This annotated bibliography contains both opinion and research articles dealing with various aspects of vision. The entries are divided into four categories: visual acuity, visual perception, perceptual motor development, and eye movements. Within each category are entries presenting controversial and contradictory viewpoints and evidence enabling the reader to peruse many opinions while forming his own. (TO)
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Introduction

This bibliography has been divided into four large categories all loosely tied together in that they deal in some way with the functioning of the eyes in reading. The first category, *Visual Acuity*, might be of special interest to individuals working directly with children who are blind, partially sighted, or who have some other problem of a visual efficiency order. It might also be of use to professionals in such related areas as optometry or ophthalmology or to school personnel interested in appropriate screening procedures to identify children and youth with visual anomalies that could interfere with reading.

Other sections are offered for researchers who wish to build upon previous findings or by consumers of research interested in making decisions relative to curriculum. In particular, the categories labeled *Visual Perception* and *Perceptual Motor Development* might be of help to someone attempting to make decisions about the content of a readiness program. The last category, *Eye Movements*, is of potential value to readers who are interested in the reading process itself or in eye movements as they relate to the reading process.

All research has limitations. In some cases these limitations are reflected in poor measuring instruments, bias on the part of the researcher, poorly defined terminology, or an ill-conceived and designed research study. In other instances, the limitations may be the result of some other factor such as the assumptions underlying the study or the use of a limited population sample. In any event, the results often lead to conflicting findings in studies dealing with seemingly similar topics. Although generalizations are sometimes difficult to defend because one can always find exceptions, the writing in the areas of visual perception and perceptual motor development probably lends itself to criticism more than does that in almost any other area in the field of reading. In these areas the research has, for various reasons, often been questionable and has occasioned distressingly opinionated statements. The person who attempts to synthesize this literature will find it a difficult task, indeed.

In part, the problem is one of confused terminology and poor or questionable instrumentation. Measures that purport to assess eye-hand dominance, for example, are often assessing preference. Visual perception takes on differing meanings for different individuals. Thus, rather than talking to one another, we often talk past one another. In addition, research and writing in the area of perceptual training are sometimes done by individuals who are sold on the particular approach and want to "prove" it effective. For these and other reasons, the consumer needs to view materials in the visual perceptual area with a particularly critical eye.
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Our own biases often determine what we look for and what we find. The reader who enters this literature closed-minded will leave that way; the reader who enters open-minded will probably come out of the reading frustrated by the knowledge that we do not have many answers and aware that there are sharply differing points of view. Such an awareness is good. It helps us come to the realization that there are no simple, single solutions to complex problems and that there is healthy controversy.

In the areas of visual perception and perceptual motor development, then, several things probably need to be done. First, the terminology needs to be clarified so that there is consistency of meaning. Second, instrumentation needs to be developed that assesses what we want it to; in other words, valid instruments need to be developed. Third, research that is carefully designed and longitudinal in nature would give us a firmer basis upon which to make decisions. Modalities may not be consistent in young children. Little evidence exists that tells whether a child remains strong in one modality or changes. Fourth, research is desperately needed on the effect of instruction on such areas as modalities; i.e., do they change as a result of instructional procedures? Fifth, considerably more replication research is needed. First attempts are often done by cultists. Careful replication studies by less personally involved scientists give us better answers. Indeed, we probably should not make decisions about programs until we have a fair amount of evidence to substantiate a stand.

In summary, this bibliography contains a broad spectrum of articles, both opinion and research, all dealing with some aspect of vision. Various categories within the bibliography present particularly controversial and contradictory viewpoints and evidence. It is hoped that the reader will enter these categories with an open mind, and read critically and reflect thoughtfully on what he finds within them.
Part I
Visual Acuity

This section of the bibliography has been divided into two sub-categories. Section 1 has materials in it that are related to the reading of blind and partially sighted individuals. The second section contains articles that discuss visual acuity and efficiency as they relate to reading. Included in this later category would be such topics as anisokoria, accommodation and convergence, suppression, and binocular coordination.

Section 1: The Blind and Partially Sighted

Makes a comparison of the test performance of 131 pupils in grades 1 through 4 enrolled in 20 classes of partially seeing pupils, with the norms of the tests.

Compares a Braille Informal Reading Inventory, constructed by the author, to reading comprehension and word meaning scores on standardized Braille achievement tests for 147 blind children (86 boys and 61 girls).

Birch, Jack W. School Achievement and Effect of Type Size on Reading in Visually Handicapped Children, 166 p. (CRP-1766, Br-5-0367, OEC-4-10-028, University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, 1966) ED 010 274, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $6.58 from EDRS.
Studies the relationship between visual deficits and achievement using 424 partially seeing children from the fifth and sixth grades and investigates best type size and child's reading distance.

Bixler, Ray H., et al. Comprehension of Rapid Speech by the Blind, Part 1. 46 p. (CRP-1005-Pt. 1, Louisville University, Kentucky, 1961) ED 003 003. microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.
Investigates reading comprehension of some 290 braille-reading blind children of both sexes from sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade residential schools for the blind,
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part of whom read braille selections and the rest who heard the same selections at varied rates.


Explores the present status of braille reading in local classes and residential schools for blind children and determines, on the basis of 337 questionnaires and scores on two reading tests of 100 fourth and eighth graders, the characteristics of efficient readers and effective instructional techniques.


Includes a review of research done in tactile reading between 1966 and 1968 in a general review of studies related to the visually handicapped.


Compares data on enrollments of blind children as of January, 1960, with those of January, 1963, with regard to level of vision, mode of reading, and grade distributions.


Reports a survey of pupils in five states registered with the Office of Education by the American Printing House for the Blind made to determine visual acuity in relation to reading of print, braille, or both.

Section 2: Visual Acuity and Efficiency


Ascertains the effects of fusion amplitude, heterophoria, amblyopia, and other manifestations of stress on the visual performance of the reading task of 207 dyslexic students (178 males and 29 females) ages 8 to 18 years during three summers at a camp for remedial reading therapy.


Reviews 93 research studies in the area of the visually handicapped, published since
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1963, and categorizes them under four main headings: general aspects, psychological aspects, education, and the multiply handicapped.


Studies primary grade subjects who had no known learning handicaps in order to learn more about unimpaired visual perceptual development.


Makes a report of the number of reversals when symbols were presented binocularly and monocularly and to the dominant eye and the nondominant eye to 44 second-grade children with mixed and established laterality and who all had average intelligence and reading achievement.


Classifies the references cited under the following major headings: causal factors in reading difficulty, eye-movement studies, perception, physical factors, reading rate, reading readiness, visual fatigue, and visual surveys in schools.


Summarizes the essential findings of the relation of such visual functions as visual acuity, refractive errors, binocular coordination or muscle imbalance, fusion, and visual fields to reading achievement, and suggests possible explanations for wide differences in results.


Investigates the complex process of vision and its relationship to beginning reading, emphasizing the role of the teacher in recognizing symptoms of visual difficulty.


Order No. 67-13, 517, microfilm $3.00, xerography $5.80 from University Microfilms.

Studies the relationship between impairment associated with brain damage and
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reading disability using the four variables of mental ability, cerebral dominance, visual anomalies, and personality adjustment on 138 male college freshmen who were disabled readers.


Summarizes the results of more than 30 studies relating to types of cues to word recognition, nature of the reading process, visual factors in reading, and effect of prolonged reading on visual fatigue.


Reports the development and validation of a Developmental Vision Survey (DVS) and its administering along with 5 other tests and subtests to 352 seventh- and eighth-grade underachieving children, and concludes that developmental vision as defined by the study affects school achievement indirectly by affecting intelligence as measured on the Primary Mental Ability (PMA).


Discusses the nature of visual difficulties that are related to reading retardation, as reported in 11 previous investigations; suggests means of correcting and eliminating each defect.

Demilia, Lorraine A. "Visual Fatigue and Reading," *Journal of Education*, 151 (December 1968) 4-34.

Reviews 42 sources in discussing visual fatigue and reading, with special emphasis on the psychology of word perception, the determinants of legibility, and the role of various typographical factors.


Presents data on the near-point accommodative ability of 899 urban and suburban children to determine their visual readiness for school tasks.

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Compares the coefficients of correlation between birth weight and visual acuity in the case of 40 reading failures and 40 nonreading failures.


Compares the reading performances of 25 children (median Chronological Age (CA) 9.8 years) having equal refractive anomalies in each eye and 25 children (median CA 9.6) having anisometropia to determine the effect of anisometropia on reading achievement and the improvement of reading resulting from correction of refractive defects, followed by regular classroom instruction.


Compares the differences between the chronological age and reading age of 64 reading failures and 57 reading nonfailures, from the third and fourth grades, grouped according to refractive condition.


Compares the speed of object and word perception and visual acuity of 25 pupils whose birth weights were less than 5.5 pounds with those of an equal number whose birth weights were 5.5 pounds or over.


Summarizes the comparative eye condition of reading failures and unselected groups of school children examined by the author over a long period of years.


Studies the relationship between vision and changes in levels of reading skills for 180 lower third college freshmen and concludes that reading skills are relatively independent of measures of vision skills.


Reports the results of a study to determine the relationship, if any, between
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variations in 10 measures of silent reading skills and 13 tests of visual characteristics in the case of 188 fourth-grade pupils in four schools of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Efron, Marvin. “The Role of Vision in Reading Readiness,” Reading and Inquiry, J. Allen Figure!, Ed. International Reading Association Conference Proceedings, 10 (1965) 357-58.

Discusses generally the role of visual skills in reading development.


Discovers no satisfactory statistical relationships between changes in visual efficiency and growth of scholastic achievement or any statistical interaction between sight and IQ in a study using 64 pairs of children matched for age, sex, grade, class placement, and socioeconomic level.


Makes an analysis of ophthalmographic records of 50 patients, ages 10 to 68 years, to determine the validity of the evidences of binocular coordination based on the findings of an ophthalmologist’s examination.


Cites 44 references in discussing the effects of early reading on vision.

Howe, John Wesley. The Visual Fusion Threshold (VFT) Test as a Measure of Perceptual Efficiency in Kindergarten and First Grade, and as a Possible Predictor of Later Reading Retardation. 211 p. (Ph.D., University of Southern California, 1963) Dissertation Abstracts, 24, No. 2, 626. Order No. 63-5054, microfilm $2.75, xerography $9.70 from University Microfilms.

Describes the development and investigation of the validity and predictability of the Visual Fusion Threshold Test (VFT) on kindergarten and first-grade children as it relates to concurrent or subsequent reading difficulty in children younger than eight years and concludes that the VFT is related positively but modestly to the visual perceptual aspects of readiness and early reading tasks.

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Summarizes pertinent research since 1960 under three headings, outline form perception, use of the tachistoscope, and general visual achievement.

Discusses the effect of visual errors in reading and the results of correcting the defects of vision, as reported in a series of studies of these problems; also the implications of the findings and conclusions for the improvement of teaching.

Presents an analysis of the scores of 19 good readers and 19 poor readers in the ninth grade on tests of reading, intelligence, personality, and vision.

