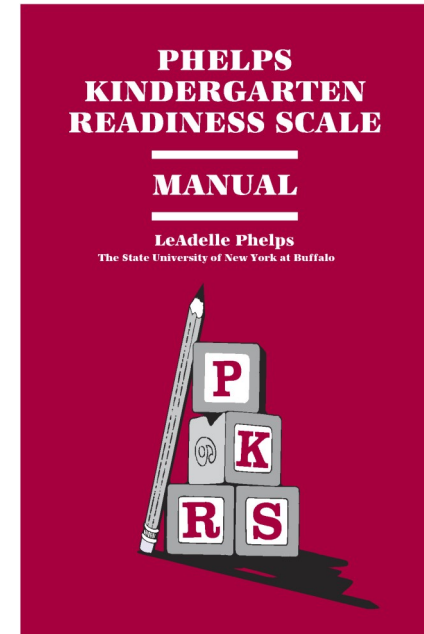


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**A Nationally Standardized,  
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Tool to Assess a Child's  
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## **What The Phelps Kindergarten Readiness Scale Can Do For You!**

- Reliably, quickly (in minutes!), validly, and very inexpensively assess a child's verbal, perceptual, and auditory abilities that are critical for later school success.
- The PKRS can help objectively determine whether a child qualifies for early admission to kindergarten.
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## **Auditory Processing Domain (Illustrative Test Items)**

### **Auditory Discrimination**

I am going to say two words. If I say the same word twice, you would tell me that they are the same. If I say two different words, then you would tell me that they are different.

Sample: Say, "Listen Carefully."

boy — toy

chair — chair

### **Auditory Digit Memory**

Sample: Say, "I am going to say some numbers and when I am finished, I want you to repeat them right after me, just as I said them. Listen carefully." Repeat the numbers one per second.

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### **Memory for Sentences**

Sample: Say, "I am going to read a sentence to you. When I am finished I want you to say it just like I did. Ready? Listen carefully."

I have a red rose.  
My cat's name is George.

### **Memory for Sentences**

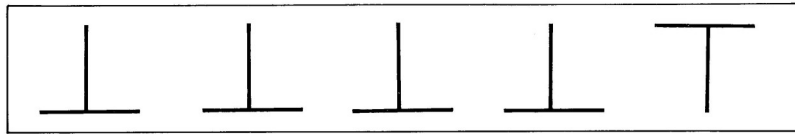
Directions: Say, "Now we are going to do something different. Listen carefully. I am going to read a story to you. When I am finished, I am going to ask you some questions about the story. Ready?"

## Perceptual Processing Domain (Illustrative Test Items)

### Visual Discrimination

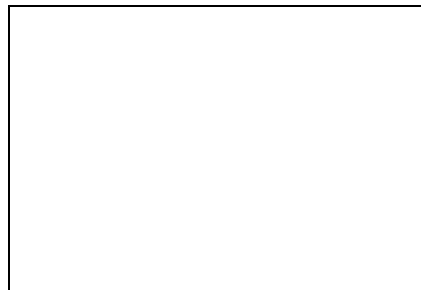
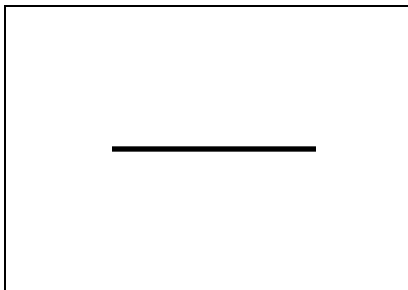
Find the picture in this row that is different than all the other ones and put an X on it.

SAMPLE



### Perceptual Motor

Cleo (the clown) wants you to draw a picture just like this one (Examiner points to straight line.) He want you to draw the same one in the box to the right. (Examiner points to empty box.)



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The Phelps Kindergarten Readiness Scale is a remarkably affordable, easy to administer, and effective tool designed to quickly reveal the fundamental strengths and weaknesses that research has shown can make a major difference in a child's later academic career. Unlike skills-based inventories, the PKRS will not measure how much a child already has learned, instead it will open a window into his or her basic abilities — abilities that often are overlooked until it is too late to do much about them.

Research has shown that if children have difficulties with verbal, auditory, or perceptual processing at the start of their school careers, unless they are identified and remedied early, these deficits are likely to have a negative impact throughout their entire school careers. For example, we have all heard of cases where visual problems were not diagnosed early in a child's school career, simply because the child assumed that his vision was like everyone else's and never realized that a problem existed. The PKRS will provide an early indication that a child is experiencing moderate or severe difficulties and it will suggest appropriate remediation strategies, which may include more focused diagnostic testing.

The test will also point out those verbal, auditory, and perceptual areas in where a child shows special strengths. Teachers can then build on and leverage these strengths to promote greater academic achievement.

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## **Verbal Processing Domain (Illustrative Test Items)**

### **Vocabulary**

What do you paint with?

What type of fruit is red?

What do you do with a saw?

What is a tulip?

### **Verbal Reasoning**

What do we do when we go to bed?

Name three things you can see on a farm.

Why do houses have doors?

How are birds and bears alike?

### **Analogies**

A turtle crawls, a bird ....

Ice is cold, fire is ....

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