

Table 1.1: Descriptions and Abbreviations of the Abilities Measured by the DAS–II Subtests

Subtest	Abbreviation	Abilities Measured
Copying	Copy	Visual-perceptual matching and fine-motor coordination in copying line drawings
Early Number Concepts	ENC	Knowledge of prenumerical and numerical concepts
Matching Letter-Like Forms	MLLF	Visual discrimination among similar shapes
Matrices	Mat	Nonverbal reasoning: perception and application of relationships among abstract figures
Naming Vocabulary	NVoc	Expressive language; knowledge of names
Pattern Construction	PCon	Visual-perceptual matching, especially of spatial orientation, in copying block patterns. Nonverbal reasoning and spatial visualization in reproducing designs with colored blocks
Pattern Construction (Alternative)	PCon(A)	The same abilities for Pattern Construction without a time constraint
Phonological Processing	PhP	Assesses knowledge of sound structure of the English language and the ability to manipulate sound
Picture Similarities	PSim	Nonverbal reasoning shown by matching pictures that have a common element or concept
Rapid Naming	RNam	Assesses automaticity of integration of visual symbols with phonologically referenced naming
Recall of Designs	RDes	Short-term recall of visual and spatial relationships through reproduction of abstract figures
Recall of Digits–Forward	DigF	Short-term auditory memory and oral recall of sequences of numbers
Recall of Digits–Backward	DigB	Short-term auditory memory and oral recall of sequences of numbers
Recall of Objects–Immediate	RObI	Short-term recall of verbal and pictorial information
Recall of Objects–Delayed	RObD	Immediate-term recall of verbal and pictorial information
Recall of Sequential Order	SeqO	Short-term recall of verbal and pictorial information
Recognition of Pictures	RPic	Short-term, nonverbal visual memory measure through recognition of familiar objects
Sequential and Quantitative Reasoning	SQR	Detection of sequential patterns in figures or numbers
Verbal Similarities	VSim	Verbal reasoning and verbal knowledge
Speed of Information Processing	SIP	Quickness in performing simple mental operations
Verbal Comprehension	VCom	Receptive language: understanding of oral instructions involving basic language concepts
Word Definitions	WDef	Knowledge of word meanings as demonstrated through spoken language