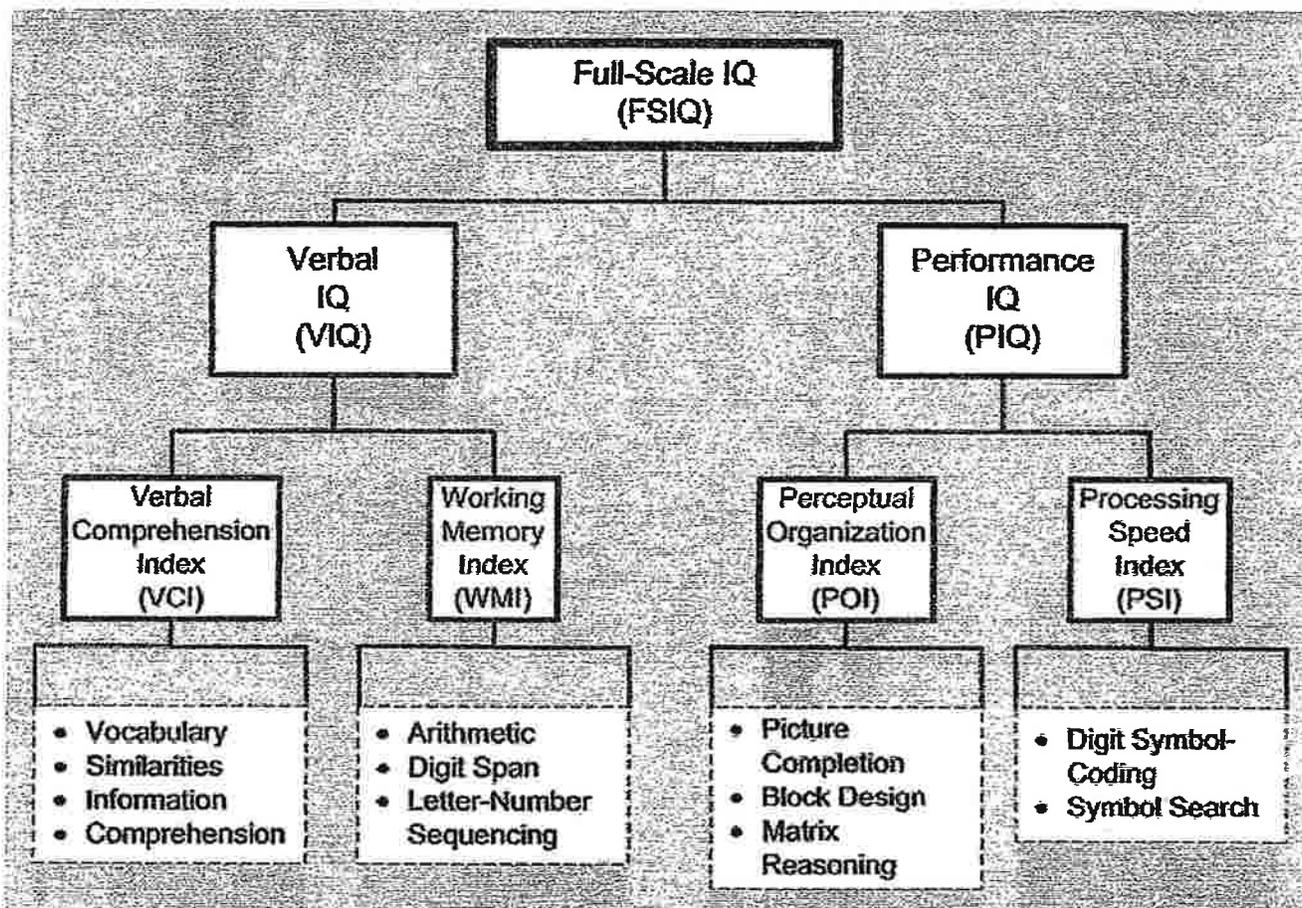


# WAIS-III



The WAIS-III, a subsequent revision of the WAIS and the WAIS-R, was released in 1997. It provided scores for Verbal IQ, Performance IQ, and Full Scale IQ, along with four secondary indices (Verbal Comprehension, Working Memory, Perceptual-Organization, and Processing Speed).

The Verbal Comprehension Index includes four tests:

- **Similarities:** Abstract verbal reasoning (e.g., "In what way are an apple and a pear alike?")
- **Vocabulary:** The degree to which one has learned, been able to comprehend and verbally express vocabulary (e.g., "What is a guitar?")
- **Information:** Degree of general information acquired from culture (e.g., "Who is the president of Russia?")
- **Comprehension [Supplemental]:** Ability to deal with abstract social conventions, rules and expressions (e.g., "What does *Kill 2 birds with 1 stone* metaphorically mean?")

The Perceptual Reasoning Index comprises five tests

- **Block Design:** Spatial perception, visual abstract processing & problem solving
- **Matrix Reasoning:** Nonverbal abstract problem solving, inductive reasoning, spatial reasoning
- **Visual Puzzles:** non-verbal reasoning
- **Picture Completion [Supplemental]:** Ability to quickly perceive visual details
- **Figure Weights [Supplemental]:** quantitative and analogical reasoning

The Working Memory Index is obtained from three tests

- **Digit span:** attention, concentration, mental control (e.g., Repeat the numbers 1-2-3 in reverse sequence)
- **Arithmetic:** Concentration while manipulating mental mathematical problems (e.g., "How many 45-cent stamps can you buy for a dollar?")
- **Letter-Number Sequencing [Supplemental]:** attention and working memory (e.g., Repeat the sequence Q-1-B-3-J-2, but place the numbers in numerical order and then the letters in alphabetical order)

The Processing Speed Index includes three tests

- **Symbol Search:** Visual perception, speed
- **Coding:** Visual-motor coordination, motor and mental speed
- **Cancellation [Supplemental]:** visual-perceptual speed