

How to Locate Information about a Research Instrument: Using Tests in Print and the Mental Measurements Yearbook

Tests in Print [REF LB3051.T46. 6 vols] and the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* [REF LB3051.M47 16 vols] will assist you in finding a published instrument, scale, test, or questionnaire.

These resources list instruments that are *In Print*. This means that they are published by a test publisher. Unpublished questionnaires, surveys, etc. may be found using other tools, including the *Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures* (STL REF BF431.G624 [8 vols.])

How to Use Tests in Print

- If you KNOW the Name of your Instrument: look the test up alphabetically
- If you DO NOT KNOW the test, but you know what variables to measure, use the SCORE INDEX in the back of the book

Tests in Print tells you:

- If the test is being published, and by what publisher
- The contact number for the publisher, and the price
- Type of questions & variables that the instrument measures
- Recommended sample population
- How long it takes to give the test
- References to articles that use or discuss the test
- Cross-references to older editions of Tests in Print, and
- **REVIEWS** in the *Mental Measurements Yearbook*(MMY)
Reference #s with a "T" mean an older edition of *T in P*
References with no "T" point to editions of *MMY*

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Self Worth Inventory.

Purpose: "Helps respondents increase their understanding of self-worth and how it is developed."

Population: Adults.

Publication Date: 1990.

Acronym: SWI.

Scores, 8: Self, Family, Peers, Work, Projected Self, Self-Concept, Self-Esteem, Self-Worth.

Administration: Group.

Manual: No manual.

Price Data, 1993: \$10 per inventory.

Time: Administration time not reported.

Comments: May be self-administered.

Author: Everett Robinson.

Publisher: Consulting Resource Group International, Inc.

Cross References: For reviews by Jayne E. Stake and Norman D. Sundberg, see 13:282.

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PEEK—Perceptions, Expectations, Emotions, and Knowledge About College.

Purpose: "Designed to assess prospective student's expectations about what college will be like."

Population: Prospective college students.

Publication Date: 1995.

Acronym: PEEK.

Scores, 3: Academic Expectations, Personal Expectations, Social Expectations.

Administration: Group.

Price Data, 1996: \$1.75 per publisher scored form; \$1.25 per software scored form (volume discounts available); \$10 per software scoring kit (one-time purchase).

Time: (15–25) minutes.

Comments: Self-report questionnaire; can be machine scored by publisher, locally via software, or by hand in classroom settings.

Authors: Claire E. Weinstein, David R. Palmer, and Gary R. Hanson.

Publisher: H & H Publishing Company, Inc.

Review of the PEEK—Perceptions, Expectations, Emotions, and Knowledge About College by DAVID GILLESPIE, Social Science Faculty, Detroit College of Business, Warren, MI:

The PEEK—Perceptions, Expectations, Emotions, and Knowledge About College was designed to assess student expectations regarding college. Three domains of expectations are considered:

Mental Measurements Yearbook entries look a lot like *Tests In Print*. In addition to the basic test information, MMY provides:

- A REVIEW of the Test, written by an expert
- REFERENCES to articles and other Reviews (not pictured here)

Shortcuts:

- **ETS** (Educational Testing Service): [www.ets.org/] provides publisher information, descriptions, some sample questions. Easiest to search by the name of the instrument or by keyword.
- **The BUROS Institute** [<http://www.unl.edu/buros/>] has links to the ERIC locator, and a similar search engine maintained by ETS: the Educational Testing Service.

Be Aware: BUROS and ETS may offer to deliver test reviews to you, for a fee. It is the same information you'd get from MMY. STL will not reimburse you for any charges you might incur.

BIG QUESTIONS

Where are the Questions? Neither of these tools provide the tests themselves. In many cases, you will have to contact the publisher for a sample of the test questions. NOTE: finding articles that discuss your test will give you a good idea of the test's format and suitability.

I know the name of the test, but it's not in Tests in Print. What Now? The test may be out of print--try looking up your test in an older edition of T in P. ALSO, your test may be unpublished: try the Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures (STL REF BF431.G624 [7 vols.]

What other Sources can I try to find an Instrument? Try looking for **empirical research** or **case studies** on your subject in databases like **CINAHL, ERIC, or PsycInfo**. The name of the research instrument used in the study often appears in the article or abstract--and sometimes the questions are reprinted. You can then return to T in P or MMY to look up the newfound Instrument.

Advice and Instruction

BGSU (pdf guide) [<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/infosrv/resaids/TestsMeas.pdf>]
Tests: What you need to know [<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/lml/Collections/docs/tests.html>]
U. Wisconsin: Finding Information... [<http://www.uwec.edu/library/Guides/menttest.html>]

Print Resources

- *The Clinical psychology handbook*. REF RC467.2. C55 1991.
- *Instruments for clinical health-care research*. STACKS RT48.I57 1997
- *Measures for clinical practice : a sourcebook*. REF BF176.C66 1994 [2 vols]
- *Stevens' handbook of experimental psychology*. REF BF 181.H336 1988.
- *Test critiques*. REF BF176.T419 1984 [2 vols]
- *Tests: a comprehensive reference for assessments in psychology, education...* . REF BF176.T43 1983