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A diagnostic assessment test for children ages 4-8.

The Auditory Discrimination Test, also called ADT or Wepman's Auditory Discrimination Test, is used to evaluate communication skills and highlight possible reading problems as well as predict certain speech defects. A tester reads 40 pairs of words out loud, one pair at a time, and the child is asked whether each pair is identical or not. The tester covers his or her mouth so that the child cannot distinguish the words visually. The test is often given by a special education teacher or speech language pathologist. Performance is measured on a rating scale with results ranging from "very good development" for the child's age to "below adequate." Different versions of the test are sometimes administered on a followup basis to evaluate the effectiveness of remedial instruction.

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