

# WJ-III: Decoding Human Intelligence

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The Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities is a set of intelligence tests first developed in 1977 by Woodcock and Johnson. It was revised in 1989 and again in 2001; this last version is commonly referred to as WJ-III. They may be administered to children from age two right up to the oldest adults (with norms utilizing individuals in their 90s). WJ-III is praised for covering "a wide variety of cognitive skills."

### **Content of the tests**

There are 12 tests in the Standard Battery, and an additional 12 in the Extended Battery, allowing for a considerably detailed analysis of cognitive abilities. The Cattell-Horn-Carroll theory factors that this test examines are: Comprehension-Knowledge, Long-Term Retrieval, Visual-Spatial Thinking, Auditory Processing, Fluid Reasoning, Processing Speed, Short-Term Memory and Quantitative Knowledge and Reading-Writing Ability. A General Intellectual Ability (GIA) or Brief Intellectual Ability (BIA) may be obtained.