasizes reasoning using word knowledge more and fund of knowledge, practical knowledge, and judgment less.

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## Visual-Spatial Index

- High VSI scores indicate a well-developed capacity to apply spatial reasoning and analyze visual details.
- Relative to the WISC-IV PRI, the WISC-V VSI emphasizes visual-perceptual and visual-spatial reasoning more and conceptual reasoning less.

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## Fluid Reasoning Index

- High FRI scores indicate a well-developed ability to abstract conceptual information from visual details and to effectively apply that knowledge.
- Relative to the WISC-IV PRI, the WISC-V FRI emphasizes abstract conceptual reasoning more and construction abilities requiring visual-perceptual integration and visual-spatial reasoning less.

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## Working Memory Index

- High WMI scores indicate a well-developed ability to identify visual and auditory information, maintain it in temporary storage, and re-sequence it for use in problem solving.
- Relative to the WISC-IV WMI, the WISC-V WMI emphasizes visual working memory more and auditory working memory less.

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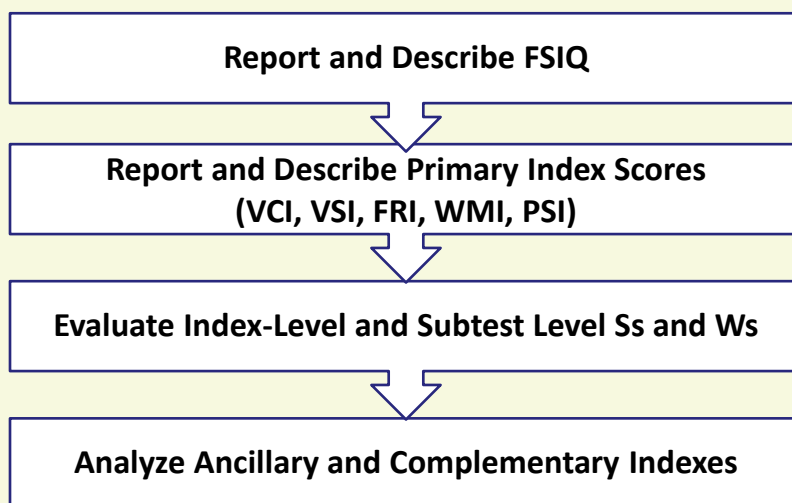
## Processing Speed Index

- High PSI scores indicate a well-developed ability to rapidly identify visual information, to make quick and accurate decisions, and to rapidly implement those decisions.
- In general, the WISC-IV PSI and the WISC-V PSI are similar in composition and interpretation.
- The subtests contributing to the PSI are not measures of simple reaction time or simple visual discrimination; a cognitive decision-making and learning component is involved.

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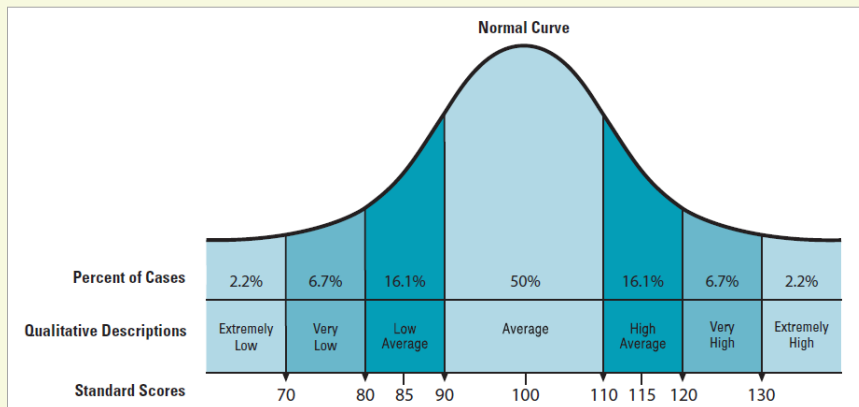
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## Normal Curve



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## Descriptive Classification

Composite Score Range	Traditional Descriptive Classification ("Old")	NEW! WISC-V Descriptive Classification
130 and above	Very Superior	Extremely High
120-129	Superior	Very High
110-119	High Average	High Average
90-109	Average	Average
80-89	Low Average	Low Average
70-79	Borderline	Very Low
69 and below	Extremely Low	Extremely Low

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## Before Testing . . .

**WISC-V**  
WECHSLER INTELLIGENCE SCALE  
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Child's Name: **Student A**

Examiner's Name: **Examiner A**

Calculation of Child's Age			
	Year	Month	Day
Test Date	<del>2013</del> 2014	<del>23</del> 12	<del>42</del> 12
Birth Date	2005	12	16
Test Age	8	11	26

