

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

### Test — Developing Skills Checklist (DSC)

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**Purpose** — The DSC evaluates the skills that children develop from Prekindergarten through the end of kindergarten to help determine appropriate instructions for individual children, as well as for groups.

**Population** — The DSC is used with prekindergarten through kindergarten children.

**Time** — The DSC is not a timed test, but 10 to 15 minutes should be allowed for each of the three testing sessions.

### Description

The DSC measures skills and concepts that children develop from prekindergarten through kindergarten

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| • Language                             | • Memory               |
| • Visual                               | • Print and Writing    |
| • Auditory                             | • Social and Emotional |
| • Mathematical Concepts and Operations | • Fine and Gross Motor |

### Benefits

The individual administration of the DSC give teachers opportunities to observe children closely. It also involves parents in assessment, planning and instruction. Kits include materials and directions that are simple and clear. Test administration is easy and requires little training. A Spanish version also is available. The DSC may be used with individuals or groups.

### Validity/Reliability

Content validity claims are based on the match of test task to the skills and behaviors displayed by children in the appropriate age range. Identification of content was based on a review of the literature, a survey of schools, as well as review of basal texts, other assessments, and curriculum guides.

### Cost

Developing Skills Checklist Kit: \$437.00

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