

The **Denver Developmental Screening Test II** was the classic test used by general pediatricians (Figs. 8-1 and 8-2). The Denver II assesses the development of children from birth to 6 years of age in the following four domains:

1. Personal-social
2. Fine motor-adaptive
3. Language
4. Gross motor

The advantage of this test is that it teaches developmental milestones when administered. Items on the Denver II are carefully selected for their reliability and consistency of

norms across subgroups and cultures. The Denver II is a useful screening instrument, but it cannot assess adequately the complexities of socioemotional development. Children with *suspect* or *untestable* scores must be followed carefully.

The pediatrician asks questions (items labeled with an “R” may be asked of parents to document the task “by report”) or directly observes behaviors. On the scoring sheet, a line is drawn at the child’s chronologic age. Tasks that are entirely to the left of the line that the child has not accomplished are considered delayed. If the test instructions are not followed accurately or if items are omitted, the validity of the test becomes

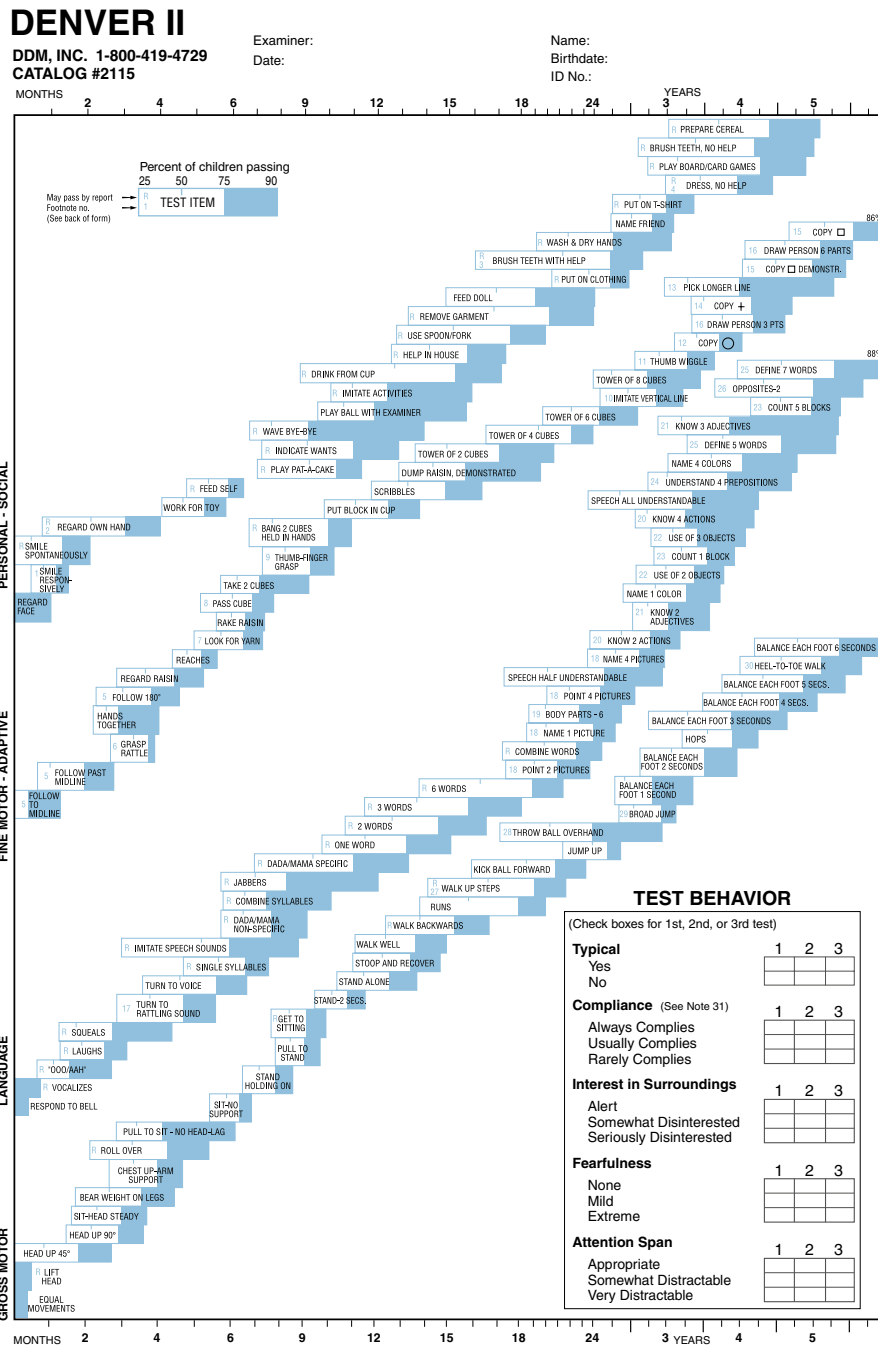


Figure 8-1 Scoring form for Denver II. (From Frankenburg WK: Denver I Training Manual. ©1967, 1970 William K. Frankenburg and Josiah B. Dodds; 1975, 1976, 1978 William K. Frankenburg; 1990, 1992 William K. Frankenburg and Josiah B. Dodds; © 2009 Wilhelmine R. Frankenburg - Contact DDM, Inc. 1-800-419-4729 or Info@denverii.com.)