

## WJ III® Diagnostic Reading Battery (WJ III DRB)

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### FACTS IN BRIEF

- Purpose:** Assesses reading achievement and important related abilities
- Range:** Grades K.0–18.0
- Time:** 50-60 minutes

The **WJ III DRB** is comprised of 10 tests from the *WJ III Tests of Achievement, Form B* and *Tests of Cognitive Abilities*. There are eight clusters available for interpretation: Basic Reading Skills, Reading Comprehension, Phonics Knowledge, Phonemic Awareness, Oral Language Comprehension, Brief Reading, Broad Reading, and Total Reading. Any of the tests or clusters can be used for progress monitoring or outcome research.

All the tests are drawn from *Form B* of the *WJ III Tests of Achievement*, with the exception of Test 8: Sound Blending. Several new clusters are available that are not seen on the *WJ III ACH*, including Brief Reading, Phonics Knowledge, Phonemic Awareness, Oral Language Comprehension, and Total Reading.

### Features

- Individually administered and norm-referenced
- Assesses growth over a wide age and grade span
- Provides continuous age or grade norms
- Guides development of long and short-term goals for educational programming
- Evaluates specific reading and reading-related strengths and weaknesses within the same battery
- Measures phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension
- Scoring software is included with each test kit

### Content

The *WJ III DRB* is a comprehensive measure of reading achievement. The *WJ III DRB* tests correspond to the five essential components of Reading First at either the cluster or test level. Eight interpretive clusters are available. *Brief Reading* is a screening measure that can be used with children as young as age 3 years, 6 months, and it provides an adequate floor to be useful as a pre-reading measure. *Broad Reading* is a combined measure of reading decoding (reading speed) and comprehension skills. *Basic Reading Skills* is a combined measure of reading vocabulary and phonic and structural analysis skills. *Reading Comprehension* is a broad measure of reading vocabulary and passage comprehension skills. The *Phonics Knowledge* cluster measures sound-symbol correspondences. *Phonemic Awareness* measures the ability to analyze and synthesize phonemic information. *Oral Language Comprehension* measures oral language comprehension at the word and passage levels. *Total Reading* is a comprehensive measure of reading achievement.



### Interpretation

The *WJ III DRB* assesses specific attributes of reading achievement and important abilities related to reading, giving the examiner valuable diagnostic information. Important comparisons can be made between clusters and tests which help to determine the reasons for reading difficulties.

The **WJ III DRB Scoring and Reporting Program** is included with each test kit and provides several types of interpretative reports. A narrative summary report communicates test results to teachers and other professionals. A Parent Report is also available from the scoring software. This brief report includes a profile by the subject proficiency and a brief explanation that is useful for reporting the results of testing to parents. The Classroom Report from the software program rank orders each subject in a defined group, such as a classroom.

ITEM	PRICE	CODE
<b>WJ III Diagnostic Reading Battery Complete Test Kit with Carrying Case</b> . . . . .	\$645.00	9-23750
<small>(Includes Test Book, Audio CD package, Comprehensive Manual, Software Package, Test Records [Pkg. 25], Subject Response Booklets [Pkg. 25])</small>		
<b>WJ III DRB Test Records and Subject Response Booklets</b> (Pkg. 25 of each). . . . .	\$108.00	9-23758
<b>WJ III DRB Administration-Scoring Video VHS</b> . . . . .	\$46.25	9-23771
<b>WJ III DRB Administration-Scoring CD</b> . . . . .	\$64.75	9-23772

#### MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

**Windows®:** 98, NT 4.0, ME, 2000, XP; 486 processor; 16 MB of RAM; 5 MB free hard disk space

**Mac Classic:** Apple Macintosh with a PPC processor, Apple system software version 8.6 through 9.2.2, 16 MB of RAM, 10 MB free hard disk space

**Mac OS X:** Apple Macintosh with a PPC processor, Apple system software version 10.2 through 10.2.8, 16 MB of RAM, 10 MB free hard disk space