

Vocabulary Task

PPVT

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Part 1. PPTV



PPTV Background

PPTV (Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test)

- It is a norm-referenced and individually administered measure of receptive vocabulary.
- This test contains wordless pictures, and the participants need to pick one of the 4 pictures based on the words they heard.
- There are 2 training items (B1 and B2), we need to always begin with training item B1 first.



PPTV Procedure

- There are 2 training items (B1 and B2), we need to always begin with training item B1 first.
- Each age group begins with specific items; for instance, those aged 19 - 90:11+ start with item 140, and those aged 14:0 - 16:11 start with item 122.
- Basal Rule
 - If the participants answered their first question incorrectly, we need to establish a baseline with 3 consecutive correct responses.
 - For example: If the first item for the participant is item 140 and the participant answered this item incorrectly, we need to move back to item 139, and after achieving 3 consecutive correct responses (e.g., 137, 138 and 139), we need to resume the testing forward for item 141.
- Ceiling Rule
 - Discontinue the test after 6 consecutive incorrect responses.



PPTV Example

