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Diagnostic assessment test to identify learning disability, neurological disorders, and developmental delay.

The Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test is a diagnostic assessment test used with all age groups to help identify possible learning disabilities, neurological disorders, **mental retardation,** or developmental delay. Test results also provide information about specific abilities, including motor coordination, **memory,** and organization. The child is given a series of nine designs, each on a separate card, and asked to reproduce them on a blank sheet of paper. There is no time limit. The test is scored by professionals who consider a variety of factors, including form, shape, pattern, and orientation on the page. The Bender-Gestalt test is often given as part of the **System of Multicultural Pluralistic Assessment (SOMPA).**

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