Joslin, Ethel S. "Physical Factors in Reading," The Columbia Optometrist, 23 (December 1949) 6-7; 24 (February 1950) 5-6.
Presents a review of research on visual difficulties as causes of reading disability, with emphasis on visual acuity, refractive errors, myopia, astigmatism, binocular coordination, eye-muscle imbalance, fixation ability, and fusion.

Correlates achievement scores in reading made by 533 pupils in grades 1 to 6 with Massachusetts Vision Test findings to determine the extent to which achievement scores and observation of visual behaviors or abnormalities could be used to indicate the presence of ocular defects.

Presents a review of research, accompanied by a 40-item bibliography, of the role of visual deficiencies in the causation of reading disability.

Presents evidence of the value of the classroom use of a check list of 30 visual characteristics as determined through its application to 126 third-grade pupils, the results of a visual screening test being reported in the case of 41 pupils, and the findings of a refractionist in 37 cases.

Koetting, James F. "Word Recognition as a Function of Locus in the Four Lateral
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Investigates the relative performance in each of four lateral peripheral visual fields using three-letter English words (from Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary) with 46 fifth-grade subjects, and found a superiority of performance in the right binocular field as compared to the left, and in the total field of the left eye as compared to the right.


Studies a group of 82 children with learning disabilities but of average or above mental ability to determine the nature of relationships between ocular conditions and learning disabilities.


Synthesizes the visual process with the concept of homeostasis as applied to other physiological functions and balances and relates their influence in reading and draws eight conclusions from a review of research studies related to functional vision, visual acuity, and mirror and reversed vision in normal and dyslexic children.


Presents experimental evidence secured to test the hypothesis "that with scientifically planned interletter spacing, print that is ordinarily visible only to subjects with emmetropia, can be made legible to subjects with a certain degree of uncorrected low visual acuity."


Compares visual acuity on the Snellen Chart for 103 persons, ages 17 to 82, when two different types of letters were shown at two luminance levels.


Reports a series of studies of reading, with emphasis on visual problems, made by the staff members and graduate students doing work in the University of Chicago Reading Clinic.

Presents illustrative case studies of poor readers with visual problems, describes methods of visual screening, and discusses problems involved in remedial therapy.


Analyzes data secured from 75 cases to determine if middle-grade pupils read better monocularly or binocularly and if performance on the Gray Check Tests is related to scores on visual efficiency tests.


Calculates coefficients of correlation and factor analyses to determine patterns of visual test scores related to reading achievement at each of the first eight grades and compares performance on each subtest of 10 visual screening batteries for 63 good and 60 poor readers.


Reports the results of studies, including more than 50 pupils in grades 1, 4, and 8, to determine the relationship between visual efficiency and reading progress and to evaluate existing visual screening tests, determining their reliability and validity when used with elementary-school pupils varying in age and achievement.


Reports correlations between scores made by 87 first-grade children on a battery of tests to evaluate the children's visual achievement forms as a predictor of reading achievement, skill in handwriting, and the need for visual examination.


Lists and evaluates current visual screening devices and batteries available for school purposes, as well as considering the accuracy of referral of several of the standard screening tests and pertinent factors which can influence this accuracy.
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Discusses the importance of visual readiness and its role in visual perception and the development and correction of visual problems, and stresses the need for a complete visual examination to be given before a child enters school.


Compares the incidence of aniseikonia and suppression exhibited by 40 retarded readers in grades 4 to 8 with a control group of equivalent size, age, and intelligence.


Analyzes the difficulties which 35 seniors (ages 22 to 47) from a college of optometry encountered when taking a test while subjected to 1.00 diopter of induced astigmatism with-the-rule.

Shearron, Gilbert F. “Color Deficiency and Reading Achievement in Primary School Boys,” The Reading Teacher, 22 (March 1969) 510-12, 577.

Screens 1,295 grade 1, 2, and 3 pupils for color deficiency and investigates the difference between the reading achievement of 35 color deficient boys and 35 noncolor deficient boys.

Shulman, Paul F. “The Vision Specialist in a Remedial Reading Program,” Optometric Weekly, 43 (December 13, 1951) 1941-45.

Reviews the results of 20 studies relating to causation of reading disability to determine if vision tests alone can diagnose reading deficiency and if there is a definite syndrome of visual factors associated with reading difficulty.


Inquires whether visual skills measured by the Titmus Optical Vision Tester were related to reading achievement with 38 students who scored low on a speed of comprehension test and 25 who scored high who were then each given 12 visual screening tests.

Silbiger, Francene and Woolf, Daniel. “Perceptual Difficulties Associated with
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Relates reading ability and academic achievement to visual discomfort and visual disability for 90 undergraduates—37 were in a poor achievement group and 53 were in a good group.


Discusses methods of identifying specific factors related to reading retardation.


Presents 10 case studies in which both eye examination under cycloplegia and stereoscopic instrument tests were used to test the assumption that discrepancies exist between the results of the two types of examinations.


Explores recent changes that have occurred in thinking about reading and the visually handicapped child and examines the problems of etiology and symptoms in adequate diagnosis.


Presents a comparison of performance on a visual screening battery by 114 retarded readers with 101 nonretarded readers selected from files of a reading clinic.


Describes a pilot study of the relationship between visual abilities or visual perception and the ability to learn to read among 18 third-grade students who were divided into eight good readers and 10 poor readers and tested with a group of visual abilities tests and several visual-perceptual-motor tests.

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Compares the visual status of two groups of below average readers, namely, 17 fourth-grade pupils with greater average retardation in reading and 18 fifth-grade pupils with lesser average retardation.


Compares the visual scores made by 100 fifth- and sixth-grade pupils, classified into three IQ groups and into “above” and “below average” in reading, to determine the relationship between the scores on the Keystone Visual Skills Test and reading, intelligence, and reading and intelligence combined.


Summarizes relationships, based on data from 1,000 children in grades 4 to 8 inclusive, between reading ability and ocular muscle imbalances, vertical muscle imbalances, hand dominance, hand-eye dominance, and visual acuity and depth perception.


Examines the increase in reading speed and comprehensions of 31 college freshmen designated as myopic and emmetropic.


Presents an annotated bibliography of 18 reports dealing with reading research related to pupils with visual, auditory, and speech impairment.


Reports a study in which the Keystone Standard Tachistoscope was used to determine what effects varying degrees of artificially induced myopia have on far point perception of 24 college seniors ranging from 21 to 38 years old and who manifested 20/20 visual acuity.


Reports the results of visual symptoms and visual screening of 79 middle-grade
pupils in the upper quartile in reading compared to 81 middle-grade pupils in the lower quartile (by way of the Stanford Reading Test).


Determines relationships, based on tests given to 117 pupils (ages not given), between hyperopia or myopia and intelligence (measured by the Stanford-Binet and the California Test of Mental Maturity), and obtains a partial correlation with reading held constant by use of the Durrell-Sullivan Reading Achievement Test scores.
Part II
Visual Perception

The section of this bibliography on visual perception incorporates such diverse topics as visual memory, visual modality, and visual discrimination. In particular, the user should note that there are not always sharp distinctions between articles placed in this category and those placed in Part III of this bibliography. Some citations might well have been put in both. For complete coverage of a topic, then, the user of this bibliography should search the citations and annotations in both parts II and III.


Discusses the changes in teacher practices caused by research findings and the hazards of interpreting reading research results, and summarizes the strengths, limitations, and implications for practice of six research studies.


Studies the effects of visual perception training on the perception and reading ability of 215 first graders, and seeks correlations between factors of intelligence, perception, sex, age, and reading achievement using three groups (Frostig Program training group, intensive phonics training group, and straight basal reading instruction group) for an experimental period of 22 school weeks.


Compares four methods of instruction in word recognition with 12 delinquent boys, ages 11 to 16, who were disabled readers.

Reports correlations between scores of 90 first-, second-, and third-grade children on a battery of tests measuring reading performance and three types of visual perception to determine the relationship between reading and types of visual perception, and the importance of visual perception as a predictor of reading achievement.


Examines the relationship between visual perception and reading performance on primary-grade pupils using a battery of intelligence, reading, and perceptual tests and reports that visual perception appears to decrease in importance as a significant predictor of reading performance as the grade level increases.


Relates the reading achievement scores to competency in estimating the midpoint of a bar using the visual and the tactile-kinaesthetic modality for 100 7- to 11-year-old Dutch boys and girls, matched on age.


Reviews research in visual and auditory modalities by investigating (1) the superiority of one modality over another, (2) the simultaneous use of different modalities, and (3) modality studies focused on reading.


Cites 15 sources in discussing verbal and visuo-spatial ability differences in boys and girls.


Analyzes the results of three discrimination studies and their relationship to success in beginning reading, with an emphasis on visual discrimination in the first study, visual and auditory discrimination in the second, and visual perception skills from the Frostig program in the third.
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Outlines a study showing predictive relationships between certain prereading tasks and reading achievement.

Barrett, Thomas C. "Visual Discrimination Tasks as Predictors of First Grade Reading Achievement," The Reading Teacher, 18 (January 1965) 276-82.

Uses stratified random sampling techniques to select 632 first graders in ascertaining the relative contribution and total relationship of nine reading readiness variables (seven involving visual discrimination) to predict first-grade reading achievement.


Investigates reading readiness factors using mainly visual discrimination measures on 632 first graders and finds statistically that the Gates Reading Letters and Numbers Test is the best single predictor of first-grade reading achievement, while the optimum combination for predicting is Reading Letters and Numbers, Pattern Copying, and Word Matching.

Barton, Melvin L; Goodglass, Harold; and Shai, Amnon. "Differential Recognition of Tachistoscopically Presented English and Hebrew Words in Right and Left Visual Fields," Perceptual and Motor Skills, 21 (October 1965) 431-47.

Shows 15 Hebrew and 15 English words that were printed vertically and presented tachistoscopically and monocularly to 20 Israeli students and just the English words to 10 Americans to determine whether alphabetic material arriving in the major cerebral hemisphere is more readily identified than material arriving in the hemisphere contralateral to the language areas.


Involves four control and four experimental classrooms totaling 182 pupils in a study which explored the efficacy of an auditory approach compared with a visual approach to first-grade reading.

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Replicates the Birch-Belmont investigation with modifications, and compares a visual-auditory (V-A) presentation with auditory-visual (A-V) presentation using 15 retarded and 15 normal readers who ranged in age from 8 to 13 years and from 86 to 114 in IQ.


Compares performance on three tasks of auditory-visual integration for 15 subjects (age range 8 years 9 months to 13 years 3 months) with specific reading disability and an equal number of controls.


Studies through linear multiple regression analysis the contribution of auditory discrimination, aural vocabulary, intelligence, teacher ratings of personality, and five aspects of visual perception in the prediction of reading scores of 30 pairs of Canadian children at the end of first grade.

Bergan, John R. A Study of the Relationships Between Perception and Reading. 104 p. (CRP-5-0583-2-12-1, OEC-6-10-082, Arizona University, Tucson, 1967) ED 017 435, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $6.58 from EDRS.

Deals with perception and its relationship to reading as measured by tests of intelligence, achievement, spatial relations, word reversals, and size and shape constancy on 50 second-, 56 fourth-, and 56 sixth-grade children, and finds that none of the intercorrelations of the perceptual tests was significant.


