

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

Test — Preschool Language Scale – Fourth Edition (PLS-4)

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Purpose — The PLS-4 was designed to measure young children's receptive and expressive language.

Population — The PLS-4 is used with children birth through 6.11 years.

Time — The PLS-4 can be administered in 20-45 minutes.

Description

The PLS-4 is administered individually and assesses children's auditory comprehension and expressive communication skills. Tasks are ordered to reflect sequential developmental milestones in language.

Benefits

The assessment can be used long before the child enters school with some items appropriate for new-born infants.

Validity/Reliability

Test-retest reliability is in the .90 range. The validity of the PLS-4 was established using the PLS-3 and the Denver II. Clinical validity studies with children with special needs were also conducted to provide evidence of PLS-4 validity.

Cost

PLS-4 Basic Kit: \$235

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