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There are several methods that can be used to measure the working memory capacity of children. These methods are suitable for use with children from about 4 years of age, and typically involve the child attempting to both store and manipulate information in mind over brief periods of time. Individual tests take no longer than five minutes to administer. Paper and pencil tests are available in the Working Memory Test Battery for Children, which is standardised for children aged 4 to 15 years. We have also developed a simple PC-based programme called the Automated Working Memory Assessment (AWMA) that can be used from 4 to 22 years.

The AWMA is designed for easy administration for classroom teachers and other professionals working in the fields of education, medicine, and health. Test scores are calculated automatically by the computer programme, and the child's performance is automatically summarised at the end of testing. Use of this test requires little training, and was developed primarily for classroom use. Both the Working Memory Test Battery for Children and the Automated Working Memory Assessment can be purchased from [Harcourt Assessment](#).