Reports the significance of developmental pattern of auditory-visual equivalence among a total of 220 children in kindergarten through grade 6 and correlates the pattern scores with intellectual status and reading achievement of pupils at each grade level.


Compares the performance of 150 retarded and 50 normal readers (all boys between the ages of 9.4 and 10.4 years with IQ's higher than 80) on an auditory-visual pattern test developed by the authors to test the hypothesis that impairment in auditory-visual integration would occur more commonly in retarded than in normal readers.
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Investigates the relationship between reading ability and the developmental stage of the child as a function of task difficulty, exposure duration, and meaningfulness of visually presented material using 10 normal and 10 retarded readers from each of grades 2, 4, and 6.


Compares the performances of two groups of 35 mentally retarded brain-injured children on two tests of perceptual abilities with both groups paired in terms of chronological age, mental age, and IQ and originally differentiated on the basis of visual perceptual disabilities.


Investigates the differential rate of acquisition and retention of textual responses categorized on the basis of sex-related interest loading by presenting the texts to a sample of 240 kindergarten children in two modalities: auditory and auditory-visual.


Deals with two samples of 45 educable mentally retarded children from two different institutions assigned to one of three treatment groups, differing only in the color of the vowels (red, blue, or black), and finds that discrimination increased with increasing dissimilarity of cues, and color produced no significant effects.


Reports the results of a study using 24 students as subjects to determine whether the operation of the closure principle in visual perception is affected by how the figure in which closure may occur is identified.


Administers a battery of tests, including intelligence, readiness, visual perception, and reading achievement, to all children in kindergarten through grade 3 (N=21 to
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25 per class) in a California school to determine the importance of the test scores in predicting reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Bryden, M. P. "Left-Right Differences in Tachistoscopic Recognition: Directional Scanning or Cerebral Dominance," *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 23 (December 1966) 1127-34.

Compares left-right differences in the visual recognition of single and multiple letter stimuli for 26 right-handed undergraduates, as well as compares mean recognition scores for normally-oriented and mirror-imaged letters for 46 undergraduate subjects.


Tests the hypothesis that young children learn more rapidly by auditory than by visual stimulation by giving 56 pupils, ages 7 to 8 years, paired associates of familiar three- and four-letter nouns and verbs to determine the number of trials required to obtain the criterion when each modality was used.

Budoff, Milton and Quinlan, Donald. "Reading Progress as Related to Efficiency of Visual and Aural Learning in the Primary Grades," *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 55 (October 1964) 247-52.

Compares learning efficiency of 28 average and 28 retarded second-grade readers when meaningful words were presented aurally and visually in a paired-associate paradigm.


Reports the results of studies based on the hypothesis "that difficulties in reading for many college students are due to lack of perceptual skill" which results from "the fixing of perceptual habits in the elementary school before a sufficiently high level of maturity is reached."


Studies texting (i.e., reading aloud) on 120 first-grade boys of average ability and normal first-grade age who were randomly assigned to eight experimental groups, and analyzes the interaction between the auditory variables resulting in five concluding statements.

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Compares reading and spelling scores after 10 weeks of 34 under-achieving pupils, grades 3 and 4, who were placed in four groups: 12 who received remedial reading and perceptual training, eight who received just remedial reading, seven who received just perceptual training, and seven who received neither type of training.


Studies the relationship between certain word recognition skills and visual perception skills using 761 fourth-grade pupils, and finds that the perceptual task requiring the subject to complete a pattern correlates most highly with the achievement of word recognition skills for both sexes.


Investigates whether group visual perceptual training (Frostig Program—20 minutes daily for 10 weeks) can produce significant gains in reading achievement among half of 155 first graders who evidenced visual perceptual retardation, and finds significant improvement in visual perceptual skills but no significant improvement in reading achievement.


Analyzes preexperimental and post-experimental scores on several measures following a 10-week visual perceptual training course for 97 males and 58 girls who scored low on test of visual perception and reading development and who were assigned to experimental or control groups.

Coleman, James C. “Perceptual Retardation in Reading Disability Cases,” *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 44 (December 1953) 497-503.

Summarizes the results of the nonverbal part of the Alpha Test of the Otis-Quick Scoring Tests given to 31 reading disability cases to determine if retardation in perceptual development is an important correlate of reading disability.

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Uses the Koppitz scoring system to clarify the relationship between perceptual motor skills and differential reading performance on 60 second-grade children matched in age, sex, and IQ but different in reading achievement (high or low), and concludes the Bender is not a highly valid instrument for accounting for differential reading performance for second-grade children.

Cooper, J. C., Jr. and Gaeth, J. H. "Interactions of Modality with Age and with Meaningfulness in Verbal Learning," Journal of Educational Psychology, 58 (February 1967) 41-44.

Investigates interactions, using 932 subjects, among five grade levels (fourth, fifth, sixth, tenth, and twelfth), two modalities (auditory versus visual), and the learning of verbal materials at two levels of meaningfulness through use of a recalled paired-associate paradigm.


Reports a comparative study of change in achievement quotient of two groups of grade 2 and 3 children, one of which had 24 training sessions while the other had no training.


Indicates that the construction and use of a diagnostic test battery can give precise information on areas of poor development in children not making expected progress in beginning reading.


Measures development in spatial relations of 96 boys and 96 girls from kindergarten through grade 3 in high, middle, and low socioeconomic classes and relates results to age, sex, reading group placement, and socioeconomic level.


Uses first- and second-grade children with average or above average mental ability, with perceptual disorganization, and who had not been successful in learning to
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read in first grade in a study of the effectiveness of conventional reading instruction presented alone compared to when presented with materials and methods designed to improve basic perceptual skills.

Calculates coefficients of correlation between assessments of environmental variables, intelligence, and test of sensorimotor, linguistic, and perceptual functioning administered to a normal group of 30 boys and 23 girls at kindergarten age, and measures of their second-grade reading achievement, and compares the findings for the normal group with findings in a similar study of 53 prematurely born subjects.

Compares the visual perceptual speed of 50 deaf and 50 hearing children (half of whom were about 11 years old and the other half about 13 years old) equated on age, sex, and performance IQ.

Uses nursery, kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 pupils to test the hypotheses that (1) prior to reading instruction, observers reveal no difference in accuracy of reproduction of meaningless elements on either side of the central fixation point, but (2) after learning to read they are more accurate in the left hemifield.

Bases conclusion on data from 50 subjects, ranging in age from 5 through 17, including measures of central fields through the use of a campimeter, and of speed of visual perception with a tachistoscope and other devices.

Uses, compares, and evaluates three methods of testing thresholds of perception of words in terms of sensitivity to show the relativity of "subliminal" and "supraliminal" perception.

Compares the reading achievement of 54 second-grade inner-city Negro pupils on
premeasures and post-measures of reading achievement and perceptual ability after 45 half-hour sessions with either a series of nonverbal perceptual exercises or a commercial reading program for urban disadvantaged, the Bank Street Readers.

Elkind, David; Larson, Margaret; and Doorninck, William. "Perceptual Decentration Learning and Performance in Slow and Average Readers," *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 56 (February 1965) 50-56.

Tests 30 slow and 30 average readers matched on age, sex, and nonverbal IQ in grades 3 through 6 for the ability to perceive hidden figures on a set of ambiguous pictures before and after they were trained to detect such figures on another similar set.


Determines perceptual patterns of exploration in 85 subjects (20 5-year-olds, 23 6-year-olds, 22 7-year-olds, and 20 8-year-olds) who were asked to name structured and unstructured arrays of familiar pictures presented to them.


Compares the reading achievement of seventh-grade boys who were classified primarily as visual, indeterminates, and haptic (kinaesthetic or tactile) perceivers.


Cites 15 sources in discussing the relationship between auditory functions and reading.


Compares 40 children who had not learned to read after one year of school (half emphasized the visual approach to reading—half auditory approach) with 25 successful readers, and presents results using a battery of nine tests on visual and auditory perceptual abilities and behavior traits.


Investigates the effect on first-grade reading achievement of perception training given to 14 kindergarten classes with 14 other classes as controls.
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Discusses the new Reading Prognosis Test which was designed to be predictive of future reading achievement as well as to give diagnostic information.


Studies 95 children from kindergarten through grade 5 on measures of intelligence, visual perception, and reading to determine if visual perceptual skills increase with age; to explore the relationship between visual perception skills and reading; and to determine if girls show more competence in these skills than boys.


Investigates the hypothesized superiority of aural instruction over visual instruction and the individual study carrel over the standard group study approach using ninth-grade slow learners in experimental and control groups, and finds that slow learner subjects perform equally well in aural and visual instructional approaches and in carrel and group settings.

Ferguson, Nelda Unterkircher. The Frostig—An Instrument for Predicting Total Academic Readiness and Reading and Arithmetical Achievement in First Grade. 54 p. (Ph.D., The University of Oklahoma, 1967) Dissertation Abstracts, 28, No. 6, 2090-A. Order No. 67-15890, microfilm $3.00, xerography $3.00 from University Microfilms.

Analyzes two matched groups of children who were separated on the basis of the Perceptual Quotient (PQ) score (above 90 and below 90) on the Frostig Test, and finds the above 90 (PQ) group performs better on the Metropolitan Readiness Test at the start of school, and performs better in reading and arithmetic achievement at the end of first grade.


Divides selected third-grade subjects into four groups: auditory, bi-sensory, visual, or control before 4-week experimental treatments of auditory and/or visual training and concludes that transfer of skill does occur in relation to language comprehension from auditory to visual perception and from visual to auditory perception.

Correlates an auditory-visual test, tactual-visual test, intelligence test, and reading achievement measures for 121 fourth-grade boys and relates the intersensory tasks to type of reading errors made on an oral diagnostic reading test.

Ford, Marguerite P. An Exploratory Study of the Relationship of Auditory-Visual and Tactual-Visual Integration to Intelligence and Reading Achievement. 23 p. (BR-6-8055, OEC-6-10-320, Columbia University, New York, Teachers College, January 1967) ED 010 595, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Uses a tactual-visual test, auditory-visual test, reading diagnostic test, and intelligence test on 121 white fourth-grade boys from a middle-class suburban community, and finds that auditory-visual integration skills are significantly related to intelligence and to both silent and oral reading ability, whereas tactual-visual integration skills are not.


Explores the relationship of intersensory tasks to intelligence and reading achievement, of the tasks to each other, and to the type of reading errors made on an oral diagnostic reading test using 121 boys in grade 4.


Bases conclusions on comparisons of scores made by first-grade pupils at the beginning of the year on an experimental test of the perception of tachistoscopically projected images and the scores made at the end of the year on oral and silent-reading tests.


Relates clinical experience to published research findings in discussing symptoms of reading disabilities, visual perception disabilities, laterality motor dysfunctions, and recommended instructional procedures; cites 55 references.

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Reports the general results of a developmental test of visual perception given to 1,800 preschool and school children and 71 children with known or suspected neurological handicaps.

Fuller, Gerald B. “Perceptual Considerations in Children with a Reading Disability,” Psychology in the Schools, 1 (July 1964) 314-17.

Tests 287 children who ranged in age from 8 to 15 and who represented four types of readers (good, primary reading disability, secondary reading disability, and organic reader) with the Minnesota Percepto-Diagnostic Test (MPD) to ascertain whether there is a perceptual difference among various types of reading disabilities.

