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Diagnostic Evaluation of Language Variation™

## Diagnostic Evaluation of Language Variation™—Screening Test (DELV™—Screening Test) 2018

## Diagnostic Evaluation of Language Variation™—Norm Referenced (DELV™—NR) 2018

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The Diagnostic Evaluation of Language Variation (DELV) was originally developed to limit assessment bias for African American children, and has proven to be an unbiased comprehensive language assessment appropriate for all English-speaking children. DELV™—ST is an individually administered, two part screening test designed to assess 1) language variation status, and 2) diagnostic risk status. Part I determines if children between 4 and 12 years speak Mainstream American English (MAE). Part II screens whether children between 4 and 9 years may be at risk for a language disorder.

### Overview

#### DELV—Screening Test

##### Ages

Language Variation Status: 4–12 years

Diagnostic Risk Status: 4–9 years

##### Scores

Criterion-Referenced Scores, Degree of Language Variation, Degree of Risk for a Language Disorder

##### Administration

15 to 20 minutes

##### Qualifications Level

B-level

#### DELV—Norm Referenced

##### Ages

4 through 9 years

##### Scores

Domain Scaled Scores in Syntax, Pragmatics, and Semantics; Percentile Rank in Phonology; Full test Composite Standardized Score, Percentile Ranks, and Age Equivalents

##### Administration

45 to 50 minutes

##### Qualifications Level

B-level



# Designed to screen for and diagnose speech and language disorders in children of varied linguistic and cultural backgrounds

DELV™—NR is a comprehensive norm-referenced diagnostic test designed to identify speech and language disorders/delays in all English-speaking children including those who speak African American English (AAE). DELV draws on extensive language acquisition research and incorporates the deep properties of grammar involved in topics like question formation, relationships between clauses, how new verbs are learned, theory of mind, and narrative. Because it emphasizes the components of language that are neutral across variations of English, the DELV is successful as a linguistically and culturally fair test for all English-speaking children. These factors set the DELV apart from all other language assessment instruments.



**Most appropriate for students whose first language is English**

## MATERIALS AND PRICES

DELV—Screening Test	
<b>Record Forms, 25</b> 978-1-7320468-4-9	<b>\$59.00</b>
<b>Record Forms, 100</b> 978-1-7320468-2-5	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>Examiner's Manual</b> 978-0-9989934-9-2	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Stimulus Book</b> 978-0-9995198-0-6	<b>\$80.00</b>

DELV—Norm Referenced	
<b>Record Forms, 25</b> 978-1-7320468-5-6	<b>\$59.00</b>
<b>Record Forms, 100</b> 978-1-7320468-3-2	<b>\$215.00</b>
<b>Examiner's Manual</b> 978-0-9995198-2-0	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Stimulus Book</b> 978-0-9995198-3-7	<b>\$150.00</b>

“I’ve never found an assessment tool like DELV. This is the only commercially available instrument that looks at the non-contrastive shared language features of children.”

**Sharon Gaskin**  
*Diagnostician,  
Speech/Language Programs Tampa, FL*

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