

THE DAYC2 TEST KIT

No specific testing materials are used with the DAYC. Since children often exhibit different behaviors during a formal evaluation, the DAYC is designed to be completed through observation in the child's natural setting. This provides a more accurate assessment of the child's skills.

If certain skills are not observed, primary caregivers can be interviewed to gain the information.

A variety of materials in the child's natural environment are helpful as the DAYC is administered.

Important reminders:

- ◆ If you know that the child's environment does not contain items that you will need, then it is necessary to bring them with you. The key is to keep the feel of the setting as informal as possible.
- ◆ Do not go item by item through the test. You should have a sense of what you are looking for by studying the items beforehand. Incorporate opportunities for the child to demonstrate skills that you need to observe into your play with the child, observations and caregiver interview.
- ◆ For those skills that require the examiner to work directly with the child, join the child's play and introduce items or games that fit into the child's natural play activity.

Next: Suggested Books & Toys for Assembling your Kit

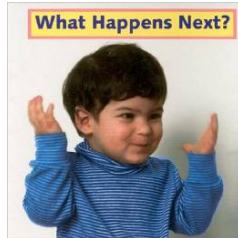
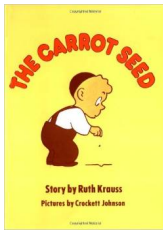
SUGGESTED TOYS AND BOOKS FOR ADMINISTERING THE DAYC

Books – please read *CAREFULLY*

The Carrot Seed

What Happens Next?

Barney/Teletubbies



These books are *EXAMPLES* from a DAYC2 training module. It is NOT the intention to find these specific books for assessment.

These suggested books point out the range of book styles & content that we want to have available.

1. *Barney/Teletubbies* are board books and use child-familiar characters. Basically, **any similar board book** will suffice for your kit.
2. *What Happens Next?* is also a board book, but has photographic content (versus cartoon or artistic drawings). Again, any **book with photographic quality images** will do.
3. *The Carrot Seed* has been published for 70 years now! It is an example of a simple story for young children (with simple art work). There are many examples of simple story books that introduce children to plot, sequence, and conceptual understanding. You will need to have a similar, **paper-paged** (not board-paged) book in your kit that also has a **simple story line** (not too much text).

| Toys | Where to Obtain |
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| Rattle | Gesell kit |
| Mirror | Gesell kit |
| Large and small ball | Gesell kit |
| Blocks | Gesell kit or program materials |
| Crayons and paper | Gesell kit |
| Scissors | Gesell kit (child-friendly) |
| Baby dolls | Gesell kit (may use more than 1 doll) |
| Matching cards | Gesell kit colour forms, or create own |
| Sorting activity | Gesell kit colour blocks – can be used to sort objects by colour (you'll need to add other items to match the colour blocks). Can also develop your own sorting activity by another dimension (size, shape, texture, etc.) |
| Stacking ring | Program supplies or purchase |
| Nesting cups | Program supplies or purchase |
| Pop up toys | Program supplies or purchase |
| Shape sorter | Program supplies or purchase |
| Toy telephone | Program supplies or purchase |
| Puzzles (interlocking and knob) | Program supplies or purchase (note to have both formats) |
| Cars/trucks (multiple sizes) | Program supplies or purchase |
| Stringing beads (multiple sizes) | Program supplies or purchase |
| Pretend food | Program supplies or purchase |
| Broken toy | Finally a use for any of your broken toys! |
| Bubbles | purchase |
| Microphone | purchase |
| Cloths | Program supplies or purchase or re-purpose |
| Sequence cards | Create own or purchase commercial product |
| Rhyming activity games | Create own or purchase commercial product (maybe a rhyming book?) |
| Dressing vest/doll | For our purposes, having some clothes for our doll that the child can remove or put on would work. A doll's hat, shoes, jacket, pants, etc.) |
| Sorting bears with cups | Refers to a count & sort toy for older children. Not needed for IDP. Purchase for SCD. |