

Verizon Life Span Literacy Matrix: Children's Early Literacy Measures

Test — MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories (CDI) (Second Edition)

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Purpose — The CDI (Second Edition) is designed to assess language and communication skills in infants and young children.

Population — The CDI (Second Edition) is used with children 8 – 37 months (may also be used with older children who have developmental delays).

Time — Each of the three forms generally takes 20 – 40 minutes to complete and 10 – 15 minutes to score.

Description

The CDI-Second Edition is a standardized, parent-completed report form designed to focus on children's current behaviors and salient emergent behaviors that parents can recognize and track. There are three components:

- Words and Gestures — for children 8 – 18 months; parents document child's understanding of hundreds of early vocabulary items and record the communicative and symbolic gestures the child has tried.
- Words and Sentences — for children 16 – 30 months; parents document the child's production and use of hundreds of words and analyze the early phases of grammar
- CDI-III — is an extension of the CDIs for children 30 – 37 months of age; measures expressive vocabulary and grammar

Benefits

Professionals can tap into parents' invaluable day-to-day knowledge — and respond to legislation that requires parental input in child evaluations.

Validity/Reliability

Numerous studies document the reliability and validity of the instruments. The CDIs were normed on approximately 1,800 children in three locations.

Cost

Complete set of MacArthur-Bates CDIs (User's Guide and package of 20 of each form): \$99.95

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