

# Bristol Social Adjustment Guides

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## RANGE:

Children, ages 5-16

## FORMS:

Girl Form and Boy Form.

## TIME:

Fifteen minutes per child for completion and 5 minutes for scoring.

## SCORING:

Completed forms are hand-scored with transparent overlay keys. Scores transferred to the diagnostic forms indicate nature and degree of maladaptive behavior.

## DESCRIPTION:

The *Bristol Social Adjustment Guides* (BSAG) determine type and extent of behavior disturbance in children. The teacher, or other adult familiar with the child in school, selects from different responses to various school situations which phrases best describe the child's behavior.

## USES:

Systematically organized information about children's maladaptive behavior is needed in order that they may receive satisfactory treatment. Teachers and counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists, and researchers in therapeutic techniques can benefit from the BSAG's objective classification.

## STANDARDIZATION:

The BSAG *Manual* provides separate norm tables for boys and girls based on scores of 1,305 boys and 1,222 girls from city, county, and church schools. The *Manual* lists cut-off scores for the two main scales and the five core syndromes for use in judging severity of maladjustment.

## VALIDITY:

External validation studies have revealed significant relationships between BSAG scores and delinquency, health problems, motor impairment and other indices of social maladjustment.



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*The BSAG measures and classifies social maladjustment in children and can be used in school, clinical, and research settings.*

## SCALES:

- U - Unforthcomingness:** Lack of confidence, self-assertion and curiosity.
- W - Withdrawal:** Defenses set up against human contact and against being loved.
- D - Depression:** Lethargy, lack of energy, or "laziness."
- Q - Inconsequence:** Impulsive acting out without regard for consequences.
- H - Hostility:** Attack-avoidance responses to emotional bonds.

## CORE SYNDROMES

## ASSOCIATED GROUPINGS

- PM - Peer-Maladaptiveness:** Anti-social, hostile attitudes to other children.
- OV - Non-Syndromic Over-Reaction:** Mechanisms of defense, compensation or pseudo-adjustment.
- UR - Non-Syndromic Under-Reaction:** Supportive of under-reacting core-syndromes.
- N - Neurological Symptoms.**

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