

# Verizon Life Span Literacy Matrix: Adult Literacy Measures

## Test – Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-Fourth Edition (PPVT-4)

**Authors** - Lloyd M. Dunn, PhD published the first PPVT scale in 1959. Dr. Dunn and his wife, Leota Dunn published several revisions to that test. Douglas M. Dunn, PhD, the son of Lloyd and Leota Dunn, is the co author of the PPVT-4 scale.

**Purpose** – The PPVT-4 is measures understanding of the spoken word in Standard American English and thus assesses vocabulary acquisition.

**Population** – The PPVT-4 can be used with individuals aged 2 years, 6 months through 90 years and older

**Time** – The PPVT– 4 is not timed but takes about 10 to 15 minutes to administer, although testing time varies case by case.

**Description** – The *PPVT-4*, which is widely used, is easy to give because the examiner says a word and all the examinee has to do is point.

## Benefits

Several significant enhancements have been made in this revision of the PPVT:

- Illustrations designed in full color
- More up-to-date, realistic art used, offering an exceptional balance of sex and race/ethnicity
- More stimulus words included (now 228 per form), with better representation of word types across all levels of difficulty
- Growth Scale Values (GSVs) added—a new metric for easily measuring progress over time!
- Larger easel format used (8.5 x 11 inches)
- Modernized core vocabulary
- Enhanced technology options enhanced for faster administration, scoring, and reporting

## Validity/Reliability

More than 5,500 individuals were tested, with data from 4,000 of them used for the normative scores. The remaining data contributed to the validation studies. The norm sample matches the current U.S. population along parameters of sex, race/ethnicity, geographic region, socioeconomic status (SES), and clinical diagnosis or special education placement. Standardization occurred in fall 2005 and spring 2006 to obtain fall and spring grade-based norms.

**Criterion Studies:** CASL, GRADE and EVT-2

**Cost**

PPVT-4 Complete Kit (A & B) - \$379.00

ASSIST™ Scoring Software - \$249.00

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**Note:**

**Clinical Validity Studies:** ADHD, Emotional/Behavioral Disturbance, Giftedness, Hearing Impairment, Hearing Impairment With Cochlear Implant, Language Delay, Language Disorder, Learning Disability, Mental Retardation, and Speech Impairment