Intelligence

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David Wechsler's Tests: Intelligence PLUS

The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) measure "g"/IQ and have subscores for:

verbal comprehension.
processing speed.
perceptual organization.
working memory.



Wechsler Intelligence Scale

- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Third Edition (WISC-III)
 - Used with children 6 to 16
- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Third Edition (WAIS-III)
 - Used with people 17 and older

WAIS

WAIS measures overall intelligence and 11 other aspects related to intelligence that are designed to assess clinical and educational problems.



Principles of Test Construction

For a psychological test to be acceptable it must fulfill the following three criteria:

- 1. Standardization
- 2. Reliability
- 3. Validity

Standardization

Standardizing a test involves administering the test to a representative sample of future test takers in order to establish a basis for meaningful comparison.

Normal Curve

Standardized tests establish a normal distribution of scores on a tested population in a bell-shaped pattern called the normal curve.



Reliability

A test is *reliable* when it yields consistent results. To establish reliability researchers establish different procedures:

- 1. Split-half Reliability: Dividing the test into two equal halves and assessing how consistent the scores are.
- 2. Reliability using different tests: Using different forms of the test to measure consistency between them.
- 3. Test-Retest Reliability: Using the same test on two occasions to measure consistency.

Validity

Reliability of a test does not ensure validity. Validity of a test refers to what the test is supposed to measure or predict.

- 1. Content Validity: Refers to the extent a test measures a particular behavior or trait.
- 2. Predictive Validity: Refers to the function of a test in predicting a particular behavior or trait.

Fluid and Crystallized Intelligence

Fluid intelligence refers to the ability to think quickly and abstractly.

Crystallized intelligence

refers to accumulated wisdom, knowledge, expertise, and vocabulary



Male-Female Ability Differences



- Girls tend to be better at spelling, locating objects, and detecting emotions.
- Girls tend to be more verbally fluent, and more sensitive to touch, taste, and color.
- Boys tend to be better at handling spatial reasoning and complex math problems.
- It is a myth that boys generally do better in math than girls. Girls do at least as well as boys in overall math performance and especially in math computation.

Cognitive Styles

- Different ways to perceiving and organizing information from the world around them.
- For example: Some Individuals respond very quickly in most situations, others are more slower to respond even though both types may be equally knowledgeable about the task.
- There are two types of Cognitive Styles
- I. Field Dependence and Field Independence
- II. Impulsive and Reflective Cognitive Styles

Field Dependence and Field Independence

- Field Dependence: Cognitive style in which patterns are perceived as whole.
- They have difficulty focusing on one aspect of situation, picking out important details, analyzing a pattern into different parts, or monitoring their use of strategies to solve problems.
- They tend to work well in groups, have a good memory for social information, and prefer subject such as literature and history.

Field Dependence and Field Independence

- Field Independence: Cognitive style in which they perceive separate parts of a total pattern and are able to analyze a pattern according to its components.
- They do well in math and science, where their analytical abilities pay off.
- They are more likely to monitor their own information processing

Impulsive and Reflective Cognitive Styles

- Impulsive: Characterized by cognitive style of responding quickly but often inaccurately.
- Reflective Cognitive Styles: Responding slowly, carefully, and accurately.

Thank You