Fuller, Gerald B. and Ende, Russell. “The Effectiveness of Visual Perception, Intelligence and Reading Understanding in Predicting Reading Achievement in Junior High School Children,” Journal of Educational Research, 60 (February 1967) 280-82.

Correlates reading achievement with visual perception, intelligence, and reading for understanding for 347 junior high school students from a high socioeconomic area.

Fullwood, Harry Lee. A Follow-Up Study of Children Selected by the Frostig Developmental Test of Visual Perception in Relation to Their Success or Failure in Reading and Arithmetic at the End of Second Grade. 56 p. (Ph.D., The University of Oklahoma, 1968) Dissertation Abstracts, 29, No. 7, 2035-A. Order No. 68-17,586, microfilm $3.00, xerography $3.00 from University Microfilms

Makes a followup of Ferguson's research, carried out at the University of Oklahoma, by administering achievement tests to approximately 80 percent of the two groups utilized by Ferguson in 1966 to 1967, and finds that children who scored high in visual perception in Ferguson's study performed significantly better in reading and arithmetic than did those who had made low scores.


Studies 60 students in grades 7 through 12, organized in four groups in terms of intelligence and initial reading rate, who were given two perceptual tests before, and a reading rate test immediately after, and 15 weeks after 15 sessions of training in rapid reading to determine the relationship of intelligence, perceptual speed, and closure to reading rate improvement.


Summarizes data secured from 68 upper division and graduate students “to determine the amount of interference which resulted when a competing stimulus
was thrown on the same group of rods and cones immediately following or preceding the presentation of words or phrases of sense material."


Compares 15 good with 15 poor readers, ages 10 to 12 years, equated for Binet IQ's and sex, on three tests of auditory discrimination, the Raven Progressive Matrices, and two tests of visual discrimination.


Presents and analyzes data secured "(1) to ascertain the level of competence in visual perception of first-grade children and the correlation of their perceptual abilities with their achievement in reading and (2) to determine the effect that training in recognition of visual forms would have on progress in learning to read."


Explores whether auditory perception has a significantly higher positive correlation with word recognition than does visual perception, and whether categorization, one aspect of conceptualization, has a significant positive correlation with word recognition when using 83 second-grade children.


Investigates two different visual discrimination approaches to word recognition success in two experimental groups of 23 first graders each and a control group.


Investigates the relationship between teacher rating of adjustment, achievement, and scores on the Minnesota Percepto-Diagnostic Test at third and fourth grades; results were contrasted with the performance of 15 clinic students of similar age and intelligence.

Hagin, Rosa A.; Silver, Archie A.; and Hersh, Marilyn F. "Specific Reading
Vision—Visual Discrimination


Compares pretest and post-test scores on a battery of perceptual and reading tests for 40 boys, ages 8 to 11 years, with reading problems and who had been paired on several variables and assigned to either an experimental group receiving 6 months of training in perceptual stimulation or a control group receiving conventional reading instruction during the same period.


Deals with the cognitive compensating mechanisms of 35 second-grade children, performing below intellectual and age level expectations on two visual-perceptual tasks, in the execution of three Piagetian tasks (conservation, transivity of weight, and reliance/independence) and finds that success in reading can be predicted, for this group, at the .05 level.

Hamilton, George E. and Anderson, Paul L. “Will Perceptual Training Alone Increase Reading Ability of Adults?” The Reading Teachers’ Mailbox, No. 10, 4-7. (Meadville, Pennsylvania: Keystone View Company, October 1, 1956.)

Bases conclusions on the results of 26 one-half hour periods of group training through the use of the Keystone Tachistoscope and the accompanying “tachistosides” given to 13 stenographic and clerical women employees at the Keystone Company.


Investigates right-left hemifield differences for 18 subjects who observed 120 eight-letter English words, equally distributed randomly to left or right sides of fixation under one of four orientation-sequence conditions.


Compares the relative accuracy of reproducing visual patterns appearing at both left and right of the fixation point with 12 college students using a tachistoscope.


Investigates 10 Hebrew-speaking Israeli students to determine if they would tend to
use right-left sequence by asking them to reproduce, under three conditions, some patterns exposed to them tachistoscopically.


Makes an investigation of the phenomenon whereby the relative accuracy between hemifields in reproducing tachistoscopically exposed words was affected by reversing the orientation and sequence of the letters.

Harrington, Sister Mary James and Durrell, Donald D. "Mental Maturity Versus Perception Abilities in Primary Reading," Journal of Educational Psychology. 46 (October 1955) 375-80.

Presents a summary and analysis of data secured from 1,500 second-grade pupils to determine the influence of each of the following factors on reading achievement: visual discrimination, auditory discrimination, phonics, and mental ability.


Investigates 30 orally trained deaf children and 30 children with normal hearing from 7 years 5 months to 9 years to determine whether knowledge of code or normal visual perception skills can be the underlying cause of reading deficiency, and finds an indication of similar perceptual ability but dissimilar recall of alphabetic material or code in favor of the normal hearing group.


Evaluates the visual perceptual skills of beginning readers with normal intelligence using 30 deaf and 30 normally hearing children who were matched in chronological age, with the range being between 7.5 and 9 years.

Hershenson, Maurice. The Role of Stimulus Structure in the Perception of Briefly Exposed Visual Stimuli. Final Report. 31 p. (PROJ-3293, BR-5-0603, OEC-6-10-286, Wisconsin University, Madison, March 1968) ED 021 700, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Investigates the effect of redundancy (structure) in written language on visual perception using unfamiliar seven-letter arrays differing in percentage of redundancy repeatedly exposed for brief durations, and finds letter position to be the overriding determiner of perceptibility, yielding an inverted U-shaped function about the fixation point.
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Explores efficiency of paired-associate learning in visual versus auditory presentation conditions for 32 second graders who were presented, in each modality, 32 word pairs selected from preprimers.

Hurd, Donald E. *A Study of the Relationship Between Reading Achievement and Sense Modality Shifting*, 25 p. (BR-6-8688, OEC-3-7068688-0112, 1967) ED 015 119, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Examines the relationship between visual and auditory singular modal responses and modal shifting behavior to reading achievement using 120 second, fourth, and sixth graders from Peoria, Illinois, public schools by obtaining measures of auditory and visual reaction times, visual-auditory shifting and singular modal auditory and visual response, intelligence, socioeconomic status, and reading achievement.


Analyzes the effect of training with the Frostig program on performance on the Frostig test and on reading readiness for two prekindergarten, two kindergarten, and two first-grade classes.


Attempts to answer questions related to the predictive validity of a visual-perceptual test and the cumulative effect of the Frostig program on reading achievement by evaluating the over 300 prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first- and second-grade children in the study.


Measures comprehension of three forms of a reading test given to subjects at varying rates in an auditory, visual, and audiovisual presentation and establishes relationships within and between presentation conditions.


Compares the comprehension of 15 groups totaling 220 college students to eight
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passages administered to each group at either one of five speeds through either the visual, the auditory, or the audiovisual modality of presentation.

Justison, Gertrude G. Visual Perception of Form and School Achievement (An Exploratory Study of the Relationship Between Form Perception and School Achievement Among Third Grade Pupils in the Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland). 118 p. (Ed.D., University of Maryland, 1960) Dissertation Abstracts, 22, No. 6, 1907-08. Order No. 61-4907, microfilm $2.75, xerography $5.80 from University Microfilms.

Uses a stratified random sample of 398 third graders to demonstrate a range of individual differences in reading and related school performance in order to show the integration of visual perception with the total performance in the symbolic tasks of the school curriculum.

Kahn, Dale and Birch, Herbert G. "Development of Auditory-Visual Integration and Reading Achievement," Perceptual and Motor Skills, 27 (October 1968) 459-68.

Studies the interrelationships among auditory-visual integrative competence, IQ, and type of reading task for 350 boys in grades 2 through 6.


Compares discrimination performance on visual and auditory tasks presented in both Hebrew and English to 72 Negro males of differing reading achievement levels in grades 2, 4, and 6.


Uses a sample of 48 Negro boys in first, third, and fifth grades to explore auditory and visual learning efficiency and its relationship to both age and reading proficiency.

Katz, Phyllis A. and Deutsch, Martin. Visual and Auditory Efficiency and Its Relationship to Reading in Children. 80 p. (CRP-1099, New York Medical College, 1963) ED 003 042, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Explores the relationships between auditory and visual functioning and reading achievement, and investigates the influence of developmental factors on these variables using poor and normal readers in three different grade levels (first, third, and fifth), and finds an indication that reading may be adversely affected by any one of the psychological processes of discrimination, memory, learning, and conception.
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Kerfoot, James Fletcher. *The Relationship of Selected Auditory and Visual Reading Readiness Measures to First Grade Reading Achievement and Second Grade Reading and Spelling Achievement.* 305 p. (Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1964) Dissertation Abstracts, 25, No. 3, 1747-48, Order No. 64-9492, microfilm $4.95, xerography $13.75 from University Microfilms.

Investigates five hypotheses using a stratified random sample of 462 children (239 boys and 223 girls) and an extensive battery of tests; lists findings.


Compares learning performances of six groups (23 each) of kindergarten pupils in ability to recognize four words following different types of stimuli and methods of presentation of visual discrimination tasks.


Presents a research study on determining the effects of visual discrimination training with different types of stimulus materials and different methods of stimulus presentation.


Studies 108 first-grade children on their ability to make the following associations: visual to visual (V-V), visual to auditory (V-A), auditory to visual (A-V), and auditory to auditory (A-A) as they relate to reading.

LaPray, Margaret and Ross, Ramon. *Comparison of Two Procedures for Teaching Reading to Primary Children with Visual Perception Difficulties.* 33 p. (CRP-S-138, San Diego State College, California, 1965) ED 003 695, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Compares the reading abilities of first and second graders from low socioeconomic groups who had visual perception problems and who were taught by conventional methods with those children given special training designed to improve faulty or immature visual perception, and finds no evidence that children who receive the special training make better gains in reading or do not make better gains.

LaPray, Margaret Helen and Ross, Ramon. "Auditory and Visual Perceptual
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Offers background and three suggestions for teachers wishing to do a better job in developing reading readiness.


Investigates by means of an experimental learning task Piaget's formulations of development, utilizing visual discrimination-retention, and conservation as predictors for aspects of word recognition, and finds visual discrimination to be the superior predictor.


Calculates intercorrelation coefficients to determine relationship among scores on three tests of visual perception, two forms of a word discrimination test, an achievement and an intelligence test, given to 70 pupils in grade 4.


Explores the characteristics of visual perception, chronological age, and intelligence of 60 cultural familial mental retardates using two visual perception tests and finds that the children: (1) have the ability to develop adequate closure competencies, (2) do not learn skills of visual closure through experiences of maturing, and (3) increase their visual identification and discrimination skills through common experiences.


Determines coefficients of correlation between scores on critical flicker-fusion tests and scores on reading readiness, achievement, intelligence, and other measures for 40 boys and girls divided into a high and a low reading readiness group.

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Investigates relationships between pretraining and post-training scores on measures of visual-tactual ability, mental maturity, and reading achievement for 10 reading clinic clients, aged 9 to 15, who received perceptual training and remedial reading during 17 weeks.