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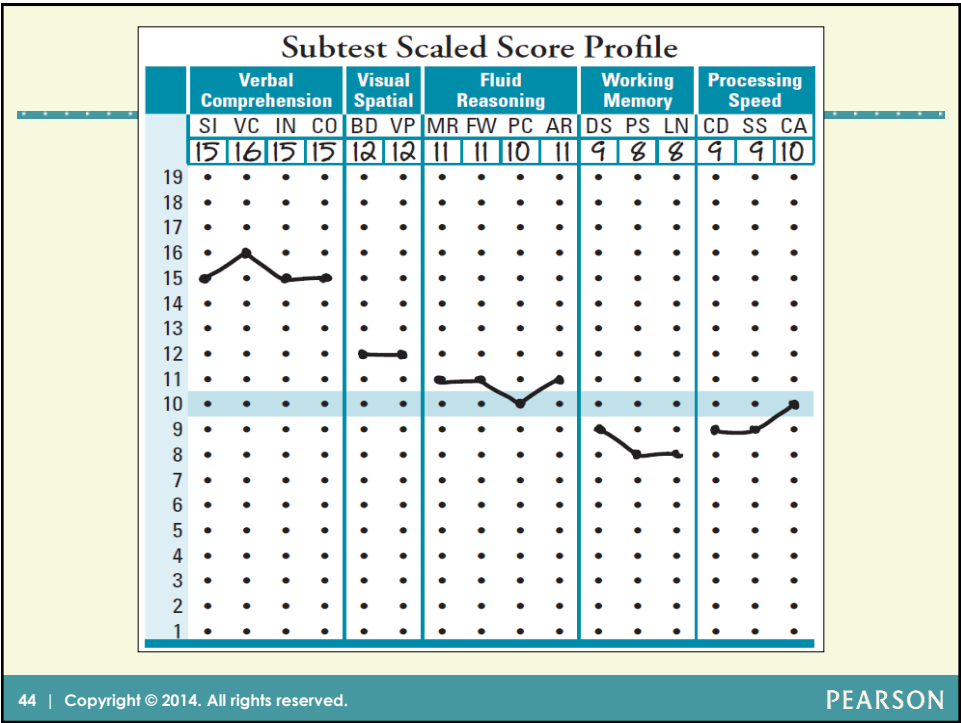
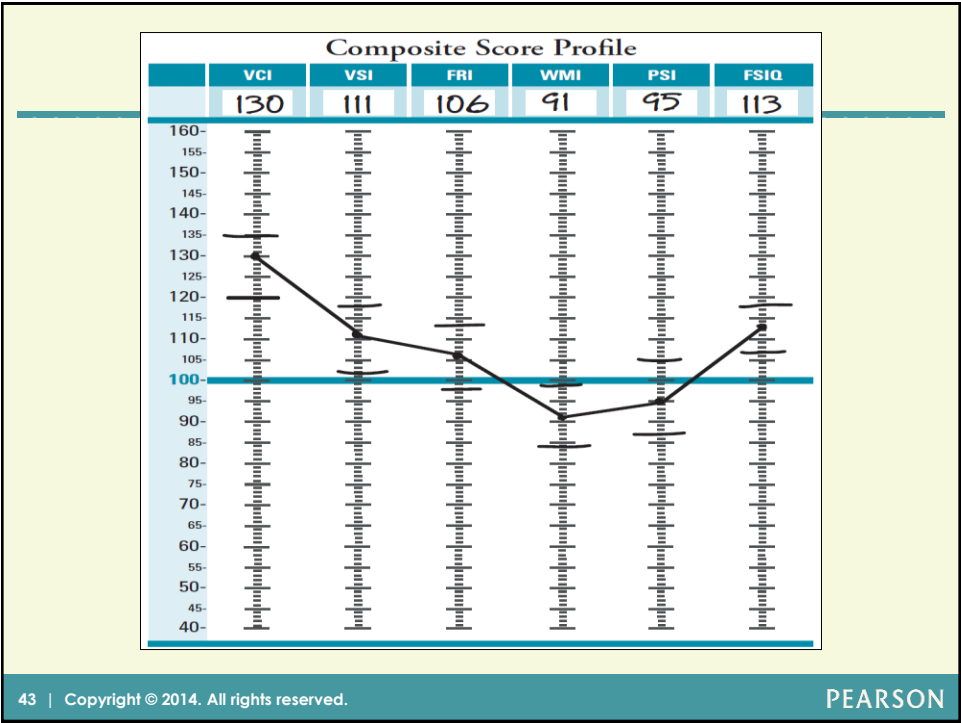
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## Generating Standard Scores for Primary Indexes

1. Use Norms and Conversion Tables  
Administration and Scoring Manual
2. Use Scoring Software  
Q-Global

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## Invalidating Composite Scores

How many subtests with total raw scores of 0 will invalidate a composite score?

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VCI, VSI, FRI, WMI, PSI, QRI, AWM

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FSIQ  
(>3 for prorated FSIQ)

For further information, see pp. 61-62 in Admin & Scoring Manual.

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### Primary Analysis

Strengths and Weaknesses							Comparison Selections	
	Score	Comparison Score	Difference	Critical Value	Strength or Weakness	Base Rate	Comparison Score	
Index Level	VCI	130	- 106.6 =	23.4	9.74	S or W	≤ 2%	MIS
	VSI	111	- 106.6 =	4.4	8.96	S or W		
	FRI	106	- 106.6 =	-0.6	8.11	S or W		
	WMI	91	- 106.6 =	-15.6	8.96	S or W	≤ 5%	
	PSI	95	- 106.6 =	-11.6	11.13	S or W	≤ 25%	
Subtest Level	Similarities	15	- 11.2 =	3.8	2.82	S or W	≤ 5%	
	Vocabulary	16	- 11.2 =	4.8	2.99	S or W	≤ 2%	
	Block Design	12	- 11.2 =	0.8	2.56	S or W		
	Visual Puzzles	12	- 11.2 =	0.8	2.64	S or W		
	Matrix Reasoning	11	- 11.2 =	-0.2	2.45	S or W		
	Figure Weights	11	- 11.2 =	-0.2	1.91	S or W		
	Digit Span	9	- 11.2 =	-2.2	2.36	S or W		
	Picture Span	8	- 11.2 =	-3.2	2.64	S or W	≤ 10%	
	Coding	9	- 11.2 =	-2.2	3.28	S or W		
	Symbol Search	9	- 11.2 =	-2.2	3.21	S or W		

