

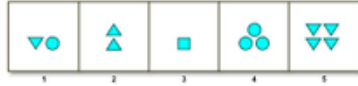
NeuroPsych Testing

AKA NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

What it is

Tasks and puzzles to tests **how a child learns**. Looks at:

- Memory
- Attention
- Language skills
- Problem solving



Given by psychologists who have special training in understanding **how the brain is built** and how it works



What it is NOT

Not a Neurological Test

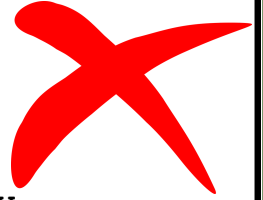
- **Not imaging** (MRIs, X-rays, etc.)
- **Not blood tests**

Not a Psychiatric Test

- **Not the first step** for concerns about anxiety, PTSD, or behaviors

Not a **treatment**

- Not therapy
- Not medications



Which kids need a neuropsych eval?

Some brains are **wired to learn in less common ways**. Neuropsych testing can help when kids have **learning and thinking challenges** due to:

- **Medical issues** (seizures or brain injuries)
- Conditions that affect how the brain grows
- Learning disabilities

Other tests can be a **better fit for kids with behavioral or emotional concerns**



If you are a foster parent concerned about your child's development, learning, or behaviors....

1 Keep a **journal** of all your concerns



2 **Reach out to your child's pediatrician**. Knowing what testing (if any!) is needed is confusing!



3 Your pediatrician can guide you towards the **next steps** for your **child's unique needs**



Takeaways

Neuropsych testing is

- **Not a test for all kids**
- Not helpful for all concerns

Pediatricians can help you determine if neuropsych could help your child

More Info for Parents

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