Lockhard, Joan and Sidowski, Joseph B. "Learning in Fourth and Sixth Graders as a Function of Sensory Mode of Stimulus Presentation and Overt or Covert Practice," Journal of Educational Psychology, 52 (October 1961) 262-65.

Seeks to determine the influence of three modes of presentation (auditory, visual, and auditory-visual) and two modes of responding (overt and covert) on 18 grade 4 and 18 grade 6 pupils who learned lists of nonsense syllables.


Presents three sets of tachistoscopically projected stimuli (letters of alphabet, lines, and word shapes) under three conditions of visual recognition to 20 retarded and 20 adequate readers (32 boys and eight girls) all of whom were in the normal range of intelligence.


Attempts to discover the cues by which children recognize three- and five-letter words by studying 50 kindergarten and 50 first-grade children who were required to select from a group of pseudo-words, the one similar to a word that had just been exposed to them.


Compares the progress during an 11-week period of an experimental group of 107 pupils in four sixth-grade classes who practiced on a varied schedule beginning with 10 minutes daily on exercises in discriminating "between similar groups of letters" and a control group of 97 pupils in three sixth-grade classes of nearby schools.


Questions whether or not current testing instruments reliably measure skills relevant to the reading process.

McBeath, Pearl Marcia Loebenstein. The Effectiveness of Three Reading Preparedness Programs for Perceptually Handicapped Kindergarteners. 144 p. (Ph.D.,
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Studies the relationship between classroom adjustment and perceptual ability using 24 kindergarten classes randomly assigned into four groups following four different programs and finds that none of the programs provided significantly superior results in developing reading readiness skills.


Explores the effects of 35 hours of perceptual training on the mental maturity, perceptual skills, and reading performance of 92 slow learning first-grade children and 23 children enrolled in classes for the Educable Mentally Retarded (EMR) using pretests and post-tests in perception, reading, and mental maturity with a 35-lesson training program for the experimental groups.


Compares two groups of seven children, each with extreme learning problems and difficulties in visual perception, giving the experimental group the Frostig Program, the Gillingham method of teaching, selections of Kephart's program, physical education, music, arithmetic, and art; while the contrast group received the Marianne Frostig Development Test of Visual Perception seven times in addition to pretests and post-tests in reading and arithmetic.


Compares disabled readers' ability to reproduce tachistoscopically presented letter sequences and to discriminate and vocally reproduce auditorially presented words in three experiments carried out with 46 second-grade boys and girls divided into an experimental and a control group.


Reports the development of a visual perception test which incorporates seven subtests designed to identify those first-grade children who might develop reading disabilities because of some visual perceptual deficit.
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Investigates the Frostig Program for the Development of Visual Perception using 42 children (21 matched pairs in control and experimental groups) who manifested visual perceptual distortions.


Reports an experiment which "compared the performance of three groups of kindergarten children in learning to read a vocabulary test"; the groups differed in the type of visual discrimination pretraining given before the learning task and the stimuli for each group were the same, words that appeared in the vocabulary list, different words, and geometric forms.


Compares transfer to the reading task from pretraining in discrimination with words among three groups of children who received pretraining in which: (1) both shape and letter differences were relevant to the final task, (2) only letter differences were pertinent, and (3) relevant letters only were pertinent.


Reviews research concerning how children discriminate visually among words and suggests some implications for teaching; cites 15 sources.


Explores the relationship between tests of visual-motor perception, intelligence, and reading readiness, in terms of age, sex, intelligence, and socioeconomic status using 89 first- and second-grade children from middle and lower socioeconomic class levels.

Olson, Arthur V. "Cues in Word Perception in Relation to Osgood's Integration
Visual Perception


Studies the effect of reducing stimulus cue input by means of tachistoscopic presentation (speeds of 1/10, 1/25, 1/50, and 1/100 seconds) on the word perception of 140 first-grade children, and finds that the accuracy of recognition decreases significantly as the speed of exposure increases.


Presents an intercorrelation matrix indicating relationships among subtest and total scores on the Frostig instrument and nine measures, six of which were designed to reveal reading difficulty, for 29 girls and 42 boys in second grade.

Olson, Arthur V. "Relation of Achievement Test Scores and Specific Reading Abilities to the Frostig Developmental Test of Visual Perception," Perceptual and Motor Skills, 22 (February 1966) 179-84.

Reports the correlations between the scores of 71 second-grade children on the Frostig Test of Visual Perception and a battery of tests measuring intelligence, achievement, and specific reading abilities.


Correlates the scores of 121 third-grade pupils on a battery of reading and achievement tests with their scores on the Frostig Developmental Test of Visual Perception.


Correlates five visual perceptual tests and three language measures for 20 male and 19 female deaf subjects, ages 12 to 16 years, and factor-analyzes the resulting data.


Makes an evaluation of the difficulty of 30 poor readers from grades 4 to 7, 10 being assigned to each of three modes of reinforcement (visual, auditory, and kinaesthetic), in learning a list of paired associates (geometric forms and nonsense syllables) and explores reasons for ease or difficulty of association.
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Makes an evaluation of the effects of three levels of reading achievement (good, average, and poor) with three levels of grade placement (2, 4, and 6) and three modes of reinforcement (visual, auditory, and kinaesthetic) on learning a list of paired associates, consisting of geometric forms and nonsense syllables, as well as on retention and relearning after 24 hours.


Studies 16 college students having 20/20 vision to investigate right versus left field recognition behavior by use of monocular viewing condition for 20 5-letter words at two distances from fixation.


Presents, randomly, 10 paired associates (dissyllables and colors), first through one modality then another, to 28 college students, half of whom had received A or B and the other half C or D grades in Spanish I to determine the most effective order for learning.


Studies the number and types of reading errors made by second-grade boys in order to determine the influence of varying levels of visual perception on reading using the Frostig Test, Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, and Gray Oral Reading Test, and finds that reading errors were significantly higher in children with visual perception deficiencies than in children with satisfactory perceptual abilities.


Investigates effects of test-specific discrimination training with 127 beginning first graders who were pretested for visual discrimination of bigrams and trigrams and assigned either to the experimental group which received test-specific discrimination training or to the control group which received nontest specific discrimination training.
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Establishes the relative difficulty of the visual discrimination of letters by presenting, by means of a modified slide projector, to 65 kindergarten children (aged 5.1 to 6.1) two alternative alphabet letter stimuli to match with a sample letter.


Analyzes the results of tests given to 176 first-grade children to determine the extent of occurrence among them of “errors in visual perception which have been found characteristic of children who fail to progress at the expected rate in the acquisition of reading skill.”


Presents 20 stimulus words in seven different modes to 140 deprived adult male and female Negroes.

Richardson, J. “A Factorial Analysis of Reading Ability in 10-Year-Old Primary School Children,” *British Journal of Educational Psychology*, 20 (November 1950) 200-01.

Summarizes briefly the results of a factorial analysis based on the responses of 260 children to a battery of 21 tests (reading, language, visual and auditory discrimination) and “assessments of experimental background and of attitude to reading.”


Presents the results of a controlled experiment involving 27 boys in the experimental group which varied in age from 9.3 to 14.0 to test three hypothesis underlying the use of kinesthetic methods in remedial reading cases.


Cites 15 references used as the bases for perception training suggestions for kindergarten and first grade.
Vision—Visual Discrimination


Investigates reliability of eight instruments designed to identify visual, auditory, or visuo-motor abilities, or to assess reading readiness or general intelligence.


Considers a number of studies investigating visual perception on primary level through college level.


Reports the results of a study to determine the value of the Children's Perceptual Achievement Forms as a predictor of reading achievement, using scores on various tests given to those of 87 first-grade pupils in 1956-57 who remained in school for the 3 years.

Rosen, Carl L. "An Experimental Study of Visual Perceptual Training and Reading Achievement in First Grade," Perceptual and Motor Skills, 22 (June 1966) 979-86.

Relates scores on reading readiness, visual perception, and intelligence measures to post-instructional reading achievement scores of 637 pupils in 25 first-grade classrooms, 12 of which received visual perceptual training during scheduled reading periods for 29 days.


Uses factor analysis procedures in analyzing separately by sex scores on readiness, perception, and reading achievement subtests administered to 324 boys and 313 girls.


Studies the effects of a visual perception training program using an adaptation of the Frostig Visual Perception Training Program upon growth in perceptual
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capabilities and reading achievement on 324 boys and 313 girls in 25 first-grade classes in eight Minneapolis, Minnesota, elementary schools.


Studies the usefulness of analytic perceptual style as a predictor of visual discrimination level using 60 kindergarten children divided into analytic and nonanalytic groups of boys and girls of which one-half of each group received discrimination training.


Surveys the following measurable visual discrimination tasks: matching word forms, matching geometric forms, letter discrimination, distinguishing between figure and background in order to ascertain their relation to performance in beginning reading using a sample population of 203 first-grade pupils who were analyzed by sex, IQ, and reading achievement.


Correlates three perceptual tests (auditory, visual, and visual-auditory) with measures of intelligence and reading achievement for 36 third-grade boys of middle class background.


Reviews the results of a series of studies which support the view that the child's perception in reading "is affected by many factors other than the visual, auditory or kinaesthetic methods in which he is trained by the teacher."


Measures spelling achievement by way of multiple choice, oral, and written formats
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using 133 high school seniors, and finds a relationship for both phonetic skill and rote memory to spelling but no significant correlation for visual memory to spelling.


Recognizes vision and perception as vital factors in the reading process.


Develops a behavioral definition of letter recognition, presents a test for measuring the extent to which children can recognize letters, and reports data for 93 kindergarteners through third graders using the test.


Uses 100 first-, second-, third-, and fourth-grade girls and after administering a battery of tests finds that the variables of intelligence and visual perception are important to reading achievement at the first- and second-grade levels; no variables are significantly correlated with reading achievement at the third-grade level; and intelligence is highly correlated with reading achievement at the fourth-grade level.

Scott, Ralph. “Perceptual Readiness as a Predictor of Success in Reading,” The Reading Teacher, 22 (October 1968) 36-39.

Reports the results of a followup evaluation of 173 kindergarten children’s scores on an experimental seriation test and their second-grade reading attainments.


Analyzes and compares the performance of 24 educable retarded adolescents and 24 intellectually normal adolescents on an Embedded Figures Test and a Structural Analysis Test.

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Presents relationships and conclusions derived from an examination using 76 first graders in a study of predictors of reading achievement.


Develops a Test of Visual Discrimination of Words using 134 kindergarten children and then uses this test and two other tests as predictors of reading achievement at midyear in first grade for 34 boys and 42 girls.

Silvaroli, Nicholas J. "Factors in Predicting Children's Success in First Grade Reading," Reading and Inquiry, J. Allen Figure', Ed. International Reading Association Conference Proceedings, 10 (1965) 296-98.

Indicates that identification of upper and lower case letters can be used to predict probably success in first-grade reading.

Silvaroli, Nicholas Joseph. Intellectual and Emotional Factors as Predictors of Children’s Success in First Grade Reading. 121 p. (Ed.D., Syracuse University, 1963) Dissertation Abstracts, 24, No. 12, 5098. Order No. 64-5673, microfilm $2.75, xerography $6.00 from University Microfilms.

