Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, Fourth Edition
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Did you know...

- Not all come to school with enough vocabulary knowledge to understand classroom directions.
- Very little instruction in vocabulary takes place in classrooms historically.
- Need to acquire 3000+ words a year in the primary grades to keep up with expectations.
Did you know...

- More exposures needed for younger learners
- Nouns & verbs are learned faster than other parts of speech
- Words that are easily confused with ones already known need extra exposure. (sale, sail) (light > noun, light > adjective)
- The cognitive level of a student is a factor in the number of exposures required:
  - 120–129 ............... 20
  - 110–119 ............... 30
  - 90–109 ............... 35
  - 80–89 ............... 40
  - 70–79 ............... 45
  - 60–69 ............... 55

AGS assessments are now part of Pearson Assessments
“Knowing” a Word

• Students do not either know or not know words. Instead, they know words to varying degrees. There are 3 levels:

  – Unknown
  – Acquainted
  – Established

(Put Reading First, 2001, p. 43)
Did you know...

• Without sufficient vocabulary skills, the potential for developing a reading problem is significant. Vocabulary development is linked to comprehension abilities esp. critical in 4th grade and beyond.

  Why? >we are reading for content information at those levels, need to know more technical and abstract words to understand more sophisticated concepts
Why is vocabulary important?
National Reading Panel, 2001

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- *Vocabulary*
- Text comprehension

Title I Part B NCLB
Act= Reading First Legislation
PPVT-4 addresses skill areas recognized as critical by the Early Reading First Program

- Oral language (vocabulary, expressive language, listening comprehension)
- Phonological awareness (rhyming, blending, segmenting)
- Print awareness
- Alphabetic knowledge
But really, why?

The language processes that underlie the ability to comprehend written text are the same as those that underlie the ability to comprehend speech.

Without a basic vocabulary the potential for developing a reading problem is significant.
Connection of oral vocabulary (listening vocabulary) to reading...

Children make sense of the words they see by comparing them to the words they have heard.
The Importance of Vocabulary

- Strongly related to reading comprehension
- Correlates highly with general verbal ability
- Has a direct impact on overall literacy development
- One of the best predictors of academic success when starting school
Language to Literacy Hierarchy-
Vocabulary is a foundation skill

- Fluency
  - comprehension
  - decoding & spelling

- Alphabetic Principle
  - phonics
  - phonological awareness

- Literacy Awareness
  - oral language (vocabulary)
  - auditory processing and speech production

Johnson and Myklebust
What Is the PPVT™ Test?

- A brief, easy-to-use individually administered norm-referenced assessment of listening comprehension for spoken words in Standard English
- Receptive (hearing) vocabulary test
- Currently being used in federal Head Start, Even Start, Reading First and Early Reading First programs
The Myth of Age or Grade Level Vocabulary

• Students do not learn vocabulary words based on their age or their grade.

• They learn words based on their experiences.

(Beck, et al, 2002)
Range of Vocabulary
Within a School Grade

Kindergarten (20 typical children)

- Lowest child: RS = 50 (AE = 3:5)
  - Doesn’t know “sawing,” “vest,” “arrow”
- Highest child: RS = 128 (AE = 8:0)
  - Knows “dissecting,” “hydrant,” “palm”
Range of Vocabulary
Within a School Grade

Grade 6 (20 typical students)

- Lowest student: RS = 129 (GE = 2.5)
  - Doesn’t know “inflated,” “trumpet,” “rodent”
- Highest student: RS = 196 (GE = 11.3)
  - Knows “apparel,” “talon,” “cultivating”
What does research tell us?

- Most vocabulary is learned indirectly
- Some vocabulary must be taught directly
- Poor vocabulary is a hallmark of language, literacy, and cognitive difficulties
Vocabulary is increased:

- **Indirectly** by encouraging conversation, oral language practice, reading to students, and having them read often

- **Directly** by teaching words explicitly (word learning strategies and becoming word conscious)
Introducing the new PPVT-4

• Larger, full-color test easels and record forms (8½” x 11”)

• Portfolio-style carrying case with removable shoulder strap

• U.S. demographics change

• Vocabulary usage has changed
Components

• Form A kit (manual, Form A test easel, 25 Form A record forms) *directions and score look up tables located in manual*

• Form B kit (manual, Form B test easel, 25 Form B record forms)

• Combined A and B kit (manual, Form A & B test easels, 25 Form A and 25 Form B record forms)
New Features

