Edmonton Narrative Norms Instrument (ENNI)

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The ENNI is an assessment tool for collecting language information from children aged four to nine years old through storytelling. Pictures that portray a story are presented to a child, who then tells the story to the examiner. Picture sets were drawn by a professional cartoonist; they range from a simple story with two characters to a complex story with four characters.

Local normative information was collected from 377 children in Edmonton, Canada. Norms from this sample are included for a number of analyses, including story information, referring expressions, and standard language analyses such as number of different words, mean length of communication unit, and subordination index. The manual provides information on the rationale for the ENNI, development of the pictures, the normative sample, the norming procedure, and administration instructions.

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