Uses 600 public kindergarten children to determine whether any combination of the factors of mental age, auditory discrimination, visual discrimination, letter identification, social class status, and maternal achievement could be used prior to formal reading instruction to predict probable reading success and singles out the letter identification factor as one of the best predictors.


Compares, for 18 adult subjects, 10 of whom were classified as cases of developmental reading disability, and eight as cases of organic reading disability, findings from 1949-1951 measures of perceptual functioning, intelligence, reading and spelling achievement with those from measures administered in 1962.


Makes a followup of 25 specific reading disability cases, after 12 years, to assess perceptual and neurological maturity of all and of reading disability subgroups.

Vision—Visual Discrimination

Examines the contribution of perceptual ability to first-grade reading achievement using 312 first graders and assesses the effectiveness of certain perceptual training activities in reading instruction.


Assesses the effects of single and multiple modality visual and auditory discrimination training upon the visual and auditory discrimination ability of 10 intact classes of first-grade pupils in Phoenix, Arizona.


Examines performances in visual-perceptual decoding, motor encoding, and oral encoding prior to formal reading instruction, on 115 first-grade subjects, as related to eventual reading achievement with the goal of locating single measures or combinations of measures capable of predicting reading success, and finds that successful readers generally had significantly higher Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children verbal and performance scores and full-scale IQ's.


Presents findings from two studies investigating why letters in words are more easily identified than letters in isolation by college students.


Explores the relationship between success on the Spiral Aftereffect Test, other perceptual tests, and reading readiness tests with 667 first graders.


Proposes to establish a set of expected tachistoscopic responses which will identify children in grades 1, 2, and 3 whose visual sensory maturation is lagging using a percentile scale constructed on the performance of 250 children whose average age was 6 years, 5 months.
Solomon, R. L. "Emotions and Perceptions," *Claremont College Reading Conference Eighteenth Yearbook*, 69-81. (Claremont, California: Claremont College Curriculum Laboratory, 1953.) Reviews the results of seven experiments the findings of which throw light on possible "relations between certain emotional states and certain perceptual phenomena" that might influence reading.


Staats, Carolyn K.; Staats, Arthur W.; and Schultz, Richard E. "The Effects of Discrimination Pretraining on Textual Behavior," *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 53 (February 1962) 32-37. Studies 36 subjects from two kindergartens who were matched on mental age and assigned to one of three discrimination pretraining groups to ascertain effects of this pretraining on textual behavior.


Vision—Visual Discrimination

Uses 49 4-year-old children placed in experimental and control groups to find that children who had been shown the directionality of the letter stimuli performed significantly better than those who were not shown directionality of the letters.


Seeks to determine whether second-grade children's learning from the Science Curriculum Improvement Study unit on Relativity of Position and Motion can be enhanced by prior experience with and exposure to the Frostig Program unit on Perception of Spatial Relationships or the unit on Visual-Motor Coordination, and found that children's learning from the Relativity unit was enhanced by such learning.


Describes a test for the selection of letter recognition as part of the assessment of a child's reading ability using a random sample of 60 good and poor achievers from a normal school, and 40 children of average or above intelligence from a special school for learning difficulties in grades 1 through 6.


Determines for 60 paid university-student volunteers the normal method of processing locations and figures when they appear as correlated stimulus messages, as in reading and visual-search tasks.


Summarizes experimental and clinical studies of those who for some reason or other are unable to master the simple mechanics of reading, using the following headings: visual perception, auditory perception, innate factors, acquired defects, and environmental factors.


Summarizes evidence from 22 studies relating to nature of the perceptual process in reading and how words are perceived.
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Summarizes 10 selected studies on visual perception and reading.

Abstracts 55 studies under four headings: perception of shape by young children; perception of words by children; perception in backward readers; and perception of shapes, letters, and words by adults.

Wachs, Theodore D. and Cromwell, Rue L. "Perceptual Distortions by Mentally Retarded and Normal Children in Response to Failure Information," American Journal of Mental Deficiency, 70 (May 1966) 803-06.
Compares perceptual distortion scores under nonstress versus failure conditions for 22 educable mentally retarded children with an age-matched group of 22 mentally normal children who were required to read tachistoscopically presented letters and figures.

Makes a comparison of performance on the Memory-for-Designs Test and a balance test between grade 2 pupils who read at average or above and those who read below average.

Compares 24 each of advanced, average, and retarded readers in grades 6 to 8 on their ability to learn through visual and auditory stimuli in conjunction with the different reading levels, and assesses the effects of transfer from one sense modality to another.

Reports the results of a study in which 56 bank personnel were given a reading improvement program designed to train the visual, perceptual, and reading skills essential for efficient clerical operations and effective reading.

Weathers, Lillian Louise. A Comparison of Visual-Perceptual Development and Reading Achievement of Fifth Grade Adequate and Inadequate Readers. 130 p.
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Describes and compares the visual-perceptual development of six groups of fifth-grade pupils classified as adequate readers, inadequate readers (24 boys and 7 girls were in each of the reading classifications), male adequate, female adequate, male inadequate, and female inadequate using the Frostig Test, and finds that there is a positive relationship between reading skills and visual-perceptual development.


Reports on the standardization of the extended form of the Chicago Test of Visual Discrimination using 90 6-, 7-, and 8-year-olds as the extended form was correlated with intellectual functioning, visual motor ability, and school achievement (including reading) for 201 7- and 8-year-olds.


Describes the development and standardization of the Chicago Test of Visual Discrimination and compares the performances of 28 good readers and 28 poor readers at the fourth-grade level on this test as well as on the Wepman Auditory Discrimination Test.


Studies the effect of training on the instant letter recognition and visual discrimination ability of 45 experimental kindergarten children as compared to 45 control children.


Compares visual discrimination ability for 45 experimental kindergartners who were trained to make instant responses of recognition to the capital letters of the alphabet with 45 control subjects receiving no training.

Selects 90 kindergarten subjects from three schools at extremes of socioeconomic continuum in Phoenix, Arizona, and randomly divides them into experimental and control groups, giving the experimental group training to establish instant responses of recognition to capital letters; presents findings.


Compares the performances on a discrimination learning task and on a perceptual learning task between 60 fourth- and fifth-grade retarded readers and 60 normal readers matched for age, sex, grade placement, and IQ.


Compares scores in visual memory (Knox Cube Test) and auditory memory (Digit Span Test of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children) for severely retarded readers and relates the differential to muscular tension, age, sex, and other variables.


Summarizes contributions of 33 studies relating to five aspects of readiness for beginning reading: physical, intellectual, personal, language, and perceptual readiness.


Develops two experiments to determine the most effective of three training methods used to develop visual discrimination of forms resembling letters by 64 kindergarten children.

Wilson, F. R. and Lane, H. L. *Hue Labeling and Discrimination in Children with Primary Reading Retardation*. 25 p. (BR-6-1784-1, OEC-3-6-061784-0508, University of Michigan, 1967) ED 015 112, microfiche, $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Compares the labeling and discrimination of colors in 10 Michigan male students from 9 years 10 months to 14 years 10 months with primary reading retardation with a matched group of normal children, and finds that the discrimination functions for both groups are better than predicted, and the normal group performed significantly more accurately than the retarded readers.
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Cites 10 studies in summarizing research findings on word perception at preschool, kindergarten, and grade 1 levels.


Examines perceptual abilities in word element perception as they relate to success in beginning reading using 10 tests (three standardized, five informal, and two author constructed), and finds that children can easily learn letter names in a 10-day instructional period, and those who had learned names after school entry progress more slowly than those who had known them previously.
Part III
Perceptual Motor Development

This category contains material that encompasses such diverse topics as eye-hand dominance, visual-motor skills, and programs of perceptual motor development. Users should search Part II of this bibliography to be certain that all relevant materials are located. The two categories are not mutually exclusive.


Shows 15 Hebrew and 15 English words that were printed vertically and presented tachistoscopically and monocularly to 20 Israeli students and just the English words to 10 Americans to determine whether alphabetic material arriving in the major cerebral hemisphere is more readily identified than material arriving in the hemisphere contralateral to the language areas.


Evaluates the use of an arbitrarily determined sequence of learning activities for improving visual-motor skills of kindergarten subjects and concludes that kindergarten pupils could be trained to reproduce selected geometric figures, and improve their word discrimination ability by training with selected geometric figures.

Bryden, M. P. “Left-Right Differences in Tachistoscopic Recognition: Directional Scanning or Cerebral Dominance,” Perceptual and Motor Skills, 23 (December 1966) 1127-34.

Compares left-right differences in the visual recognition of single and multiple letter stimuli for 26 right-handed undergraduates, as well as compares mean recognition scores for normally-oriented and mirror-imaged letters for 46 undergraduate subjects.


Determines relationships between measured ocular-manual laterality, age, measured intelligence, and reading achievement for 34 mentally retarded adolescents
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demonstrating established preference patterns and 24 demonstrating non-established preference patterns.


Correlates scores between the Bender, Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, and Gates Reading Tests made by 50 second and 50 third graders of superior intelligence who were divided into subgroups on the basis of Bender Gestalt Test Scores.


Examines laterality and knowledge of left and right among 120 good and poor readers (30 good and 30 poor readers in each of the first and fourth grades) with average intellectual ability, and finds no significant relationship between dominance or directional knowledge and reading.


Examines the relationship of reading achievement to the ocularmotor skills of left-to-right motion and pursuit using 36 subjects ranging from 6½ to 9 years of age.


Investigates assumed facets of 58 kindergarten subjects' visual-motor skills and the relationship between achievement in these skills and a measure of visual perceptual reading readiness.


Studies facets of kindergarten subjects' visual-motor skills and the relationship between achievement in these skills and a measure of visual-perception reading readiness using the following tests: finger agnosia, Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence, Word-Form Test of the Betts Ready-to-Read, visual-motor, visual-haptic-kinesthetic, and visual-discrimination.
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Uses nursery, kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 pupils to test the hypotheses that (1) prior to reading instruction, observers reveal no difference in accuracy of reproduction of meaningless elements on either side of the central fixation point, but (2) after learning to read they are more accurate in the left hemifield.


Attempts to test the efficacy of providing special perceptual-motor training as part of the general kindergarten curriculum using a sample of 42 children (20 in an experimental group and 22 in the control group), and finds no significant differences at the end of the kindergarten year and at mid-year in the second grade.


Analyzes the effect of kindergarten training in perception upon first-grade reading achievement and finds that the first-grade reading achievement results indicate a significant, positive effect of perception training on reading skill.


Examines the paired-associate learning ability of 72 primary grade children with a visuomotor deficit who were matched on sex, age, intelligence, and visuomotor ability and divided into two groups: good and poor readers.

Gilbert, Luther C. "Functional Motor Efficiency of the Eyes and Its Relations to Reading," University of California Publications in Education, 11, No. 3 (1953) 159-231.

Presents the results of a study of growth in simple oculomotor control of the eyes as revealed through photographic records of eye-movements in reading digits and words in context by 486 pupils in grades 1 to 9 and by 42 college students, and its relationship to chronological age, to intelligence, and to reading achievement.

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Uses eight left-handed and 12 right-handed adults to investigate the association of handedness, recognition thresholds for verbal stimuli, and visual half-fields, both right and left.


