

Strange Stories Test (SST)

The Strange Stories Test (SST) is a clinical assessment tool that measures the understanding of advanced mental states, such as intentions, beliefs, or emotions, in children and adults. It is mainly used to assess theory of mind, particularly in populations with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or social development disorders. The test consists of telling short stories in which the participant is asked to understand situations that require inferring what a character thinks or feels.

Number of questions	24 questions
Estimated duration	30 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Strange Stories Test
Target audience	Children, adolescents
Authors	Francesca Happé (1994)
Category	Childhood

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Each story is followed by open-ended questions about the characters' intentions, thoughts, or beliefs. Responses are scored from 0 to 2 according to the level of understanding demonstrated. Higher scores indicate better advanced theory of mind.

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