Comparison Selections	
Comparison Score	
Sum of 5 Index Scores	MIS
533 ÷ 5 =	106.6
Critical Value Significance Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15	
Base Rate Reference Group	
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability Level	

Comparison Selections	
Comparison Score	
Sum of Scaled Scores for 10 Primary Subtests	MSS-P
112 ÷ 10 =	11.2
Critical Value Significance Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15	

For strengths and weaknesses, refer to Tables B.1-B.4 of the WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual.

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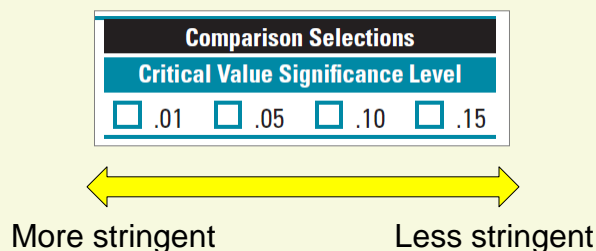
Pairwise Difference Comparisons							Comparison Selections	
Comparison	Score 1	Score 2	Difference	Critical Value	Significant Difference	Base Rate	Critical Value Significance Level	
Index Level	VCI - VSI	VCI 130 - VSI 111 = 19	10.43	Y or N	9.4	<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15 <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability Level		
	VCI - FRI	VCI 130 - FRI 106 = 24	9.83	Y or N	3.5			
	VCI - WMI	VCI 130 - WMI 91 = 39	10.43	Y or N	0.3			
	VCI - PSI	VCI 130 - PSI 95 = 35	12.04	Y or N	3.2			
	VSI - FRI	VSI 111 - FRI 106 = 5	9.20	Y or N				
	VSI - WMI	VSI 111 - WMI 91 = 20	9.83	Y or N	10.2			
	VSI - PSI	VSI 111 - PSI 95 = 16	11.53	Y or N	22.8			
	FRI - WMI	FRI 106 - WMI 91 = 15	9.20	Y or N	19.0			
	FRI - PSI	FRI 106 - PSI 95 = 11	10.99	Y or N	37.7			
	WMI - PSI	WMI 91 - PSI 95 = -4	11.53	Y or N				
Subtest Level	Similarities - Vocabulary	SI 15 - VC 16 = -1	2.53	Y or N		<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15		
	Block Design - Visual Puzzles	BD 12 - VP 12 = 0	2.54	Y or N				
	Matrix Reasoning - Figure Weights	MR 11 - FW 11 = 0	2.18	Y or N				
	Digit Span - Picture Span	DS 9 - PS 8 = 1	2.41	Y or N				
	Coding - Symbol Search	CD 9 - SS 9 = 0	3.04	Y or N				

For pairwise difference comparisons, refer to Tables B.5–B.8 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual*.

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## Choosing the Level of Significance



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## Using GAI and CPI

Consider deriving and interpreting the GAI and the CPI in a number of clinical situations, not limited to, but including the following: 

## Compare WMI and PSI to Other Indexes

a significant and unusual discrepancy exists between either of the comparisons below:

WMI and MIS or FSIQ	WMI and VSI
PSI and MIS or FSIQ	PSI and VSI
WMI and VCI	WMI and FRI
PSI and VCI	PSI and FRI

## GAI and CPI

Additionally, consider using GAI and CPI if a significant and unusual discrepancy exists between

- WMI and PSI, or
- the subtests that contribute to either the WMI or to the PSI, or
- a Working Memory or Processing Speed subtest and the MSS-P or MSS-F.

## Generating Scores for Ancillary and Complementary Indexes

1.

Use Norms and Conversion Tables  
Administration and Scoring Manual  
Supplement

2.

Use Scoring Software  
Q-Global

## Ancillary and Complementary Analysis

### Sum of Scaled Scores

Subtest	Scaled Score				
Block Design			12	12	
Similarities				15	
Matrix Reasoning			11	11	
Digit Span		9			9
Coding			9		9
Vocabulary				16	
Figure Weights	11		11	11	
Visual Puzzles			12		
Picture Span			8		8
Symbol Search					9
Letter-Number Seq.		8			
Arithmetic	11				
Sum of Scaled Scores	22	17	63	65	35
	Quan. Reason.	Auditory Work. Mem.	Nonverbal	General Ability	Cognitive Proficiency

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## Ancillary Indexes

### Sum of Scaled Scores to Index Score Conversion

Scale	Sum of Scaled Scores	Index Score	Percentile Rank	Confidence Interval 90% or 95%
Quantitative Reasoning	22	QRI 106	66	99-112
Auditory Working Memory	17	AWMI 92	30	85-100
Nonverbal	63	NVI 103	58	97-109
General Ability	65	GAI 120	91	114-125
Cognitive Proficiency	35	CPI 91	27	84-99

For index score conversions, refer to Tables C.1–C.5 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.

