WMS®5

Measure more flexibly
with WMS-5

Explore core aspects of memory in a highly flexible, yet comprehensive, manner within a larger evaluation battery.

Since its inception in 1945, psychologists have looked to the Wechsler Memory Scale to reliably measure memory function. The Wechsler Memory Scale – Fifth Edition (WMS®-5) is the latest revision of this comprehensive adult memory assessment. Comprised of 7 subtests measuring cognitive status, auditory memory, visual memory, and visual working memory, the WMS-5 features updated norms representative of today's population, simplified administration options that increase customization and flexibility, and more scores that expand utility across clinical, forensic, rehabilitation, and educational settings.

Codeveloped and co-normed with the WAIS-5®, the WMS-5 maintains its powerful partnership with the leading adult test of intelligence. Using the WAIS-5 and WMS-5 together allows direct comparison of performance across the two tests for a deeper understanding of an individual's cognitive abilities.

Overview

Publication date: 2025

Age range: 16:0–90:11

Qualification level: C

Completion time:
Standard Form (60 minutes)
Short Form (25 minutes)
Alternate Form (25 minutes)

Administration: Paper or Q-interactive®

Scoring options: Paper or Q-global® or Q-interactive

Features

New Norms

- The normative sample collected in 2023–2024 reflects recent societal shifts and was matched to the US census on age, sex, race/ethnicity, education level and geographic region.
- Codeveloped and co-normed with WAIS-5 to enhance score interpretation, increase flexibility, and allow comparison of intellectual and memory abilities.

Flexible administration options

- The **Standard Form** consists of all subtests and provides the most in-depth information about the examinee's short- and long-term memory and visual working memory functioning.
- The **Short Form** is a brief battery of subtests that can be used to sample immediate and delayed recall for orally and visually presented information as well as visual working memory.
- The **Alternate Form** consists of alternate versions of the auditory and visual subtests in the Short Form.
- The **Immediate Memory Screener**, embedded within the Standard Form, allows the examiner to administer the immediate recall conditions to screen for memory weaknesses before deciding whether to continue with the Standard Form.
- CVLT®3 scores can be substituted for Verbal Paired Associates 1 and 2.

Expanded clinical utility

- Additional Ancillary Index Scores, Contrast Scores, and Process Scores
- New Index scores reflecting single trial learning and multiple trial learning
- Index discrepancy analyses and contrast scores comparing WAIS-5 and WMS-5 performance

Digital options

Benefits of Q-interactive include:

- Easily administer and score the assessment using two iPad® devices, no manuals or stimulus books required!

- Automated scoring: saves time and reduces errors.

- Fully digital versions of Designs and Spatial Addition are included (no grids, cards, or chips required).

- Digital manuals for quick and convenient reference.

Benefits of Q-global include:

- Administer on paper and enter raw scores to quickly receive a detailed and accurate score report.

- Digital manuals and stimulus books are available for ease of access, telepractice administration, and a compact, convenient administration solution.

- Pay per use or annual subscription options.

Flexible Administration Options

Standard Form

BCSE

LM 1 & 2

VPA 1 & 2*

VR 1 & 2

DE 1& 2

SSP

SA

*CVLT-3 may be substituted

Immediate Memory Screener

LM 1

VPA 1

VR 1

DE 1

Short Form

LM 1 & 2

VR 1 & 2

SSP

Alternate Form

LM 1 & 2 Alt

VR 1 & 2 Alt

WMS-5 Test Framework

The WMS-5 maintains the same seven subtests from the WMS®–IV with updated content to modernize this most trusted memory assessment for use with today's population.

Subtest	Abbreviation
Brief Cognitive Status Exam	BCSE
Logical Memory 1 & 2	LM 1 & LM 2
Verbal Paired Associates 1 & 2	VPA 1 & VPA 2
Visual Reproduction 1 & 2	VR 1 & VR 2
Designs 1 & 2	DE 1 & DE 2
Symbol Span	SSP
Spatial Addition	SA

Primary Index Scores (Standard Form)

Auditory Memory (AMI)	Visual Memory (VMI)	Visual Working Memory (VWMI)	Immediate Memory (IMI)	Delayed Memory (DMI)
LM 1 & 2	VR 1 & 2	SA	LM 1	LM 2
VPA 1 & 2	DE 1 & 2*	SSP	VR 1	VR 2
			VPA 1	VPA 2
			DE 1*	DE 2*

Ancillary Index Scores

Auditory Immediate Memory (AII)	Visual Immediate Memory* (VII)	Designs Content* (DCI)	Multitrial Learning (MTLI)
LM 1	VR 1	DE 1 Content	VPA 1, Recall C
VPA 1	DE 1	DE 2 Content	VR 1, Trial 2
Auditory Delayed Memory (ADI)	**Visual Delayed Memory* (VDI)**	**Designs Spatial* (DSI)**	LM 1, Story A, Second Recall**
LM 2	VR 2	DE 1 Spatial	**Single-Trial Learning (STLI)**
VPA 2	DE 2	DE 2 Spatial	VPA 1, Recall A
Auditory Recognition (ARI)	**Visual Recognition* (VRI)**		VR 1, Trial 1
LM 2 Recognition	VR 2 Recognition		LM 1, Story B**
VPA 2 Recognition	DE 2 Recognition		LM 1, Story A, First Recall**
			LM 1*
			DE 1*

*ages 16-69   **ages 70-90*

Process scores and ancillary scores have been greatly enhanced in the WMS-5. For a full list of scores see Chapter 1 of the WMS-5 Administration and Scoring Manual, available as a Resource at **PearsonAssessments.com/WMS5.**

For more information about WMS-5, visit
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