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Pictorial Scale of Perceived Competence and Social Acceptance for Young Children (PSPCSA)

The Pictorial Scale of Perceived Competence and Social Acceptance for Young Children (PSPCSA-Harter) is designed to assess, through pictures, the sense of competence and social acceptance of children aged 4 to 7. Presented with two illustrated situations, the child chooses the one that is most like them. This test is mainly used in the assessment of social-emotional development in clinical or school settings.

Number of questions	24 questions
Estimated duration	20 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Pictorial Scale of Perceived Competence and Social Acceptance for Young Children
Target audience	Young children
Authors	Susan Harter, R.M. Pike (1984)
Category	Childhood

Preview of the 24 questions

Good at puzzles

1 - A lot like the child in the negative picture | 2 - A little like the child in the negative picture | 3 - A little like the child in the positive picture | 4 - A lot like the child in the positive picture

Has lots of friends

1 - A lot like the child in the negative picture | 2 - A little like the child in the negative picture | 3 - A little like the child in the positive picture | 4 - A lot like the child in the positive picture

Good at swinging

1 - A lot like the child in the negative picture | 2 - A little like the child in the negative picture | 3 - A little like the child in the positive picture | 4 - A lot like the child in the positive picture

Mom smiles

1 - A lot like the child in the negative picture | 2 - A little like the child in the negative picture | 3 - A little like the child in the positive picture | 4 - A lot like the child in the positive picture

Gets stars on papers

1 - A lot like the child in the negative picture | 2 - A little like the child in the negative picture | 3 - A little like the child in the positive picture | 4 - A lot like the child in the positive picture

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Scoring & interpretation

Each item follows a two-step format: first, the child chooses the picture that is most like them between two opposite drawings; then, they indicate whether it is 'really true' or 'sort of true' for them. Responses are scored from 1 to 4, with a higher score reflecting a more positive self-perception. Scores can be calculated for each subscale (cognitive competence, physical competence, social acceptance, etc.) as well as an overall score.

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