• New items, new images - now in color

• New metric: Growth Scale Values (GSVs)
  – for measuring progress/change - links PPVT-III results to PPVT-4

• Still two parallel forms: A and B
  – But now includes both age based norms (2.6 - 90) and grade based norms (fall & spring K-12)
    – ERF will be using AGE based norms (table B.1)

• Still similar administration format - 19 sets of 12 items
Other New Features

• New stimulus words replaced many older items (1/3 new, 1/3 changed, 1/3 retained)
  – 228 items per form
  – A broad sampling of words and a careful representation of content areas and parts of speech across all levels of difficulty
• Addition of easier items to strengthen test floor
• 10 to 15 minute administration time
Other Features

• Individual, untimed administration
• Requires no reading or oral responses
• High reliability - improved from PPVT-III
• Can be hand or computer scored
Standardization

• 3,540 individuals included in age norms (2:6–90+)
  – Subset of 2,003 individuals in grade norms
• Co-normed with the *Expressive Vocabulary Test-2*
• Norm sample matches current U.S. population by:
  – Sex
  – Race/ethnicity
  – Geographic region
  – Socioeconomic status (SES) including father’s education level
  – Clinical diagnosis or special-education status
### Norm tables - reflect developmental changes - more rapid growth at younger ages

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- Normed on English-proficient only
- No uncorrected hearing or vision loss
- TVIP is Spanish edition, PPVT-4 Spanish is under development
**TVIP- Test de Vocabulario en Imagenes**

*Peabody* copyright 1986 (Spanish version of the 1981 PPVT-R)

- Ages 2-6 to 17-11
- 10-15 minutes administration time
- Same format as PPVT-4 but not the same test items.
- Norms are available for both combined and separate Mexican and Puerto Rican standardization samples.
When testing Spanish speaking students…

- If the child does not get at least two of the 4 training items correct on either Training Page A or Training Page B of the English version, administer the TVIP

(TVIP is not a GPRA recognized measure but report scores)
And if you do use the English version with English Language Learners (those with limited English speaking abilities)

- Standard Score results should be considered baseline data only; (pg 3 of PPVT-4 manual)

> Growth Score Values (GSV’s) may be a better way to track student progress in the classroom

> May want to consider documenting qualitative results (by part of speech) for instructional purposes (pg 7 of the record form)
Scientific research based

• Reliabilities in the .90’s

• Validity studies indicate it is sensitive enough to identify language delayed students (LD, ID, SLI student scores are statistically different from average)

• Scientifically-based reading research-listed in manual and Pearson website, 100+ studies
Potential Uses

• Measuring Response to Intervention (RTI)
• Diagnosing reading- language difficulties and designing instructional interventions
• Assessing preschool early language skills
• Monitoring vocabulary development (progress)
• Monitoring vocabulary deterioration- aphasia, dementia etc (wide age range 2½ - 90+ years)
User Qualifications:

PPVT-4 is considered to be a Level 2 instrument:

A Level 2 user is defined as someone who has completed a bachelor’s degree program that included coursework in principles of measurement and in the administration and interpretation of tests. If these qualifications have not been met, Users must prove they have been granted the right to administer tests at this level in their jurisdiction.

Non-Level 2 user must be trained in PPVT-4 administration and scoring procedures by a Level 2 examiner. The individual must also have a sufficient amount of supervised practice in giving and scoring the test to have become thoroughly familiar with the test materials and procedures. Interpreting PPVT-4 results is reserved for Level 2 users, as described in the PPVT-4 Manual.
New edition includes a new optional Growth Score Value (GSV) score used for documenting progress over time.
Scores Reported

• **Norm-referenced Scores** (Deviation, status, grade and aged based)
  – Standard scores (mandatory)
  – Percentiles
  – N.C.E.s
  – Stanines

• **Growth (developmental) Scores**
  – Age and Grade equivalents
  – Growth Scale Value (GSVs) *NEW*
ERF GPRA requirements

• Test the children who will be age-eligible for kindergarten the following year (usually 4-year-olds, but this may vary) two times per year with at least 6 months in between if possible.

• You have the option to test other aged children in your program with the PPVT-4 if you desire.
• PPVT-4 gives you the option to perform post testing using an alternate form (strong correlation .84)

• It does not matter whether you start with form A or form B, it is recommended that you administer the opposite form from the last one used

• Minimum 6 month interval between testing time is suggested if using the same form

• Spanish TVIP has only one form/edition, (post test approx 6 months later will be with the same form)
Administration of PPVT-4
READ the MANUAL!