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**Complementary  
Subtests and  
Indexes**

Total Raw Score to Standard Score Conversion			
Subtest	Raw Score	Standard Score	
Naming Speed Literacy	149	112	
Naming Speed Quantity	31	100	
Immediate Symbol Translation	60		95
Delayed Symbol Translation	45		97
Recognition Symbol Translation	24		95
Sum of Standard Scores		212	287
		Naming Speed	Symbol Trans.


For raw score to standard score conversions, refer to Table C.6 in the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.

Sum of Standard Scores to Index Score Conversion				
Scale	Sum of Standard Scores	Index Score	Percentile Rank	Confidence Interval 90% or 95%
Naming Speed	212	NSI 106 <sub>1</sub>	66	97-114
Symbol Trans.	287	STI 94 <sub>2</sub>	34	88-101
Storage & Ret.	200 <sub>3</sub>	SRI 99	47	92-106
$\text{NSI } 106_1 + \text{STI } 94_2 = 200_3 \text{ Storage \& Ret. Sum of Standard Scores}$				


For index score conversions, refer to Tables C.7-C.9 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.

Pairwise Difference Comparisons						Comparison Selections	
Comparison	Score 1	Score 2	Difference	Critical Value	Significant Difference	Base Rate	Critical Value Significance Level
Composite Level	GAI - FSIQ	GAI 120 - FSIQ 113 = 7	3.00	Y or N	8.0	<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15 Base Rate Reference Group <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability Level	<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15
	GAI - CPI	GAI 120 - CPI 91 = 29	8.52	Y or N	8.0		
	WMI - AMWI	WMI 91 - AMWI 92 = -1	5.73	Y or N			
	NSI - STI	NSI 106 - STI 94 = 12	10.99	Y or N	24.1		
Subtest Level	NSL - NSQ	NSL 112 - NSQ 100 = 12	15.56	Y or N		Comparison Selections Critical Value Significance Level <input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15	
	IST - DST	IST 95 - DST 97 = -2	13.48	Y or N			
	IST - RST	IST 95 - RST 95 = 0	14.56	Y or N			
	DST - RST	DST 97 - RST 95 = 2	14.56	Y or N			
	FW - AR	FW 11 - AR 11 = 0	1.95	Y or N			
	DS - LN	DS 9 - LN 8 = 1	2.35	Y or N			


For pairwise difference comparisons, refer to Tables B.7 and B.8 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual* and Tables C.10-C.13 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.



## Complete Process Analysis Page



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### Process Analysis

Total Raw Score to Scaled/Standard Process Score Conversion

Child's Name: Student A Age: 8:11

Sex: ☒ F ☐ M Handedness: ☒ R ☐ L ID: 12345

Examiner's Name: Examiner A

Testing Site: ABCD Elementary School

Process Score	Raw Score	Scaled Score	Process Score	Raw Score	Scaled/Standard Score
Block Design No Time Bonus (BDn)	<u>30</u>	<u>12</u>	Cancellation Random (CAr)	<u>26</u>	<u>11</u>
Block Design Partial Score (BDp)	<u>51</u>	<u>14</u>	Cancellation Structured (CAs)	<u>28</u>	<u>10</u>
Digit Span Forward (DSf)	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	Naming Speed Color-Object (NSco)	<u>108</u>	<u>111</u>
Digit Span Backward (DSb)	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	Naming Speed Size-Color-Object (NSsco)	<u>41</u>	<u>117</u>
Digit Span Sequencing (DSs)	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	Naming Speed Letter-Number (NSln)		

For raw score to scaled/standard score conversions, refer to Tables C.6 and C.14 in the WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement.

Pairwise Difference Comparisons							Comparison Selections	
Comparison	Score 1	Score 2	Difference	Critical Value	Significant Difference	Base Rate	Critical Value Significance Level	
BD - BDn	BD <u>12</u>	- BDn <u>12</u>	= <u>0</u>	<u>2.84</u>	Y or N		<input type="checkbox"/> .01 <input type="checkbox"/> .05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .10 <input type="checkbox"/> .15	
BD - BDp	BD <u>12</u>	- BDp <u>14</u>	= <u>-2</u>	<u>2.60</u>	Y or N			
DSf - DSb	DSf <u>10</u>	- DSb <u>10</u>	= <u>0</u>	<u>3.08</u>	Y or N			
DSf - DSs	DSf <u>10</u>	- DSs <u>8</u>	= <u>2</u>	<u>3.04</u>	Y or N			
DSb - DSs	DSb <u>10</u>	- DSs <u>8</u>	= <u>2</u>	<u>3.06</u>	Y or N			
LN - DSs	LN <u>8</u>	- DSs <u>8</u>	= <u>0</u>	<u>2.82</u>	Y or N			
CAr - CAs	CAr <u>11</u>	- CAs <u>10</u>	= <u>1</u>	<u>3.00</u>	Y or N			
NSco - NSsco	NSco <u>108</u>	- NSsco <u>41</u>	= <u>67</u>		Y or N			
NSsco - NSln	NSsco <u>117</u>	- NSln <u>117</u>	= <u>-6</u>	<u>15.56</u>	Y or N			

For pairwise difference comparisons, refer to Tables C.10, C.13, C.15 and C.16 of the WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement.

