

Finding Information on Tests and Assessment Instruments

Tests in Print (TIP) serves as a comprehensive bibliography to all known commercially available tests that are currently in print in the English language. Information includes test purpose, test publisher, in-print status, price, test acronym, intended test population, administration times, publication date(s), and test author(s). *Tests in Print* also guides readers to critical test reviews published in the *Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)* series.

The Monmouth University Library has print versions of both of these tools in the Reference Collection. The most current *TIP* is *Tests in Print VII* (REF BF 431 T47) and the most current *MMY* is the Seventeenth (REF BF 176 M46). NOTE: Neither *TIP* nor *MMY* contain the actual tests.

For **electronic access** to the *MMY*, go to the Library's Research Databases web page, and select "Mental Measurements" from the alphabetical list of databases here:

<http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php>

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'word | Indexes' and 'Sign In to My EBSCOhost'. The search bar contains 'nelson denny reading'. Below the search bar, there are three rows for adding search terms, each with a dropdown menu for 'Select a Field (optional)'. The search results section shows 'All Results: 1-2 of 2 Page: 1' and 'Sort by: Title'. The first result is 'Nelson-Denny Reading Test CD-ROM Version 1.2.' with details: 'By: Brown, J. I.; Fishco, V. V.; Hanna, G. S.. 1929-2000. Yearbook: 17 (AN: 17133207)'. There are links for 'HTML Full Text' and 'Add to folder'.

Searching Mental Measurements Yearbook Database

- Enter test name or subject terms
- You can use *Limiters* to narrow the scope of the search
 - Type of test category, administration, publication date, yearbook, number of reviews
- Results provide a list of items based on the search terms
 - Click on title to open the entire record, including test information and reviews
- *The database does not provide actual tests.* Many tests are expensive and available only to certified individuals. Check the record for publisher information.

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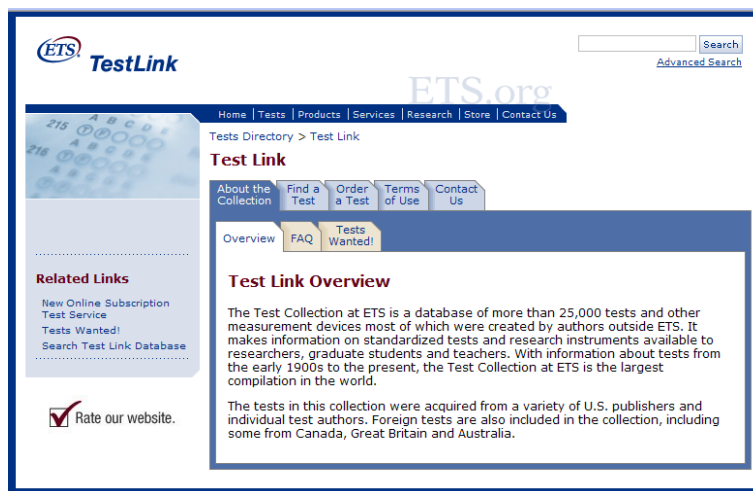
Reference desk: 732.571.3438

Understanding the Reviews

Once you have located a test, you will want to read its *MMY* review. You need to use the review to make judgments about the quality of the test. The Buros Institute website provides a short tutorial on how to help you get started in understanding how to use the *MMY* review to make these judgments. It discusses how the review is organized and how to use each part of the review to judge the usefulness of the test to you. Access the tutorial *Using a Mental Measurements Yearbook Review to Evaluate a Test* by Anthony J. Nitko: <http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/lesson01.html>

Educational Testing Service (ETS): www.ets.org/testcoll/

The Test Collection at ETS is a library of more than 25,000 tests and other measurement devices that makes information on standardized tests and research instruments available to researchers, graduate students, and teachers. Collected from the early 1900s to the present, *The Test Collection at ETS* is the largest such compilation in the world. The tests in this collection were acquired from a variety of U.S. publishers and individual test authors. Foreign tests are also included in the collection, including some from Canada, Great Britain, and Australia.



Some tests from ETS are available in the Monmouth University Library. When viewing the full record for the test, check the **availability** field for *Test in Microfiche* or the **test acronym** field for *TIM* (set letter). Test information includes: scale, answer sheet, scoring instructions, and manual. The library has *Test in Microfiche* Sets A-O, AA, BB, CC and DD. The set indexes are located with the microfilm/fiche readers on the first floor of the library and can be printed out on these readers. Otherwise, the test publisher can be contacted to purchase a copy of the test.

Additional reviews or articles on how these tests have been used can be located by searching several other subject-specific databases from the Library's Research Databases page:

<http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php>

- **ERIC (Ebsco)**
- **Proquest Education Journals**
- **PsycARTICLES (Ebsco)**
- Another database for testing tools is:
• ***Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI)***

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