Denver II
What it is and how to use it

Historical Background
- Has been used and standardized in over 12 countries. Used to screen over 50 million children.
- Such worldwide use has lead to the revision resulting in the Denver II tool.

Overview
Consists of 125 tasks, or items. Includes four areas:
1. Personal – Social:
   - Getting along with people and caring for personal needs
2. Fine Motor:
   - Eye hand coordination, manipulation of small objects, and problem solving
3. Language:
   - Hearing, understanding, and using language
4. Gross Motor:
   - Sitting, walking, jumping, and overall large muscle movement
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- Is based on sound research
- Is quick and easy to administer and score
- Is a parent assisted screening
- Is used with infants 1 months to children 6 years of age
- Has questions arranged in chronological order of when a typically developing child can usually perform the tasks referenced
- Is to be completed in **BLUE INK ONLY!!!**

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- Is **NOT** intended to diagnose or determine that there is a problem
- You **MUST** use a colored screening form
- To the greatest extent possible, these screening procedures must be sensitive to the child's cultural background.

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- Should be given with the parent or primary caregiver present
- Make caregiver and child comfortable to elicit most natural response
- Remove boots or shoes that might restrict the child motor movements
- Child should sit so arms can rest upon the table, elbows should be level with table top.
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- Allow child to have appropriate item to manipulate while you ask parent the “Report” questions.
- Items requiring less active participation should be administered first.
- Items in Fine Motor next. (Items that do not require child to speak)
- Language items next.
- Last the Gross Motor items. Gross Motor requires more confidence which is gained as test progresses.
- Tasks that the child can perform easily should be administered first.
- Praise child’s efforts even if they fail on an item
- Items that use the same materials may be administered consecutively. Keeps the flow going.

Test Materials:

- Red yarn pom-pom (4” in diameter)
- Raisins or “O” shaped cereal
- Rattle with narrow handle
- 101” square colored wooden blocks
- Small, clear glass bottle with a 5/8 inch opening
- Small bell
- Tennis ball
- Blue pen
- Small plastic doll with feeding bottle
- Plastic cup with handle
- Blank paper

Materials:

- Access to table and chairs. (examiner, caregiver and child if appropriate)
- Substituting materials may reduced reliability in comparing a tested child with the norms.
- Children need to be supervised appropriately with test materials to prevent choking or injury.
Test Form

- Locate the age scales on the top of the test form and at the bottom.
- Each mark on the scale from the first mark to the 24 month mark represents one month.
- After 24 months, each mark equals 3 month intervals.

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On the form write:
- The name of the “Examiner” or person completing the DENVER II (This is you).
- The child’s name.
- Testing date.
- The birth date of the child.

**Adult Learner will then complete the age calculation on a separate sheet of paper.
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Age calculation:

Calculate "Child’s Exact Age" first by subtracting the child’s birth date from "Today’s Date".

• If you have to “borrow” days, ADD 30 days to today’s date and SUBTRACT 1 month from today’s month.

• If you have to “borrow” months, ADD 12 months to today’s month (or what you have left after borrowing days). Then, SUBTRACT 1 year from today’s year.

Example of calculating "Child’s Exact Age":

Today’s Date:         2014 yr        12 mo      06 day
Child’s Birthdate: - 2010 yr        12 mo      30 day
Child’s Actual Age:       3 yr         11 mo       06 day

**In example above, we are setting "today’s date" as December 06, 2014 and using a child with the birthdate December 30, 2010.

Calculate the Child’s Exact Age in the following example:

Today’s Date:         2014 yr         9 mo         8 day
Child’s Birthdate: - 2009 yr         5 mo       16 day
Child’s Actual Age=   ?           ?           ?

In example above, we are setting "today’s date" as September 8, 2014 and using a child with the birthdate May 16, 2009.
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Answer: 5 yr, 3 mo, 22 days

Today's Date: 2014 yr 8 mo - 38
Child's Birthdate: 2009 yr 5 mo 16 day
Child's Actual Age: 5 yr 3 mo 22 day

In example above, we are setting “today’s date” as September 8, 2014 and using a child with the birth date May 16, 2009.

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Let's do another one:

Today's Date: 2014 yr 8 mo 10 day
Child’s Birthdate: 2011 yr 9 mo 13 day
Child’s Actual Age

In example above, we are setting “today’s date” as August 10, 2014 and using a child with the birth date September 13, 2011.

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Answer= 3 yr, 10 mo, and 27 days

Today’s Date: 2014 yr 3yr +10
Child’s Birthdate: 2010 yr 9 mo 13 day
Child’s Actual Age: 3 yr 10 mo 27 day

In example above, we are setting “today’s date” as August 10, 2014 and using a child with the birth date September 13, 2010.

http://asqagecalculator.com/
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- After calculating the "Child's Exact Age", you will need to calculate the "DENVER II" age.
  - For children under 24 months of age, the DENVER II age is expressed in completed months and weeks, as shown below.

Child's Exact Age: 1 yr 8 mo 20 days
DENVER II Age: - yr 20 mo 2 completed weeks

NOTE: Only completed months and completed weeks are to be counted when calculating the "DEVENR II Age." DO NOT round up to the next higher age to express "DEVENR II Age."

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Find the child's DEVENR II Age in the following example:

Child's Exact Age: 1 yr 6 mo 26 days
DENVER II Age: ? ? ?

Remember: Only completed months and completed weeks are to be counted when calculating the "DEVENR II Age"

Answer= 18 mo and 3 completed weeks

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Child's Exact Age: 1 yr 6 mo 26 days
DENVER II Age: - yr 18 mo 3 completed weeks

Remember: Only completed months and completed weeks are to be counted when calculating the "DEVENR II Age"