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Raw Score to Base Rate Conversion		
Process Score	Raw Score	Base Rate
Longest Digit Span Forward (LDSf)	6	38.0
Longest Digit Span Backward (LDSb)	4	34.0
Longest Digit Span Sequence (LDSs)	4	79.0
Longest Picture Span Stimulus (LPSs)	3	95.5
Longest Picture Span Response (LPSr)	6	98.5
Longest Letter-Number Sequence (LLNs)	3	95.5
Block Design Dimension Errors (BDde)	2	≤5%
Block Design Rotation Errors (BDre)	1	≤5%
Coding Rotation Errors (CDre)	0	
Symbol Search Set Errors (SSse)	0	
Symbol Search Rotation Errors (SSre)	1	≤5%
Naming Speed Literacy Errors (NSLe)	2	≥25%
Naming Speed Color-Object Errors (NScoe)	2	≤25%
Naming Speed Size-Color-Object Errors (NSScoe)	0	≤25%
Naming Speed Letter-Number Errors (NSlne)	1	≤10%
Naming Speed Quantity Errors (NSqe)	1	≤10%

Base Rate Reference Group				
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Sample <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age Group				
Discrepancy Comparisons				
Process Score	Raw Score 1	Raw Score 2	Difference	Base Rate
LDSf-LDSb	6	4	= 2	60.5
LDSf-LDSs	6	4	= 2	30.0
LDSb-LDSs	4	4	= 0	30.5

For base rates, refer to Tables C.19–C.21 of the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.



  

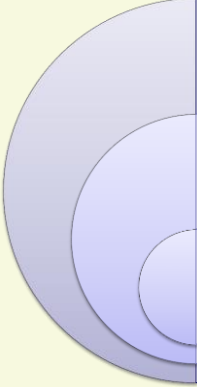
Naming Speed Literacy Error Score Calculation		
Age 6		
NScoe Raw Score	+	NSLe Raw Score
[ ]		[ ]
=		
NSLe Raw Score		
[ ]		
Ages 7–8		
NScoe Raw Score	+	NSlne Raw Score
[ ]		[ ]
=		
NSlne Raw Score		
[ ]		
Ages 9–16		
For ages 9–16, the NSLe is the same score as the NSlne		

For base rates, refer to Tables C.17 and C.18 in the *WISC-V Administration and Scoring Manual Supplement*.





## Application Reading Referral



	Male
	11 years old
	Grade 5

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**Is there a skill deficit?**

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## Identifying a Skill Deficit

### Response to Intervention

- Dual Discrepancy (Fuchs, 2003)
  - Gap in Skill
  - Gap in Rate of Learning

### Ability-Achievement Discrepancy Analysis

- Simple Difference
- Predicted Difference

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## Core Composites and Subtests

<i>Composite/Subtests</i>	<b>Standard Score (Mean=100)</b>	<b>Percentile Rank</b>
<b><i>Academic Skills Battery</i></b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4</b>
<b><i>Reading</i></b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4</b>
Letter-Word Recognition	76	5
Reading Comprehension	71	3
<b><i>Written Language</i></b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>
Written Expression	62	19
Spelling	70	2
<b><i>Math</i></b>	<b>92</b>	<b>30</b>
Math Concepts & Applications	88	21
Math Computation	98	45

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## What is the Underlying Cause of the Identified skill deficit?

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## Reading-Related Subtests and Composites

<b>Composite/Subtests</b>	<b>Standard Score (Mean=100)</b>	<b>Percentile Rank</b>
<b><i>Sound-Symbol</i></b>	<b>77</b>	<b>6</b>
Phonological Processing	89	23
Nonsense Word Decoding	73	4
<b><i>Decoding</i></b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4</b>
Letter & Word Recognition	76	5
Nonsense Word Decoding	73	4
<b><i>Reading Understanding</i></b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5</b>
Reading Comprehension	71	3
Reading Vocabulary	82	12
<b><i>Reading Fluency</i></b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4</b>
Word Recognition Fluency	86	18
Decoding Fluency	68	2
Silent Reading Fluency	78	7



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## Oral Language Subtests and Composites

<b>Composite/Subtests</b>	<b>Standard Score (Mean=100)</b>	<b>Percentile Rank</b>
<b><i>Oral Fluency</i></b>	<b>81</b>	<b>10</b>
Associational Fluency	102	55
Object Naming Facility	68	2
<b><i>Oral Language</i></b>	<b>105</b>	<b>63</b>
Associational Fluency	102	55
Listening Comprehension	116	86
Oral Expression	95	37



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## Cross Domain Subtests and Composites

<b>Composite/Subtests</b>	<b>Standard Score (Mean=100)</b>	<b>Percentile Rank</b>
<b><i>Orthographic Processing</i></b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1</b>
Spelling	70	2
Letter Naming Facility	58	0.3
Word Recognition Fluency	86	18
<b><i>Academic Fluency</i></b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3</b>
Writing Fluency	77	6
Math Fluency	80	9
Decoding Fluency	68	2



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## Cross Domain Subtests and Composites

<b><i>Composite/Subtests</i></b>	<b>Standard Score (Mean=100)</b>	<b>Percentile Rank</b>
<b><i>Comprehension</i></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>32</b>
Reading Comprehension	71	3
Listening Comprehension	116	86
<b><i>Expression</i></b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5</b>
Written Expression	62	1
Oral Expression	95	37



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**What is the Underlying Cause  
of the Identified skill deficit?  
(PSW Analysis)**

