The Pictorial Scale of Perceived Competence and Acceptance for Young Children

Plates — Preschool and Kindergarten. Female
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INSTRUCTIONS

The child is given a sample item at the beginning of the booklet and instructed as follows:

I have something here that's kind of like a picture game and it's called WHICH BOY IS THE MOST LIKE ME. I'm going to tell you about what each of the boys in the picture is doing.

Sample: In this one (examiner then points to picture on the left), this boy is usually kind of happy, and this boy (examiner points to the picture on the right) is usually kind of sad. Now, I want you to tell me which of these boys is the most like (Child's Name).

After the child has pointed to the picture appropriate for him, the examiner points to the circles directly below that picture and emphasizes the key qualifying words to help the child refine his choice further. The examiner should always start with the extreme (larger) circle and proceed to the smaller circle. Thus, if the child points to the happy picture in response to the question concerning which is most like him, the examiner would say:

Are you always happy? (pointing to the larger circle)

Or are you usually happy? (pointing to smaller circle)

Occasionally a child will point to the middle of the two pictures and say that both are like him. The examiner should then say: Yes, sometimes we do feel both ways, but if you had to pick, which one of these boys is the way you are most of the time, which one would you choose?

The number value corresponding to the child's choice should be recorded on the Scoring Sheet for Individual Child Responses. Any comments should be recorded in the space provided at the bottom of the sheet.

The examiner continues for each plate, reading the descriptions, verbatim, as she/he points to the picture accompanying each description. In some pictures there is a target child central to the description, designated by an arrow pointing to that child. Be certain that on these items you point to that particular child.
This girl is usually kind of sad. Are you?

This girl is usually kind of happy. Are you?

SAMPLE QUESTION
ITEM 1

This girl isn't very good at puzzles. Are you:

Not very good

Sort of good

Pretty good

Really good
ITEM 2

This girl has lots of friends to play with. Do you have a whole lot of friends to play with. Do you have pretty many friends OR a few friends OR hardly any friends.
ITEM 3

1. Not too good
   OR
2. Sort of good
   OR
3. Pretty good
   OR
4. Really good

Are you:
This girl is really good at wrestling by herself.

Are you:
This girl isn't very good at wrestling by herself.
This girl's mom smiles at her a lot. Does she:

1. smile hardly ever
2. smile sometimes
3. smile pretty much
4. smile a whole lot

OR

Does she:

1. This girl's mom doesn't smile at her very much.
ITEM 5

This girl usually gets stars on her papers. Do you:

1. Stark
   - Never get papers. Is this girl usually doesn't get stars on her papers.

2. Stark
   - Sometimes get papers. Is this girl usually doesn't get stars on her papers.

3. Stark
   - Most of the time get papers. Is this girl usually doesn't get stars on her papers.

4. Stark
   - Always get papers. Is this girl usually doesn't get stars on her papers.
ITEM 6

This girl sleeps over night at her friends' houses.

Do you stay over: 

Never 

Hardly ever

Pretty much

A whole lot

OR

OR

OR
This girl isn't very good at climbing. Are you:

1. Not very good
2. Sort of good
3. Pretty good
4. Really good

ITEM 7
ITEM 8

1. I like to go places you OR a few places
   not very many places she likes to go. Does she take you to:
   This girl's mom doesn't take her to very many places.

2. pretty many places OR
   a whole lot I like to go. Does she take you to:
   This girl's mom takes her to a lot of places she
Do you know the names of:

This girl knows the names of pretty many colors.

This girl doesn't know the names of very many colors.

ITEM 9
ITEM 10

1. games with friends to play. Have you ever:
   - Hardly any
   - A few OR
   - Pretty many OR
   - A lot of

This girl doesn't have a lot of friends to play games with. Do you have:

This girl has pretty many friends to play games with.
Are you: This girl is pretty good at tying her shoes.

OR

Not too good

Can you: This girl isn't very good at tying her shoes.

OR

Not at all
ITEM 12

1. You like cook the foods
Sometime OR
Hardly ever

2. She likes. Does she?
This girl's mom only cooks a few of the foods

3. Most of the time

4. OR Always cook
Does she?
This girl's mom cooks a lot of the foods she likes.
This girl is pretty good at counting. Are you?

4. Really good
3. Pretty good
2. Sort of good
1. Not too good

This girl isn't very good at counting. Are you?

ITEM 13
ITEM 14

This girl doesn't have very many friends to play with on the playground. Do you have:

1. Hardly any friends
2. A few friends
3. Pretty many friends
4. A whole lot of friends
ITEM 15

This girl isn't very good at skipping. Are you:

1. Not too good
2. Sort of good
3. Pretty good
4. Really good

OR

This girl is pretty good at skipping. Are you:
ITEM 16

This girl's mom reads to her a little. Does she:

Read:
A whole lot
OR
Pretty much
OR
Sometimes
OR
Never read

This girl's mom reads to her a little. Does she:
ITEM 17

This girl is pretty good at saying the alphabet.

Are you: Not too good

OR

Not so good

OR good

Pretty good

OR Really good

Are you: at saying the alphabet.

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ITEM 18

This girl usually gets asked to play with the other kids. Do you?

This girl gets lonely sometimes because the other kids don't ask her to play. Do you?
This girl can't run very fast. Are you:

1. Not very fast
2. Sort of fast
3. Pretty fast
4. Really fast

ITEM 19
ITEM 20

This girl's mom plays with her a lot. Does she:

1. Hardly ever play
2. Sometimes
3. Pretty much
4. A whole lot

OR

This girl's mom plays with her a little. Does she:

1. Hardly ever play
2. Sometimes
3. Pretty much
4. A whole lot

OR

This girl's mom plays with her a lot. Does she:

1. Hardly ever play
2. Sometimes
3. Pretty much
4. A whole lot
ITEM 21

This girl has trouble remembering the first letter of her name. Do you know it?

1. Not at all
2. Not very well
3. Pretty well
4. Really well

OR

This girl knows the first letter of her name. Do you know it?
This girl usually gets to eat dinner at friends' houses. Do you: OR 

Never get to eat over

Sometimes

Pretty much OR

A whole lot

ITEM 22
Can you:
This girl has trouble hopping on one foot.

Are you:
This girl is pretty good at hopping on one foot.
4  Talk with you a whole lot OR
3  Pretty much
2  Sometimes OR
1  Hardly ever talk with you

This girl's mom talks with her a lot. Does she:

This girl's mom talks with her a little. Does she:

ITEM 24