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A fun and effective web-based tool for screening young children's language skills





arly identification is the first step to helping young children with language delays get on track for reading proficiency and school success. But how do you find the children who might need extra support?

It's simple with the Quick Interactive Language Screener<sup>™</sup> (QUILS<sup>™</sup>), a gamelike, web-based screener that helps you evaluate the language skills of children ages 3 through 5 years—and make sure their progress is appropriate for their age group.

QUILS stands apart from all other language screeners. That's because it measures not only language products (what the child already knows) but also language processes (how the child learns new words and grammar structures).

QUILS looks at three critical areas:

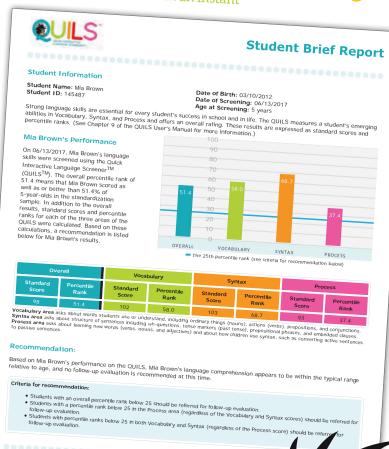
- 1 VOCABULARY:
  What words do children already know?
- **2** SYNTAX: What do children understand about how words go together in sentences?
- **PROCESS:**How good are children at learning new language items?
- Read on to learn more about the **benefits** of this one-of-a-kind screener and **how QUILS can help** your program!

### **QUILS** BENEFITS

- Measures what's important. QUILS screens key domains of language knowledge that predict a child's later academic success.
- Fun and engaging for kids. With its interactive items and cute cartoon illustrations, QUILS hooks young children's attention—and it's so much fun, kids might ask if they can do it again!
- Expert-developed, research-based.
   QUILS is based on current research on
   language acquisition, and every item
   was created and tested by a team of
   experts in child language development,
   test item construction, statistics, and
   linguistics.
- Quick and easy. QUILS takes just 15–20 minutes for kids to complete.
- Accurate results every time. Because QUILS is automated, it's delivered the same way to all children, and answers are instantly recorded and stored.
- Convenient and time-saving.
   Automatically generated scores and reports save time for busy teachers.
- No special training required. Children can complete QUILS with just a little supervision from any teacher, paraprofessional, parent, or classroom volunteer.

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## QUILS" RESEARCH

QUILS was tested with a normative sample of 415 children, grouped into 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old age bands. Psychometric studies, including Rasch analyses, have established the reliability and validity of QUILS. The items in QUILS were carefully selected to be culturally and dialectically neutral, and DIF analysis ensured there is no gender bias. To learn more, read the technical report from the User's Manual at www.myquils.com/research.





#### STEP SET UP YOUR QUILS STATION

Setting up for QUILS is a snap—all you need is a tablet, desktop, or laptop with touchscreen technology and internet access. Make sure your QUILS screening station is in a quiet area of the classroom.



#### STEP ENSURE THE STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY

Before you screen, make sure the child is a proficient, primary English speaker. (Not sure if the child is proficient in English? Ask the parent to fill out the brief Language Questionnaire first.) For children from Spanish-speaking households, a QUILS: English-Spanish version is currently in development.



#### TEP CREATE A STUDENT RECORD

Enter the child's information to get started. You can also assign the child a unique student ID number so you can generate reports without the child's name or export your data with ID numbers only for identification.



#### STEP SCREEN AND SCORE AUTOMATICALLY

The child completes QUILS with a little supervision from an adult. While the child chooses answers from fun illustrations, QUILS does all the work for you—the screener is automatically administered and scored.



#### TEP SEE YOUR REPORTS RIGHT AWAY

As soon as screening is done, results are available in clear and simple reports. With a few clicks, you can generate individual Student Reports, the Parent Report to share with families, and Group Reports for multiple students.



#### P FOLLOW UP AND PLAN NEXT STEPS

If the child scores below the QUILS cutoffs, use the recommendation guidance generated with the QUILS reports to plan next steps, such as referral to an SLP or other expert for follow-up assessment.

### ONLINE ACTIVITIES Your QUILS subscription also includes access to an invaluable online Resources page. You'll AND RESOURCES INCLUDED!

to an invaluable online Resources page. You'll get downloadable materials to help you use QUILS effectively, including the Language Questionnaire, a Quick Start Guide, and tips for discussing results with parents. You'll also find

practical resources to help you boost children's language development every day—fun activities for the classroom and home, plus links to websites and articles about language development.

#### LEARN MORE

Visit www.myquils.com to learn more about the screener!

- Watch an introductory video that gives you an inside peek at QUILS in action
- See a step-by-step walkthrough of how **QUILS** works
- Get your questions answered in the **QUILS FAQs**



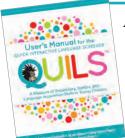
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- Language Questionnaire
- Practical language activities and tips
- Downloadable materials to help you administer QUILS



Also available separately in paperback:

User's Manual for the Quick Interactive Language Screener™ (QUILS™) A Measure of Vocabulary, Syntax, and Language Acquisition Skills in Young Children

Clear and concise, this print version of the online manual includes background on QUILS development, a review of all items, step-by-step instructions. normative tables, and a technical report.

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Research shows close links between early language skills and school success—but too many children enter kindergarten with language delays that have gone unnoticed. QUILS is the fun, quick, and easy tool you need to catch potential language issues in the critical early years, so that interventions can start before delays become long-term difficulties.

Open to learn more about this groundbreaking new screener!

