

CASL[®]-2

Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language, Second Edition

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Overview

Measures the oral language processing skills of comprehension and expression across four categories: Lexical/Semantic, Syntactic, Supralinguistic, and Pragmatic

Qualification Level: B

Age Range: 3 to 21 years

Completion Time: 5 to 10 minutes for each test and 45 minutes for the General Language Ability Index (known as the Core Composite in the original CASL)

Materials

CASL-2 and OPUS Combination Kit

CASL-2 Complete Kit [CASL-2 Manual, Easel 1, Easel 2, Easel 3 Forms (10)] and OPUS Complete Kit [OPUS Manual, Easel, Forms (10)] 015800955X

CASL-2 Kit

CASL-2 Manual, Easel 1, Easel 2, Easel 3 Forms (10) 0158009568

CASL-2 Comprehensive Forms, Ages 3 to 21 Pkg. of 10 0158009576

CASL-2 Preschool Forms, Ages 3 to 6: Pkg. of 10 0158009584



What's new in the second edition

- All new normative data and more extensive clinical groups
- 14 individual tests (the original CASL's Paragraph Comprehension test was removed)
- Expanded age range for most of the 14 tests to include younger children
- Updated item content to address current technology (no more payphone!)
- Full-color easels featuring new artwork that is more engaging for young children
- Alternative scoring guidelines for African American dialect
- Updated record form design makes scoring easier
- Easy-to-remember start and stop rules that are consistent across all tests

The Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language, Second Edition (CASL-2) offers the flexibility of 14 stand-alone tests in one comprehensive, yet specific, battery. Preserving the strengths of the original test, the second edition introduces new and enhanced features to increase validity, functionality, and ease of use.

The CASL-2 shares the same underlying theory as the new Oral Passage Understanding Scale (OPUS), and the Oral and Written Language Scales™, Second Edition (OWLS™-II). Since all three tests are based on the author's Integrative Language Theory, they provide a cohesive evaluation across a broad range of language areas. While the OWLS-II provides an evaluation of oral and written language, the CASL-2 offers a more in-depth picture of 14 spoken language skills. The new OPUS measures listening comprehension and tells you how well a person can apply many of these skills.

Applications and Uses

The CASL-2 can be used by speech-language pathologists and other professionals in a variety of settings, including schools, clinics, hospitals, private practices, and intervention programs. When you need to evaluate response to intervention (RTI), you can use the CASL-2 to track improvement over time. It can help you answer a variety of referral questions, including eligibility for speech services, placement in special education, and determining if a language delay or disorder is present.

What it Measures

For children and young adults ages 3 to 21, the CASL-2 measures spoken language across four structural categories:

- **Lexical/Semantic:** Knowledge and use of words and word combinations
- **Syntactic:** Knowledge and use of grammar
- **Supralinguistic:** Knowledge and use of language in which meaning is not directly available from the surface lexical and syntactic information
- **Pragmatic Language:** Knowledge of language that is appropriate across different situational contexts and ability to modify language according to the social situation

Within these categories, 14 stand-alone tests give you the flexibility to measure only the specific areas that you are interested in. You can interpret each test separately and/or combine test scores to get a wider picture of oral language skills. The CASL-2 tests feature extended age ranges so you can start assessing and intervening earlier, as well as track progress in the same child over many years. Many of the tests now include younger ages—all of which extend to age 21.

Free online scoring is available for kit users!

Register online at the website listed in your Manual to create an account (it's free!) When you log into your account for the first time, you will automatically have access to the scoring.

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Overview

Assesses listening comprehension, a skill that is essential for classroom learning

Qualification Level: B

Age Range: 5 to 21 years

Completion Time: 10 to 20 minutes

Materials

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 CASL-2 Complete Kit [CASL-2 Manual, Easel 1, Easel 2, Easel 3 Forms (10)] and OPUS Complete Kit [OPUS Manual, Easel, Forms (10)] 015800955X

OPUS Kit
 Manual, Easel, Forms (10) 0158009592

OPUS Forms
 Pkg. of 10 0158009606

The Oral Passage Understanding Scale is a new measure of listening (auditory) comprehension

It evaluates a person's ability to listen to passages that are read aloud and recall information about them. This ability is key to success in the classroom, as well as in social and occupational settings. The OPUS also measures memory skills, which are integral to listening comprehension. Although it's an excellent companion test to the CASL®-2, you can also use the OPUS on its own anytime you need to quickly measure listening comprehension.

Applications and Uses

A versatile instrument, the OPUS can be used by speech- language pathologists and other professionals in a variety of settings including schools, clinics, hospitals, private practices, and intervention programs. When you need to evaluate response to intervention (RTI), you can use the OPUS to track improvement over time. It can also help you answer a variety of referral questions. For example:

- Can a student sufficiently understand and retain information heard in class?
- Are listening difficulties contributing to a child's social skill challenges?
- Does this college student need someone to take notes in class for him?

What It Measures

The OPUS is designed to assess the comprehension of spoken language in a natural context, a skill that is fundamental to classroom learning. It evaluates the ability to integrate and apply knowledge in three structural categories of language:

- **Lexical/Semantic:** Knowledge and use of words and word combinations
- **Syntactic:** Knowledge and use of grammar
- **Supralinguistic:** Knowledge and use of language in which meaning is not directly available from the surface lexical and syntactic information

Measuring higher-level comprehension skills, including inference and prediction, yields more detailed information beyond simply whether or not the individual can comprehend. These skills require deeper processing abilities, and thus differentiate typically developing individuals from those with language and learning delays or disorders. The OPUS includes memory because it's an important part of listening comprehension in everyday life.



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