

BNVR: The Butt Non-Verbal Reasoning Test



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The BNVR Test is a unique non-linguistic approach for identifying whether a cognitive (problem-solving) deficit as well as a linguistic deficit exists in individuals with acquired aphasia. Recognising cognitive deficits in terms of problem-solving may be a key factor in understanding why some individuals overcome their communication difficulties better than others. Failure to recognise problem-solving difficulties may lead to unrealistic expectations of therapeutic intervention and thus inappropriate management and goal setting.

The BNVR requires the client to solve 10 everyday problems, presented in full-colour photographic format. It is short, requires minimal linguistic input, contains real-life situations and is likely to be suitable for non-English speaking individuals. It will be useful to speech & language therapists, occupational therapists and psychologists who need to ascertain whether problem-solving skills are affected and to assist in multi-disciplinary team decision-making in acute and rehabilitation settings.

Special Features

Non-linguistic approach to testing problem-solving

Based on real-life situations

Indicates a cognitive as well as a linguistic deficit

Quick and easy

Colour photographs used as stimuli

Contents

Introduction; Background; The Butt Non-Verbal Reasoning Test; Collection of Norms; Validity and Reliability; Conclusion

Readership

Speech & language therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, nurses and doctors working with stroke patients.

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