

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The British Picture Vocabulary Scale – Second Edition (BPVS-II)

Age Range	3 years to 15 years
Assesses	The BPVS-II is designed to measure a child's receptive (hearing) vocabulary for Standard English.
Costs	£175.00 + VAT – Complete Set £13.00 + VAT - Record Form (pack of 10)
Recommended Uses	 Intended to be used to assess a child's receptive vocabulary. Useful at pre-school level, where vocabulary is important as a measure of child development. Can provide a base-line measure, both for children starting nursery education and for those beginning formal schooling. Use as an initial screening tool Provides a reasonably good measure of academic aptitude for pupils who have standard English as their language of the home and in which they are taught.
Who can use it	Teachers, Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists. Formal training in testing is not necessary to administer and score the BPVS-II properly. However, results should be interpreted in light of other contextualised assessment information.
Time to Administer	Around 5-8 minutes
Evaluation	 Very quick and easy to administer. Untimed administration allows opportunity to test the child's vocabulary and not their speed of response. Items are only administered over the child's critical range and thus provide material which is neither too easy nor too hard. No reading or written responses required from the child, just a verbal or pointing response, or some other agreed response if these are not possible. Therefore, is suitable for children with speech or language difficulties or difficulties with reading or writing. Extensive verbal interaction between the examiner and the subject is not required, making it less threatening than many other individual tests. Scoring is very easy and quick.