



At-A-Glance

What It Assesses	The ASC measures preschool children's story comprehension to identify children who need language intervention and to monitor their progress.
Products	The Assessment of Story Comprehension Set (ASC) (manual+ 1 pack of forms) The Assessment of Story Comprehension Forms (sold in packs of 10) The Assessment of Story Comprehension Manual
Components of Assessment	The ASC is comprised of six ASC forms, each of which includes a teacher script with a brief story followed by eight literal and inferential comprehension questions, including one question that asks the child to infer the meaning of a vocabulary word used in the story.
Age Range	Children ages 3-5
Who Conducts It	Early childhood educators and special educators, literacy coaches, Head Start teachers, speech-language pathologists, psychologists, paraprofessionals, and education researchers
Where it is Conducted	Public and private preschools and Head Start programs
Sample Items and Responses	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>In this story, Carlos was sad. Why was Carlos sad? <i>Scoring Scale: 0 1 2</i></p> <p>Why do you think Carlos's mom gave him a hug? <i>Scoring Scale: 0 1 2</i></p> <p>Vocabulary</p> <p>What does <i>injure</i> mean? <i>Scoring Scale: 0 2 3</i></p>
Time to Administer	Approximately 3 minutes
Time to Score	Approximately 1 minute
Research Sample	The authors have conducted three studies, and in the latest study 237 preschoolers were tested resulting in 1,701 total ASCs administered and analyzed. The authors found that fidelity of administration and scoring reliability are high, and the ASC is sensitive to even small gains in comprehension.