Chapter 2 Administration

Chapter 3 Scoring & Interpretation
Definitions

• Norm Referenced Test – A comparison of a test taker’s performance to the performance of other people in a specified reference population.

• Standardized – Maintaining a constant testing environment and conducting the test according to detailed rules and specifications, so that testing conditions are the same for all test takers
To begin testing:

- Find quiet spot for testing sessions
- Need 2 chairs and flat table
- Have materials ready (test easel A or B with corresponding record form)
- Sit in “L” shape – corner of the table
- Establish rapport (relaxed atmosphere, “I have some pictures to show you…”)
- Fill in child’s demographic information on the front page of record form
- Calculate Chronological Age (CA) to get your starting point
Chronological Age Practice Example

- Adean (Pre-K student)
- Calculate his CA

DOT: January 8 2007
DOB: Sept 12 2002
### Chronological Age Calculation

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**Do NOT round up (15+ days) CA= 4-3**
http://ags.pearsonassessments.com/calc
Administration - Must do the training items

- Administer training page A for those younger than 4 (or those with significant developmental or language delays)

- Administer training pages B for those 4 and older. If training items B1 and B2 are correct start testing with Set 2, item 13

- If student age 4(+) doesn’t get at least at least 2 training items correct, drop back and give training page A (there are 4 items on training page A; must get 2 out of 4 correct- then start testing with Set #1, item 1)

- Must respond correctly to at least 2 training items before going on to actual test items
• After training items, introduce the test using the directions provided on the test easel.

• Give examinees about 10-15 seconds to answer, *Remember: untimed test

(most examinees will take about 5 sets, testing time is about 10-15 minutes per student)
Training Page Form B (ages 4+)

TRAINING PAGE B
Training Items B1 to B4

Ages 4 Through Adult

Point to each of the four pictures, and say: Look at the pictures on this page.

B1
Say, Put your finger on the picture that shows crying.
Record the response on the record form.
Correct Response: Say, Good!
Incorrect or No Response: Drop back to Training Page A, and follow the procedures for ages 2:6 through 3:11.

B2
Say, Put your finger on washing.
Incorrect or No Response: Drop back to Training Page A, and follow the procedures for ages 2:6 through 3:11.

If the examinee answers Training Items B1 and B2 correctly without help, say, Now we’ll do some more. You can point to the picture or say the number. Go to the appropriate Start Item, and begin testing.

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TRAINING ITEMS Form B ages 4+

1. Child washing hands
2. Child sitting on the floor
3. Child rubbing eyes
4. Child playing with a toy in a chair

Training Page B
Administering Items

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Recording Responses and Errors

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<td>balloon</td>
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<td>1 2 3 4 E</td>
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- For each set, record the number of errors in the box labeled “Number of Errors.”

Calculating the Total Number of Errors

Transfer the number of errors per set to the boxes below, and add up the total errors. Be sure to use the lowest Basal Set and the highest Ceiling Set. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

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**Total Errors**

(Between Basal and Ceiling Sets)

Calculating the Raw Score

Record the number of the Ceiling Item, which is the last item in the Ceiling Set. For example, if the examinee's highest Ceiling Set was Set 6, the Ceiling Item would be 72. Subtract from the Ceiling Item the total number of errors made by the examinee (from the Basal Set through the Ceiling Set). The result is the Raw Score. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

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Raw Score

Transfer this Raw Score to the record form covering.

Start Your Administration Here

**Training Items**

All instructions for introducing the test and administering the Training Items are located in the easel.

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After the examinee responds correctly and without help to two Training Items, go to Item 1, and begin testing.

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Starting Points:

• Recommended Start Items are indicated on page 2 of the record form as well as on locator tabs.

• If you know the student is language delayed (operates in the <10 %ile) you can start with an earlier start set.

• Once you start a set of test items, always administer all 12 items of that set in order.
• You CAN repeat the stimulus word you are on
• You can NOT show it, spell it, define it, use it in a sentence or use “a___, an___, or the___” before the word to cue the student.
• You can NOT go back over items already administered if the student gave no response the first time around
• But do give credit for spontaneous self-corrections anytime during the testing process
• Do not show the stimulus word, use it in a sentence, define it, spell it, change it, or precede it with an article…

**point to the ___**
Prompts

• Put your finger on ____.
• Show me ____.
• Point to ____.
• Find ____.
• Where is ____?