Describes the development of an elementary program in which specific cognitive operations are structured, discussing implications for developing reading readiness.

Hagin, Rosa A.; Silver, Archie A.; and Here!, Marilyn F. “Specific Reading Disability: Teaching by Stimulation of Deficit Perceptual Areas,” Reading and Inquiry. J. A. Figure!, Ed. International Reading Association Conference Proceedings, 10 (1965) 368-70.

Concludes that perception is modifiable by training and that improved perception is reflected in increased reading achievement.


Makes an investigation of the phenomenon whereby the relative accuracy between hemifields in reproducing tachistoscopically exposed words was affected by reversing the orientation and sequence of the letters.


Investigates the relationship between reading and a battery of tests of visual-tactile-kinesthetic integration for 40 matched pairs of pupils primarily from second and third grades.


Reviews selected studies and presents one research proposal on the perceptual-motor performance of college students in identifying an area of needed research.


Assesses the effectiveness of three methods of visual-motor discrimination training.
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(tracing, rearranging, and matching) on learning to recognize a list of four words using 120 children from six kindergarten classes in Calgary, Canada.


Determines relationships between electromyogram ratings and psychometric, readiness, and reading achievement scores for a high readiness group of 18 and a low readiness group of 17 first graders and compares findings in pediatric-neurological examinations for the groups.


Investigates the relationship between the Bender-Gestalt and school achievement (reading, spelling, and arithmetic) using a longitudinal paradigm with scores for 41 boys and 32 girls at kindergarten, grade 3, and grade 6.


Reviews research evidence from 11 recent publications relating to the importance of perceptual-motor factors in reading.


Makes a report of the relationship between perceptual-motor development of retarded readers, emotionally disturbed, and normals, to determine etiology of possible developmental lags.


Presents the results of an investigation involving 79 university freshmen which aimed to determine "if the manner in which accuracy of perception in peripheral vision is related to intellectual abilities is partially a function of dextrality."


Reviews previous studies which show the importance of unilateral hand-eye coordination in relation to language arts skills, reports the results of an experiment
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which aimed to promote such coordination through the use of a hand-eye coordinator and to show its influence on achievement in various language arts.


Makes an evaluation of selected psychometric tests of visual-motor abilities and development of clinical procedures for the electrical recording of oculo-motor patterns to compare retarded readers with nonretarded by testing seven boys whose reading difficulty appeared to be due to perceptual factors, 6 boys who showed emotional maladjustment in addition to a reading disability, and 8 boys of comparable age and grade levels with average-to-good reading skills.


Reports the results of an experiment comparing the achievement of three classes taught by the multi-sensory-motor method and one class taught by the traditional method using 72 matched pairs of grade 1 subjects divided into experimental and control groups as well as three IQ categories.


Correlates scores on a machine-administered eye-hand coordination test with reading achievement test scores for 2,000 subjects in the even numbered grades 2 through 12, plus grades 7 and 9.


Compares the test scores of 63 first-grade pupils from two classes to determine the effects of perceptual-motor training on reading achievement; isolates the effects on pupil reading below grade level and of average IQ for comparison.


Administers tests of hand and eye choices to 62 preschool children who were divided into two age groups to investigate visual orienting behavior as it relates to word stimuli and hand-eye preferences.
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Investigates right versus left field recognition behavior by use of monocular viewing condition for 25-letter words at two distances from fixation using 16 college students having 20/20 vision.


Investigates hand-eye preference and relates it to reading ability for 5,546 subjects (ages 5 to 75) from six different population samples.


Measures the effect on the reading achievement of 40 slow readers (age range 95 to 160 months) who received 8 weeks of perceptual-motor training as compared with a control group of 40 children who received no training.


Describes a play program designed to develop laterality, directionality, accurate body image concepts, visual-kinesthetic matching, and binocular and monocular control with kindergarten children.


Evaluates 64 children enrolled in four kindergarten classes and indicates from the findings that the perceptual-motor training program used in this study was highly effective in promoting total readiness as measured by the Metropolitan Readiness Tests.


Uses a visual-motor-tactile skills program in combination with a traditional readiness program on 89 kindergarten children (control group of 45 and
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Experimental group of 44) to determine if readiness to learn would be increased significantly, and found when comparing scores on two forms of the Metropolitan Readiness Tests (used as pretests and post-tests) no significant difference.


Examines the relationship between overall performance on perceptual-motor and visual-perceptual test scores and performance on the Gilmore Reading Test for 31 middle-class second-grade children.


Correlates results from a perceptual-motor test with a test of intellectual ability and the Stanford Achievement total and subtest scores for 48 third graders and 43 fourth graders from upper middle class families.


Summarizes findings of related studies and presents the results of tests given to 100 children ranging in age from 9 to 14 to determine the extent to which “laterality test findings can be used to differentiate between retarded readers and reading achievers.”

Snyder, Robert T. and Freud, Sheldon L. "Reading Readiness and Its Relation to Maturational Unreadiness as Measured by the Spiral Aftereffect and Other Visual-Perceptual Techniques," Perceptual and Motor Skills, 25 (n.m. 1967) 841-54.

Explores the relationship between success on the Spiral Aftereffect Test, other perceptual tests, and reading readiness tests for 667 first graders.


Assesses the relationship between sex, age, IQ, reading readiness test scores, and patterns of eye-hand preference for 44 boys and 45 girls beginning first grade.


Bases conclusions on the results of a study of the eye-hand preferences and
directional tendencies of 60 kindergarten children and their subsequent reading
progress over a period of approximately 2 years.

Swanson, Rebecca Glover. *A Study of the Relationship Between Perceptual-Motor
Skills and the Learning of Word Recognition*. 294 p. (Ph.D., University of South
microfilm $3.80, xerography $13.30 from University Microfilms.

Investigates the effects of a perceptual-motor training program on 63 randomly
selected lower socioeconomic Negro second-grade children who were poor in word
recognition skills.

Taylor, Raymond G., Jr. and Nolde, S. Van L. "Correlative Study Between
Reading, Laterality, Mobility, and Binocularity," *Exceptional Children*, 35 (April

Examines the relationship between the neurological organization and reading
achievement of 50 disabled readers, who were given treatment according to
Delacato's techniques, and concludes that their findings neither support nor nullify
hypotheses concerning Delacato's theory.

Taylor, Stanford E. "The Relationship of the Oculo-Motor Efficiency of the
Beginning Reader to Success in Learning to Read," *Reading and Inquiry*, J. A.
Figural, Ed. *International Reading Association Conference Proceedings*, 10 (1965)
358-61.

Reports interim findings from eye-movement photography of 95 first and second
graders during the second year of a 4-year study of relationships between certain
oculo-motor performances and reading achievement.

Van de Riet, Vernon and Van de Riet, Hani. "Visual-Motor Coordination in
Underachieving and 'Normal' School Boys," *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 19
(December 1964) 731-34.

Ascertains whether learning disabilities are related to visual-motor coordination by
testing 45 boys who were achieving below average in all areas (including reading) in
fourth through sixth grades and 45 controls on the Ellis Visual Designs.

Werner, Emmy E.; Simonian, Ken; and Smith, Ruth S. "Reading Achievement,
Language Functioning and Perceptual-Motor Development of 10- and 11-Year-

Explores the effectiveness of the Science Research Associates Primary Mental
Abilities and the Bender-Gestalt in identifying reading problems among 369 boys
and 381 girls ages 10 and 11 and also studies the relationships between language
habits and reading problems.
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Williams, Ilarriet G. *The Effects of Systematic Variation of Speed and Direction of Object Flight and of Skill and Age Classifications upon Visuo-Perceptual Judgments of Moving Objects in Three-Dimensional Space. Final Report.* 237 p. (BR-6-8102, OEG-3-7-068102-0486, Toledo University, Ohio, January 1968) ED 018 357, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $9.87 from EDRS.

Investigates the effects of variations in the speed and direction of a flying object on visuo-perceptual judgments, differences in the ability of skilled and unskilled subjects in making such judgments, and the effects of age or maturity level on the speed and accuracy of such judgments using 54 male junior high, high school, and college students.
Part IV

Eye Movements

Under the category designated "Eye Movements" have been included all literature dealing with eye movement photography and with the various physical movements of the eyes. Research reports and discussions of fixations, regressions, saccadic movements, and span of perception, among others, are included in this part.


Summarizes eye-movement data secured from 10 boys and 10 girls each in grades 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 11 to obtain growth curves for various eye-movement measures, to discover at what age growth for the measures levels off, and to compare the growth curves for the easy and graded passages.


Shows 15 Hebrew and 15 English words that were printed vertically and presented tachistoscopically and monocularly to 20 Israeli students and just the English words to 10 Americans to determine whether alphabetic material arriving in the major cerebral hemisphere is more readily identified than material arriving in the hemisphere contralateral to the language areas.


Studies the relationship between eye movements in deaf readers and reading skills using 40 hearing and 70 deaf fourth and fifth graders, and finds that deaf students appeared to contradict their poor reading skills when a comparison was made of their inefficient fixation skills and their apparent proficiency in having fewer regressions than the hearing students.

Brown, Don Arlen. The Effect of Selected Purposes on the Oculo-Motor Behavior and Comprehension of Third and Seventh Grade Students of Fifth Grade Reading
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Reports data secured from selected studies on eye behavior, effects of drugs on reading, physiological responses to metaphor, and on electro-myographic measures of neural activity; draws five implications from discussion of 40 references.


Examines the eye movements and comprehension efficiency of 24 sophomore or junior college students given experimental reading selections from the sixth, tenth, fourteenth, and graduate levels and finds a significant change in eye-movement behavior over the four levels.


Summarizes eye-movement data secured from 16 professors and 16 graduate students from each of three departments (education, history, physics) to determine if different reading habits are induced by different kinds of subject matter and if specialization in a given field affects reading performances in other fields.

_Disney, Henry; Rankin, Richard; and Johnston, James._ “Eye-Movement Fixations in Reading as Related to Anxiety in College Females,” _Perceptual and Motor Skills_, 28 (June 1969) 851-54.

Compares nine highly anxious female college students with nine of low anxiety and found that the former made more eye movements.
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Uses nursery, kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 pupils, to test the hypotheses that (1) prior to reading instruction, observers reveal no difference in accuracy of reproduction of meaningless elements on either side of the central fixation point, but (2) after learning to read they are more accurate in the left hemifield.


Bases conclusions on data from 50 subjects, ranging in age from 5 through 17, including measures of central fields through the use of a campimeter, and of speed of visual perception with a tachistoscope and other devices.


Uses, compares, and evaluates three methods of testing thresholds of perception of words in terms of sensitivity to show the relativity of “subliminal” and “supraliminal” perception.

Efron, Marvin. A Study of the Relationship of Certain Oculomotor Skills to Reading Readiness. 55 p. (CRP-S-211; South Carolina University, Columbia, School of Education, 1965) ED 003 470, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Studies the relationship between oculomotor skills of 46 kindergarten children of middle-range intelligence to reading readiness or reading achievement using scores from the Metropolitan Readiness and Achievement Tests and a “reading eye” camera which photographed eye movements (ocular mobility, accuracy of fixation, and visual convergence and fusion), and concludes that there was no significant relationship.


