

# What is the Preschool Language Scale, Fourth Edition (PLS-4)?

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## The Newest Edition of PLS-4 Provides You With Developmental Milestones, Based on the Latest Research

With input from speech pathologists around the U.S., PLS-4 has expanded coverage of language skills and new norms to obtain an even more accurate picture of a child's language skills.

**We listened, we learned, and we improved it. PLS-4 enhancements are a direct result of your input. Some of the exciting features you'll see are:**

### New Norms

- Norms based on 2000 U.S. Census figures for children birth through 6 years. The new norms are based on a larger, more diverse sample of approximately 1,500 children, including children with disabilities.
- 39.1% of this sample consists of ethnic minorities—the largest percentage to date!
- New Spanish Edition with separate norms will be available soon.

### Extensive Expert Review

Experts from across the U.S. reviewed PLS-4 English and PLS-4 Spanish Editions for content coverage and to assure that test items and art are appropriate for children from different social economic status (SES) and cultural/regional groups.

### Expanded Coverage of Language Skills

- New PLS-4 items were developed from a pool of well-researched items that were subjected to rigorous review.
- For children birth to 2;11, there are more items targeting interaction, attention, and vocal/gestural behaviors.
- For 5 and 6 year olds, there are more items targeting early literacy and phonological awareness skills that tap school readiness.
- Includes reproducible Caregiver Questionnaire in which parents or caregivers share their knowledge of the child's typical communication at home.
- Integrate information obtained from parents and caregivers into a child's norm-referenced scores. This means that PLS-4 meets general federal and state guidelines including IDEA requirements for use in evaluating infants and preschoolers for special services and programs including Head Start, Even Start, and Title 1.

### Great Value

- Purchase PLS-4 English and PLS-4 Spanish Editions with or without manipulatives.
- Manipulatives include a ball, soft cloth, 5 blocks, 2 cars, 3 cups, 2 rattles, a box with lid, 3 spoons, 2 bowls, a squeaky toy, 2 wind-up toys, and a teddy bear.

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