How to Locate Information about a Research Instrument: Using Tests in Print and the Mental Measurements Yearbook

*Tests in Print* [REF LB3051.T46. 6 vols] and the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* [REF LB3051.M47 16 vols] will assist you in finding a published instrument, scale, test, or questionnaire.

These resources list instruments that are *In Print*: This means that they are published by a test publisher. Unpublished questionnaires, surveys, etc. may be found using other tools, including the *Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures* (STL REF BF431.G624 [8 vols.])

**How to Use Tests in Print**

- If you KNOW the Name of your Instrument: look the test up alphabetically
- If you DO NOT KNOW the test, but you know what variables to measure, use the SCORE INDEX in the back of the book

**Tests in Print tells you:**

- If the test is being published, and by what publisher
- The contact number for the publisher, and the price
- Type of questions & variables that the instrument measures
- Recommended sample population
- How long it takes to give the test
- References to articles that use or discuss the test
- Cross-references to older editions of Tests in Print, and
- REVIEWS in the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* (MMY)
  - Reference #s with a "T" mean an older edition of *T in P*
  - References with no "T" point to editions of *MMY*

**Mental Measurements Yearbook** entries look a lot like *Tests In Print*. In addition to the basic test information, MMY provides:

- A REVIEW of the Test, written by an expert
- REFERENCES to articles and other Reviews (not pictured here)
Shortcuts:

- **ETS** (Educational Testing Service): [www.ets.org/](http://www.ets.org/) provides publisher information, descriptions, some sample questions. Easiest to search by the name of the instrument or by keyword.

- **The BUROS Institute** [http://www.unl.edu/buros/](http://www.unl.edu/buros/) has links to the ERIC locator, and a similar search engine maintained by ETS: the Educational Testing Service.

**Be Aware:** BUROS and ETS may offer to deliver test reviews to you, for a fee. It is the same information you'd get from MMY. STL will not reimburse you for any charges you might incur.

**BIG QUESTIONS**

**Where are the Questions?** Neither of these tools provide the tests themselves. In many cases, you will have to contact the publisher for a sample of the test questions. NOTE: finding articles that discuss your test will give you a good idea of the test's format and suitability.

**I know the name of the test, but it's not in Tests in Print. What Now?** The test may be out of print–try looking up your test in an older edition of T in P. ALSO, your test may be unpublished: try the Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures (STL REF BF431.G624 [7 vols.])

**What other Sources can I try to find an Instrument?** Try looking for empirical research or case studies on your subject in databases like CINAHL, ERIC, or PsycInfo. The name of the research instrument used in the study often appears in the article or abstract–and sometimes the questions are reprinted. You can then return to T in P or MMY to look up the newfound Instrument.

**Advice and Instruction**

BGSU (pdf guide) [http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/infosrv/resaidstestsmeas.pdf](http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/infosrv/resaidstestsmeas.pdf)

Tests: What you need to know [http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/lml/Collections/docs/tests.html](http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/lml/Collections/docs/tests.html)


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