SWAN-P

SWAN Rating Scale — Preschool Version (SWAN-P)

The preschool version of the SWAN scale (Strengths and Weaknesses of ADHD Symptoms and Normal behavior Rating Scale) is an observational tool completed by adults in the child's environment (teachers, parents) to assess the spectrum of behaviors related to attention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity, ranging from problematic to optimal functioning, in young preschool-aged children. It provides a more nuanced perspective on ADHD symptoms by integrating both strengths and difficulties.

Number of questions	18 questions
Estimated duration	10 minutes
Language	English
Original name	SWAN Rating Scale — Preschool Version
Target audience	Preschool children
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Category	ADHD, Childhood

Preview of the 18 questions

Over the past month, how does this child compare to other children of the same age?

Give close attention to detail and avoid careless mistakes

Far below average | Below average | Slightly below average | Average | Slightly above average | Above average | Far above average

Over the past month, how does this child compare to other children of the same age?

Sustain attention on tasks or play activities

Far below average | Below average | Slightly below average | Average | Slightly above average | Above average | Far above average

Over the past month, how does this child compare to other children of the same age?

Listen when spoken to directly

Far below average | Below average | Slightly below average | Average | Slightly above average | Above average | Far above average

Over the past month, how does this child compare to other children of the same age?

Follow through on instructions & finish school work/chores

Far below average | Below average | Slightly below average | Average | Slightly above average | Above average | Far above average

Over the past month, how does this child compare to other children of the same age?

Organize tasks and activities

Far below average | Below average | Slightly below average | Average | Slightly above average | Above average | Far above average

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Scoring & interpretation

Each item is rated on a 7-point scale ranging from “far above average” to “far below average.” Scores are totaled for each domain (inattention, hyperactivity/impulsivity), allowing a continuous view of strengths and weaknesses relative to the developmental norm.

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