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## WISC–V Score Summary

Subtest	Scaled Score	Index	Standard Score
Similarities	9	Verbal Comprehension Index	98
Vocabulary	10	Visual Spatial Index	129
Information	9	Fluid Reasoning Index	109
Comprehension	8	Working Memory Index	79
Block Design	17	Processing Speed Index	86
Visual Puzzles	13	Full Scale IQ	105
Matrix Reasoning	13		
Figure Weights	10	Quantitative Reasoning Index	94
Picture Concepts	9	Auditory Working Memory Index	87
Arithmetic	8	Nonverbal Index	110
Digit Span	7	General Ability Index	112
Picture Span	6	Cognitive Proficiency Index	79
Letter-Number Sequencing	8		
Coding	9		
Symbol Search	6		
Cancellation	10		

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## WISC–V Score Summary

Subtest	Standard Score	Index	Standard Score
Naming Speed Literacy	55	Naming Speed Index	66
Naming Speed Quantity	68	Symbol Translation Index	91
		Storage and Retrieval Index	74
Symbol Translation Immediate	93		
Symbol Translation Delayed	88		
Symbol Translation Cued	97		

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## General Ability Index

- Conceptually, the GAI provides an estimate of general intellectual ability that is less reliant on working memory and processing speed relative to the FSIQ.
- High GAI scores indicate well-developed abstract, conceptual reasoning, visual-perceptual and spatial reasoning, and verbal problem solving.
- Low GAI scores may occur for a number of reasons, including poor reasoning skills, visual-spatial processing difficulties, language deficits, or general low intellectual ability.

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## Cognitive Proficiency Index

- Conceptually, the CPI provides an estimate of the efficiency with which information is processed in the service of learning, problem solving, and higher order reasoning.
- High CPI scores indicate a high degree of cognitive efficiency for manipulating and rapidly processing information.
- Low CPI scores may occur for many reasons, including visual or auditory processing deficits, inattention, distractibility, visuomotor difficulties, limited working memory storage or mental manipulation capacity, or generally low cognitive ability.

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## Naming Speed Index

- High NSI scores indicate a high degree of naming automaticity and rapid, efficient verbal retrieval abilities.
- Low NSI scores may occur for many reasons, including visual-processing deficits, information retrieval difficulties, weak language skills, low naming skills, or generally slow cognitive functioning.

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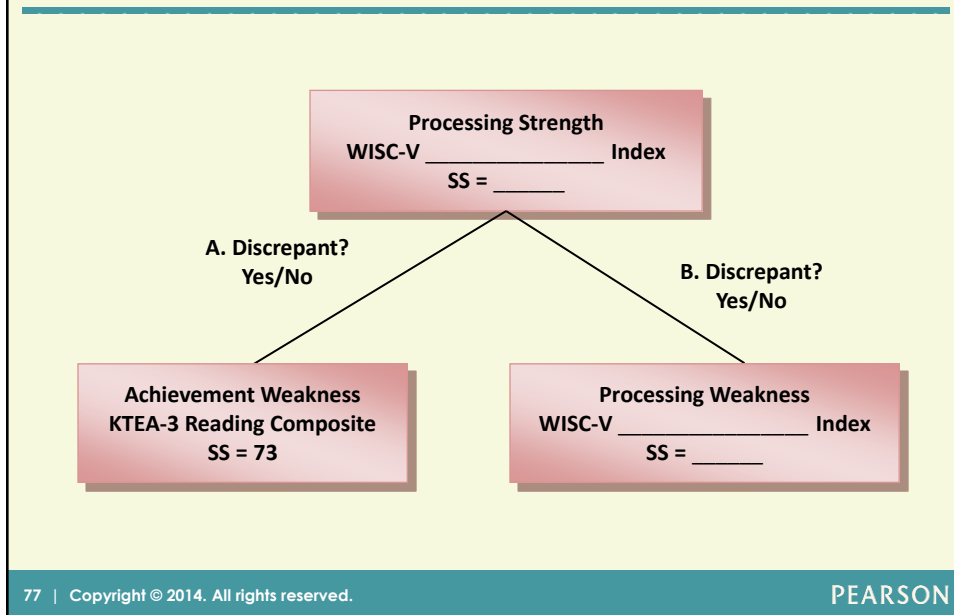
## Symbol Translation Index

- The STI provides a broad estimate of visual-verbal associative memory drawn from a variety of conditions.
- High STI scores indicate well-developed encoding and retrieval of newly learned visual-verbal associations after short and long delays.
- Low STI scores may occur on this index for many reasons, including visual or verbal processing deficits, inattention, distractibility, poor information encoding, difficulties accessing information from memory, rapid forgetting, or general memory impairment.