Surveys the extent to which average readers at the second-, third-, and fourth-grade reading levels consider every letter in their attempt to learn printed words and the patterns of eye movements which accompany learning new words.

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Investigates the use of eye-movement photography as a means of determining differences in the reading behavior of 18 first graders and 20 third graders, half taught to read using the Initial Teaching Alphabet and half taught in traditional orthography.


Investigates the influence on effective reading rate of individualized tachistoscopic training with digits and finds a significant increase in digit perceptual span of students who have the training, but no significant improvement in effective reading rate, words read per minute, or silent reading comprehension.


Summarizes the responses of 12 subjects at each educational level from grades 2 to 10 inclusive and from grades 13 to 15 inclusive to 20 three- or four-letter English words, tachistoscopically presented to determine if educational training influences differential recognition of words presented to the right and left of central fixation.


Presents the results of a controlled study using college freshmen in six remedial classes to determine the relationships among perceptual speed, perceptual span, and reading ability, and the effect upon reading performance of training in perceptual span and perceptual speed.


Explains a heuristic model of perception in reading and tests four hypotheses concerning temporal eye-voice span during smooth and interrupted reading.


Evaluates an heuristic model of perception using synchronized eye-movement and voice recordings of the oral reading of three passages by eight subjects which yielded 1,465 eye-voice span pairings for analysis.

Comparing the number of fixations and regressions per 100 words and the duration of fixations in prose reading of 22 subjects when in the second grade and again when college juniors and seniors; also for seven subjects at the second, fourth, and sixth grades and in college.


Summarizes data from 76 college and graduate students which were secured in exploring the relationship between the speed and accuracy of perception in reading simple prose both with and without saccadic movements of the eyes.


Summarizes data from 64 college and graduate students which were secured to find out the influence of varying the processing times for the first stimulus before the eyes were permitted to encounter an interfering stimulus.


Presents an analysis of the eye-movement records of mature readers of 14 different languages to determine if the basic processes involved in reading languages that differ in form and structure are similar or different.


Presents and interprets the eye movements of 49 subjects, photographed while reading four short paragraphs in each of several color combinations of ink and paper.


Investigates right-left hemifield differences for 18 subjects who observed 120 8-letter English words, equally distributed randomly to left or right sides of fixation under one of four orientation-sequence conditions.

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Examines the effects in left and right visual hemifields of redundancy and the effects of a large space between the two central letters of an eight-letter pattern, using real and nonsense words and parts of words with 32 college students.


Compares the relative accuracy of reproducing visual patterns, appearing at both left and right of the fixation point, using 12 college students and a tachistoscope.


Examines the feasibility of training perceptual span using 44 randomly selected undergraduate students who were divided into two groups: the first received practice in reading meaningful word-phrases for 20 minutes daily for 20 days, while the second received no treatment and served as controls.


Draws conclusions from the results of tests, including eye-movement records, based on two versions of a passage, “one in an ‘easy’ and one in a ‘hard’ style,” the subjects including two groups of male airmen, 60 of whom ranked high in mechanical aptitude and 60 ranked low.


Studies the sweep of the eyes in reading and letter recognition, under conditions of rotation around vertical and horizontal axes, to determine the optimal characteristics of print.


Reports two studies with college students in which one involved speed in naming variously transformed and spaced letters, and the other, pronunciation mistakes of bilinguals reading connected discourse consisting of mixed French and English phrases.

Laffey, James L. “Behavioral Research that Has Promise in the Teaching of
Eye Movements

Reading," Progress and Promise in Reading Instruction, Donald L. Cleland and Elaine C. Vilscek, Eds. A Report of the Annual Conference and Course on Reading, University of Pittsburgh, 22 (1966) 76-86.

Reviews reading studies involving use of electromyographic data to measure subvocalization and neural activity, application of operant conditioning and reinforcement principles, data on eye movements paired associate learning, and effect of drugs on reading; cites 22 references.


Reports the results of two studies to determine more fully the characteristics of college students all of whom had similar general reading ability but who differed in ability to adjust their speed of reading to the demands of different situations.

Lehrman, Raymond Henry. The Effects of Social Reinforcement of Pass or Fail on Comprehension and Eye-Movement Behavior of Seventh-Grade Boys at Three Levels of Reading Ability During a Series of Equated Reading Tasks. 90 p. (Ed.D., University of Oregon, 1966) Dissertation Abstracts, 27, No. 9, 2889-A. Order No. 67-1864, microfilm $3.00, xerography $4.60 from University Microfilms.

Assesses the effect of social reinforcement (pass) or lack of social reinforcement (fail) on 120 seventh-grade boys, who were placed in one of three groups according to measured reading achievement, and analyzed by means of a Reading Eye camera and a 10-question, true-false oral exam after each of the six short selections they had to read.


Makes an evaluation of selected psychometric tests of visual-motor abilities and development of clinical procedures for the electrical recording of oculo-motor patterns to compare retarded readers with nonretarded using as subjects 7 boys whose reading difficulty appeared to be due to perceptual factors, 6 boys who showed emotional maladjustment in addition to a reading disability, and 8 boys of comparable age and grade levels with average-to-good reading skills.


Investigates the effects of the grammatical structure of reading materials on the eye-voice span using 10 subjects from grades 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 and adults tested
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with four types of sentences (using second-grade or sixth-grade vocabulary) constructed with phrase units of two, three, and four words, and seeing how far subjects can continue reading when print is no longer visible.


Analyzes and compares the differences in fixations, regressions, reading rate, duration of fixations, and span of recognition in reading English and Hebrew using nine second-grade children and six third-grade children who were being given a half-day of instruction in each language, and found all the data significantly favored English.


Reports the procedures and findings of a carefully planned laboratory study involving 54 pupils each in grades 5 and 6 to test the hypothesis that if material could be found for the poor reader which is just as easy for him as more difficult material is for the good reader, the eye-movements of the two might then be the same.


Includes three condensed reports of doctoral dissertations prepared at the University of Michigan relating to: the eye-movements of fifth- and seventh-grade pupils when reading materials of corresponding difficulty, age changes in measures of eye-movements in silent reading, and eye-movements in reading of university professors and graduate students.


Reports rate of reading, eye movements, and eye-voice span recorded for 31 university students as they read eight 200-word passages of statistical approximations at eight different orders.

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Compares “the span of comprehension” in the case of 30 subjects varying in age from 18 to 39 with three styles of typographical arrangement, namely, “conventional,” “ spaced-unit,” and “square-span” style.


Examines the scan rate, fixation rate, and fixation times of five girls (aged 5-3 to 5-7 years) and five boys (aged 5-9 and 6-3 years), who had recently completed kindergarten, as they read 20 four-letter pseudoword pairs (half matched letter sequences and half unmatched letter sequences).


Reports the results of a study involving 155 children, ages about 11, to determine the characteristics of their perimetric peripheral visual fields and to relate the sizes of fields to various factors such as sex, IQ’s, power reading, and speed of reading.


Analyzes eye movement patterns of 45 third graders to tachistoscopically projected digit and letter patterns and relates reading scores for students from two schools to six eye-movement patterns.


Compares the eye-movement patterns of 153 college freshmen in a reading course and 140 college freshmen in a composition course before and after a semester of instruction and found that even though at the start of instruction eye movements were not significantly different, at the end of instruction the reading group read faster and had fewer fixations and regressions.


Compares eye-movement patterns, reading rate, and reading comprehension of 190 college students at the beginning and near the end of a 16-week reading improvement course.

Schuster, Donald H.; Karas, George G.; and Antonelli, Douglas C. “Some Normative
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Data on Reading Distance,” *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 22 (February 1969) 202.

Presents data concerning reading distance for high school graduates.

Scipione, Alice M. “Eye-Movements as Related to Reading,” *The Columbia Optometrist*, 27 (February 1953) 5-8; (May 1953) 3-4.

Discusses significant characteristics of eye-movements in reading based on the results of 22 pertinent investigations.


Examines 24 boys from the Educational Child Study Center at Kent State University and 48 boys from a suburban elementary school on reaction time to print, using the Reading Eye Camera and the Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test, to determine if boys classified as disabled readers have a slower reaction time to print than boys who are able readers.


Examines the validity of the theory that the effective or powerful university freshman reader will demonstrate flexibility of ocular motor reading behavior when reading selections (from a freshman textbook in western civilization) for one of four purposes: reading in the usual manner, to find the answer, to find the main idea, and to find the bias of the author.


Describes micro-movements of the eyes as recorded with the use of a Mackworth Optiscan Camera and explains briefly programed materials for perceptual discrimination training to improve visual efficiency.


Discusses the basic purposes served by eye-movement records and reviews the results of recent studies of validity and reliability of eye-movement photography.

Presents and interprets data secured through eye-movement records showing average achievement of readers by grades in terms of fixations per 100 words, regressions per 100 words, average span of recognition, average duration of fixation, and average rate of comprehension.


Reviews research on eye-movements in reading in an attempt to answer 11 basic questions related to the oculo-motor activity in reading; includes a 23-item bibliography.


Reports interim findings from eye-movement photography of 95 first and second graders during the second year of a 4-year study of relationship between certain oculo-motor performances and reading achievement.


Presents norms for five components of reading for grades 1 to college inclusive, based on eye-movement records from 12,143 subjects in nonhomogeneously grouped classes in schools widely distributed throughout the country.


Coordinates the findings of 17 eye-movement studies at the University of Minnesota to determine the role of pause duration in reading.


Compares the relative efficiency in the case of 180 university sophomores during work periods of 1 1/2, 5, and 10 minutes in measuring speed of perception in reading under 5, 25, and 200 foot-candles of light.

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Summarizes significant findings of 72 studies of eye-movements in reading, published from January, 1955 to October, 1957 under the following headings: techniques of measurement, analysis of the reading process, training to improve eye movements, topography and eye movements, and eye movements and fatigue.


Reports the results of a series of nine experiments to determine the oculo-motor patterns used in reading a variety of typographical arrangements and the nature of the perceptual difficulties involved.


Reviews previous relevant measurements and presents ophthalmograph records from 10 male subjects which show that reading a page or paragraph at a single fixation per line is impossible and that rates of over 1,451 words per minute indicate skimming.

Waterman, John T. “Reading Patterns in German and English,” German Quarterly, 26 (November 1953) 225-27.

Reports the results of studies of eye-movement records of native speakers of English and German to determine the extent to which there are discernable variations in their reading patterns.

Weaver, Wendell W. and Bickley, A. C. “The Retrieval of Learning Sets by the
Reviews 25 studies concerning eye movements, visual perception, and the reading process.


Reports two experiments that involve 50 college students on right-left retinal differences in tachistoscopic identification.


Explores the effect of consistency between eye movements and verbal reports on greater accuracy of word recognition using 20 high-grade adolescent retardates, 20 normal children, and 20 normal adolescents.

Yvonne, Sister M. Pilot Study on Reading Due to Visual Disability. 41 p. (CRP-S-164, Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan, 1965) ED 003 702, microfiche $0.65, hard copy $3.29 from EDRS.

Uses the ocularmotor trainer to improve reading achievement by lessening reading disability in left-to-right direction and return sweep on matched pairs of 20 pupils and finds that training results in greater reading achievement.
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