When it is clear that the child understands the task, you may simply say the stimulus word.
• For students with extremely impaired speech or motor problems you can point to each quadrant and take a head nod or eye blink as an indication of their response.
• Give encouragement or praise along the way, but do not tell the student if his answer was correct or not.

• “You’re doing well”, That’s fine”, “I like the way you’re working/ paying attention/ trying” etc

• “Be sure to look at all the pictures before choosing one.”
Scoring PPVT-4
Scoring the responses:

• Student receives one point for each correct answer
• Place a slash through the “E” to indicate an error/incorrect response
• Record “DK” for Don’t Know and “NR” for No Response on the record form, these are counted as 0 (no credit)
Caution:

- Raw score of 3 or less corresponds to a score an examinee would get through random guessing - interpret with extreme caution.

> For English speaker this may reflect his true abilities, for a Spanish speaker - attempt TVIP (TVIP is not a GPRA recognized measure).
Basals and Ceilings *reflect your range of ability* - gives you starting and stopping points on a test:

- **Basal Set** – The lowest set of items administered containing 1 or 0 errors

- **Ceiling Set** – The highest set of items administered containing 8 or more errors

> Ex Fig 2.6 pg 12 in PPVT-4 manual
• If you did not get a basal in the set you started with (meaning the student got more than one answer wrong), go back one set at a time until a basal (none or only 1 answer wrong) is established (start with the first item in that new set).

• Ex fig 2.8 pg 13 in manual
• Sometimes you may not get a Basal, if you go back to set #1 and student still makes more than 1 error, simply continue testing forward until a ceiling is reached.

• Fig 2.9 pg 13 in manual
Scoring guidelines

• If student makes 8 or more errors in Set 1 consider the test not appropriate = chance level score

• Use lowest basal and highest ceiling if double basal or ceiling occurs
  ex. Case V fig 2.7 pg 12
  ex. Case Z fig 2.11 pg 15
These errors in set 4 will be counted against child—more accurate reflection of skills.

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Total Errors (between Basal and Ceiling Set)

Calculating the Raw Score

Record the number of the Ceiling Item, which is the last item in the Ceiling Set. For example, if the examinee’s highest Ceiling Set was Set 6, the Ceiling Item would be 72. Subtract from the Ceiling Item the total number of errors made by the examinee (from the Basal Set through the Ceiling Set). The result is the Raw Score. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

Ceiling Item: 72

Total Errors: 12

Raw Score: 60

Transfer this Raw Score to the record form cover.

Training Items

All instructions for introducing the test and administering the Training Items are located in the easel.

Ages 2:6 Through 3:11

Training Page A

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| A1. baby | 1 2 3 4 E |
| A2. car  | 1 2 3 4 E |
| A3. fish | 1 2 3 4 E |
| A4. candy| 1 2 3 4 E |

After the examinee responds correctly and without help to two Training Items, go to Item 1, and begin testing.

Ages 4 Through Adult

Training Page B

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Scoring…

• Document the number of errors in each set administered, and tally it up in the “Total Errors” box on the record form.

• Subtract number of errors from the Ceiling Item (Ceiling Item is the last item in the Ceiling set) to get your Raw Score.
Practice scoring example

• Noah- age 6 primary language is English taking Form A

• What set do you start with?
Step 1

Administer the test-

• Circle child’s response- slash “E” if error occurred

• Tally up number of “E”s for each set

• Stop when a set has 8 or more errors
Step 2

Complete page 2 of the record form -

> Mark the number of errors he received in each Set

> Subtract # of errors from Ceiling Item (ceiling item is last item in last set given)
Administering Items
The Training Items must be administered first. Directions are listed on the training easel pages.

The Start Item is the first item in the age-appropriate item set. Start Items are listed in the right-hand column on this page, and on the tabbed easel pages.

The Complete Set Rule requires the administration of all 12 items in the set in order, beginning with the first item in the set.

The Basal Set Rule is one (1) or zero (0) errors in a set. Establish the Basal Set first. If necessary, administer earlier sets until the rule is met or until Set 1 is completed. Then test forward by sets until a Ceiling Set is obtained.

The Ceiling Set Rule is eight (8) or more errors on a set. Stop testing after giving all items in the Ceiling Set.