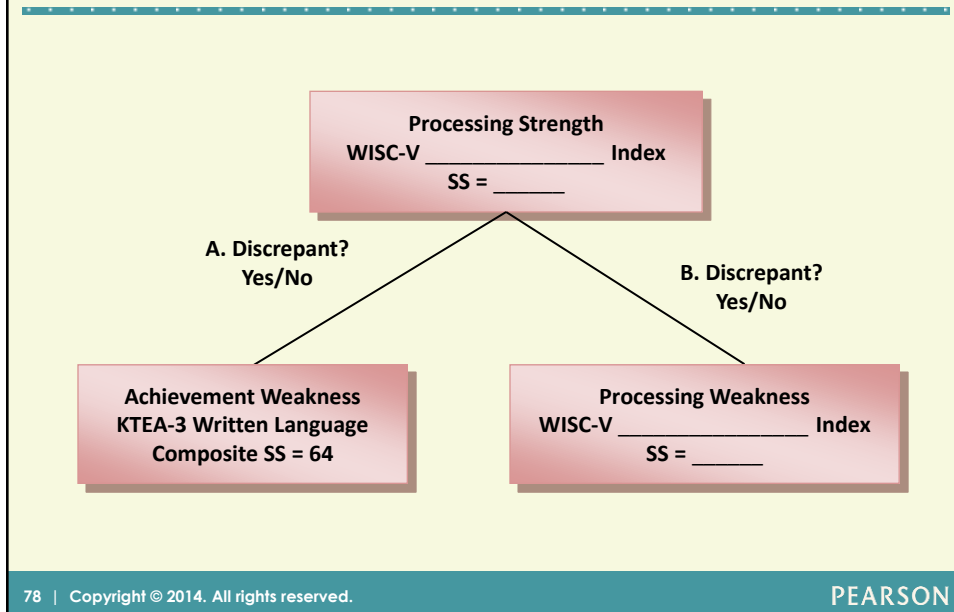
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## Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses



## Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses



## Hypotheses

Cognitive Strengths \_\_\_\_\_

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Cognitive Weaknesses \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Strengths \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

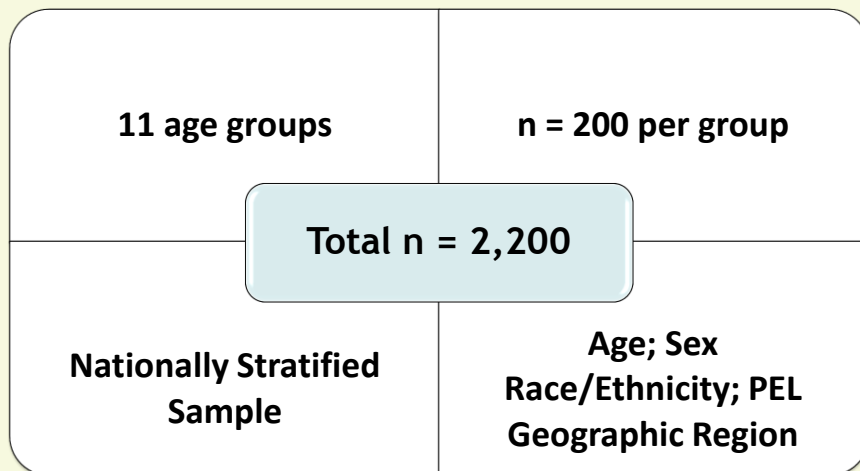
Academic Weaknesses \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Technical Properties

## WISC-V Normative Sample



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## WISC-V Normative Sample and US Population

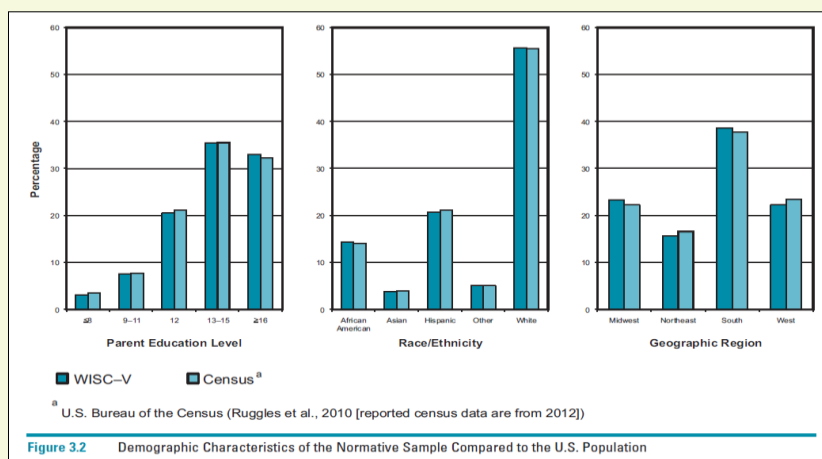


Figure 3.2 Demographic Characteristics of the Normative Sample Compared to the U.S. Population

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## WISC-V Normative Sample and Special Education Population

Percentages of Normative Sample and U.S. Population by Special Education Classification

Special Education Classification	Normative Sample	U.S. Population
Developmental Delay	0.6	0.7
Intellectual Disability	1.6	0.9
Specific Learning Disability	1.7	4.9
Speech/Language Impairment	1.5	2.9
Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	1.1	5.0
Gifted and Talented	1.7	6.7

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## Evidence of Internal Consistency

Average Reliability Coefficient	
Composite	Overall Average ( $r_{xx}^a$ )
VCI	.92
VSI	.92
FRI	.93
WMI	.92
PSI	.88
<b>FSIQ</b>	<b>.96</b>
QRI	.95
AWMI	.93
NVI	.95
GAI	.96
CPI	.93

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## Reliability Coefficients

Subtest	Overall Average ( $r_{xx}^a$ )
SI	.87
VC	.87
IN	.86
CO	.83
BD	.84
VP	.89
MR	.87
FW	.94

Subtest	Overall Average ( $r_{xx}^a$ )
PC	.83
AR	.90
DS	.91
PS	.85
LN	.86
CD	.82
SS	.81
CA	.82

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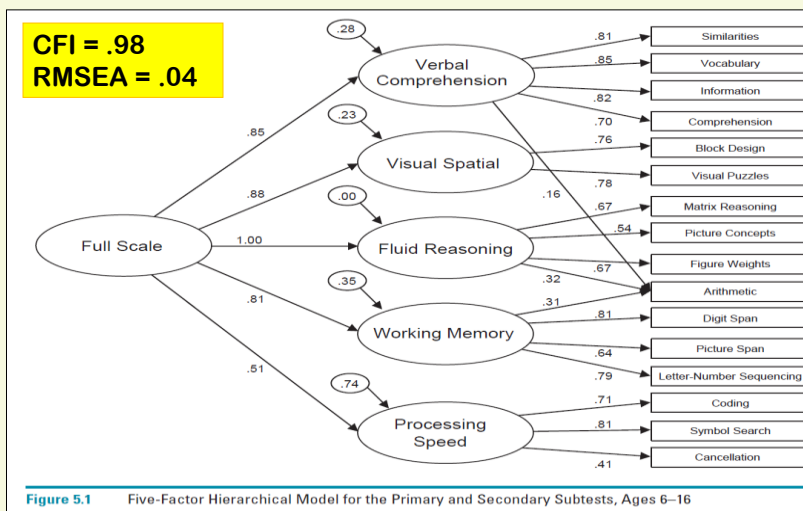
## Evidence of Internal Consistency

Average Reliability Coefficient	
Composite	Overall Average ( $r_{xx}^a$ )
NSL	.86
NSco	.89
NSsco	.82
NSin	.84
NSQ	.83
IST	.88
DST	.87
RST	.82
NSI	.90
STI	.94
SRI	.94

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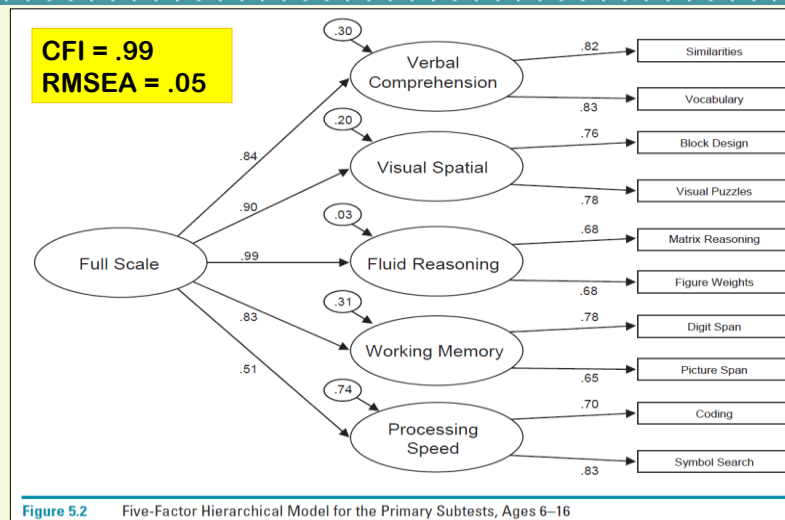
## Evidence of Validity Confirmatory Factor Analysis



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## Evidence of Validity Confirmatory Factor Analysis



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## Relations with Other Measures

### Ability

- WISC-IV
- WPPSI-IV
- WAIS-IV
- KABC-II

### Achievement

- KTEA-3
- WIAT-III

### Adaptive Behavior

- Vineland-II

### Behavior

- BASC-2 Parent Rating Scales

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## Correlations With WISC-IV

Composite	WISC-V Mean	WISC-IV Mean	Standard Difference
VCI	102.7	104.3	.12
VSI-PRI	102.8	107.3	.33
FRI-PRI	104.3	107.3	.22
WMI	101.7	103.0	.10
PSI	103.7	102.3	.09
FSIQ	104.4	106.0	.14
AWMI-WMI	102.5	103.1	.05
GAI	104.0	106.9	.23
CPI	103.2	103.3	.01

n = 242; ages 6-16

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## Special Group Studies

**Intellectually Gifted**

**Intellectual Disability-Mild  
Severity**

**Intellectual Disability-  
Moderate Severity**

**Borderline Intellectual  
Functioning**

**Specific Learning Disorders**

**Attention-Deficit/  
Hyperactivity Disorder**

**Disruptive Behavior**

**Traumatic Brain Injury**

**English Language Learners**

**Autism Spectrum Disorder**

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## Intellectual Disability – Mild

Composite	Clinical Mean	Control Mean	Mean Diff.	<i>p</i> value	Std. Diff.
VCI	66.0	96.1	30.14	<.01	2.16
VSI	66.0	101.1	35.14	<.01	2.82
FRI	67.0	99.3	32.34	<.01	2.35
WMI	65.1	98.7	33.60	<.01	2.64
PSI	71.6	97.3	25.78	<.01	1.87
FSIQ	60.9	98.0	37.07	<.01	2.92
QRI	64.2	98.1	33.86	<.01	2.67
AWMI	62.2	99.2	36.96	<.01	2.91
NVI	62.1	99.5	37.40	<.01	3.02
GAI	63.5	97.9	34.46	<.01	2.71
CPI	63.4	97.6	34.19	<.01	2.66

n = 74; ages 6-16

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## How Does WISC-V Enhance Clinical Utility?

- Processing Speed
- Test Structure
- Score Differences Comparison Methodology
- Expressive Language Scores
- Ancillary Index Scores
- Complementary Subtests
- Process Scores
- Special Group Studies
- Statistical Links to Measures of Achievement

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