Calculating the Total Number of Errors
Transfer the number of errors per set to the boxes below, and add up the total errors. Be sure to use the lowest Basal Set and the highest Ceiling Set. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

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Calculating the Raw Score
Record the number of the Ceiling Item, which is the last item in the Ceiling Set. For example, if the examinee's highest Ceiling Set was Set 6, the Ceiling Item would be 72. Subtract from the Ceiling Item the total number of errors made by the examinee (from the Basal Set through the Ceiling Set). The result is the Raw Score. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

Ceiling Item ______
Total Errors ______
Raw Score ______

Transfer this Raw Score to the record form above.

Start Your Administration Here

Training Items
All instructions for introducing the test and administering the Training Items are located in the easel.

Ages 2:6 Through 3:11

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After the examinee responds correctly and without help to two Training Items, go to Item 1, and begin testing.

Ages 4 Through Adult

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After the examinee responds correctly and without help to two Training Items, go to the appropriate Start Item, and begin testing.
Example: Noah-age 6 started with Set 5 had basal (none or only 1 incorrect) went on to ceiling out at Set 9
He had a total of 17 errors
Step 2

Complete page 2 of the record form-

> Mark the number of errors he received in each Set

> Subtract # of errors from Ceiling Item (ceiling item is last item in last set given)

Noah ceiling item #108 (fig 2.6 page 12 in the manual)
Ceiling item is #108, subtract the 17 errors

Figure 2.12 Noah’s raw score calculation

Calculating the Total Number of Errors

Transfer the number of errors per set to the boxes below, and add up the total errors. Be sure to use the lowest Basal Set and the highest set administered. See Chapter 2 of the manual for further details.

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Total Errors

Calculating the Raw Score

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Ceiling Item: 108
Total Errors: 17

Raw Score: 91

Transfer this Raw Score to the record form cover.
Noah had raw score of 91
Step 3

Transfer his raw score to the front cover
To complete the front cover…

• Transfer raw score from page 2 to front cover
• AGE based norms will be used to look up the students score
• Use Norms Table B.1 to convert the raw score to a standard score by age
• Choose your Confidence band option: 90% or 95% (reliability measure)
Score Summary

RAW SCORE
(From box on page 2)

Standard Score
(Table B.1, B.2, or B.3)

Confidence Interval
(Table B.1, B.2, or B.3)

Percentile
(Table B.4)

Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE)
(Table B.4)

Stanine
(Table B.4)

Growth Scale Value (GSV)
(Table B.5 or B.6)

Age Equivalent
(Table B.5)

Grade Equivalent
(Table B.6)
Table B.1 AGES 6-2 to 6-3
Noah took Form A, had raw score of 91, converts to Standard Score

Scores Corresponding to Raw Scores, by Age and Form

| Standard Score | Confidence Interval |的信心区间 | | 信心区间 |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
|                | 90% | 95% | 90% | 95% | 90% | 95% | 90% | 95% |
Definition of Scores

- **Standard Scores** – express a person’s score with respect to both the mean of the group and the variability of the scores.

  Average = 100, Standard Deviation = 15

  >>Scores of 85-115 are within average limits

- **Percentiles** – percentage of scores in a specified distribution that fall below the point at which a given score lies (average is 50) >Standing/ranking within a group, based on a non-equal interval unit of measure.

- **Stanines** – normalized standard scores with a range of 1 to 9 (1, 2, 3 are below average, 4-5-6 are average, 7-8-9 are above average)

- **NCE’s** (Normal Curve Equivalents) – Takes percentile ranks and converts them to an equal interval unit of measure
Optional: To Find Percentile Rank, NCE and Stanine Scores

• Use Norms Table B.4 page 181 in the manual to convert a standard score to a percentile rank, NCE, and stanine.

• Record these three values in the designated spaces in the Score Summary box on the front page of the record form.
To find his Growth Scale Value (GSV) by Age and Age Equivalent

- Table B.5 Pg 182-183
### Score Summary

**RAW SCORE**
(From box on page 2)

- **Standard Score** (Table B.1, B.2, or B.3)
  - 90

- **Confidence Interval**
  - **90%**
  - 85 - 96

- **Percentile** (Table B.4)
  - 85

- **Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE)** (Table B.4)
  - 36

- **Stanine** (Table B.4)
  - 4

- **Growth Scale Value (GSV)** (Table B.3 or B.6)
  - 135

- **Age Equivalent** (Table B.5)
  - 5.7

- **Grade Equivalent** (Table B.6)
  - <K
Comparing PPVT-III scores to PPVT-4 over time

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* Do not compare standard scores across editions (i.e., PPVT-III and PPVT-4 scales). GSV scores may be compared across editions.
Documenting Progress Over Time

Using GSV Scores to Measure Change

The GSV (growth scale value) score is designed for measuring change over time. Like a raw score, the GSV score is an indicator of absolute, not relative, performance. If an examinee's vocabulary increases, his or her GSV score will increase. The GSV scale is like a yardstick, and plotting GSV scores over time can reveal how the examinee's vocabulary performance has changed.

The standard score serves a different purpose, which is to tell how the examinee's score compares with the average score at a particular age. It is a helpful supplement to the GSV when evaluating change. If an examinee's standard scores are the same on both occasions, then the examinee's vocabulary performance has increased at the average rate for that age. If the standard score declines from the first testing to the next, the examinee still may have improved in vocabulary knowledge (as shown by a higher GSV), but the rate of growth was below average.

Refer to Appendix G in the PPVT-4 Manual for further information on interpreting change in GSV scores.

To use the GSV “yardstick” to show changes in performance over time, complete the following steps:

1. Write a sequence number next to the GSV score of each PPVT-III and PPVT-4 administration you entered on this page, starting with 1 for the earliest administration.
2. Mark the points on the GSV yardstick corresponding to each GSV score.
3. Write the corresponding administration sequence number next to each mark on the GSV yardstick.
The Growth Scale Value (GSV) is a score that tracks vocabulary over time. Much like inches are an equal-interval scale of length, the GSV is an equal-interval scale of vocabulary. Therefore, the GSV can be used as a yardstick by which progress can be measured throughout the school years. It can also be used to compare a student's ability with that of a reference group consisting of all the students in a particular grade or of a particular age. For example, in the case of the PPVT–4 test, a GSV score of 171 is average for students aged 10 years and 2 months; a GSV of less than 171 reflects a lower level of vocabulary for same-age students, and a GSV greater than 171 reflects a higher level of vocabulary for same-age students.

Examinee Information

ID Number: 107049
Birth Date: 7/21/1997
Sex: F
Language Spoken
At Home: English

PPVT Administrations – Grade Norms Table B.7

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The PPVT–4 measure can be used reliably in a test-retest situation. If the timeframe is short (e.g., 6 weeks or less), it is suggested that the examiner use the alternate form for the two test sessions (e.g., PPVT–4 Form A for the first testing and PPVT–4 Form B for the second testing). If the time between the first and second testing is longer (so that practice effects are not as great), then the retest can be administered with the same form.
Early Reading First GPRA measures that relate to the PPVT:

What constitutes growth according to US Early Reading First:

- **Indicator 1.1**: The cost per preschool-aged child participating in Early Reading First programs who achieves significant gains in oral language skills as measured by the PPVT. *(significant gains are defined as an increase of 4 or more points between pre- and post-test)*

- **Indicator 1.2**: The percentage of preschool-aged children participating in Early Reading First programs who demonstrate age-appropriate oral language skills as measured by the PPVT. *(age-appropriate is defined as a standard score of 85 or higher)*

- **Indicator 1.4**: The percentage of preschool-aged children participating in Early Reading First programs who achieves significant gains in oral language skills as measured by the PPVT. *(significant gains are defined as an increase of 4 or more points between pre- and post-test)*
Additional features:

• Introductory Letter to Parents and

• Report to Parents indicating test result-available in BLM at back of the manual (English and Spanish versions)
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Key:
- X = errors
- * = basal and ceiling items
Confidentiality of Scores

- Examinee’s privacy
- Maintain the validity of the PPVT-4, do not teach to the test!

Keep record forms and test easels secure, do not teach the test items in class to students, this will invalidate the post testing.

This is a norm referenced test and professional guidelines prohibit the disclosure of the test items to others.
To build vocabulary skills:

> Practice root words, suffixes, pre-fixes, homophones, antonyms, synonyms, riddles

> Read aloud to students of all ages!

Why? Increases familiarity with language patterns, Models fluency and appropriate emotion, Develops their background knowledge, Builds vocabulary, Develops familiarity with story structure, Develops print awareness, Helps to view reading as pleasurable.

> Additional intervention resources
Basic kit

- Form A kit (manual, Form A test easel, 25 Form A record forms)
- Form B kit (manual, Form B test easel, 25 Form B record forms)
- Combined A and B kit (manual, Form A & B test easels, 25 Form A and 25 Form B record forms)
• PPVT4 pricing 2008 .xls
Contact your local Pearson Assessment Consultant to discuss training and ordering options

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