

SDQ: Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

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Name of the measure

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Age Range

3-7 years

Age Range Information

3 to 16 years

Version for self-completion (11 to 16 years old)

SEL Skills targeted

Behaviour problems

Scales and Subscales

There are currently three versions of the SDQ: a short form, a longer form with an impact supplement (which assesses the impact of difficulties on the child's life) and a follow-up form. The 25 items in the SDQ comprise 5 scales of 5 items each.

Five scales:

- 1) emotional symptoms (5 items)
 - 2) conduct problems (5 items)
 - 3) hyperactivity/inattention (5 items)
 - 4) peer relationship problems (5 items)
 - 5) prosocial behaviour (5 items)
- 1) to 4) added together to generate a total difficulties score
(based on 20 items)

A slightly modified informant-rated version for the parents or nursery teachers of 3 (and 4) year olds. 22 items are identical, the item on reflectiveness is softened, and 2 items on antisocial behaviour are replaced by items on oppositionality.

Sources of information

Parent, Teacher

Formats for administration

Questionnaire

Administration

Short form: 5 minutes

Long form: 10 minutes

Scoring

Manual, Electronic

Psychometric Properties

The predicted five-factor structure (emotional, conduct, hyperactivity-inattention, peer, prosocial) was confirmed. Internalizing and externalizing scales were relatively “uncontaminated” by one another. Reliability was generally satisfactory, whether judged by internal consistency (mean Cronbach α : .73), cross-informant correlation (mean: 0.34), or retest stability after 4 to 6 months (mean: 0.62). SDQ scores above the 90th percentile predicted a substantially raised probability of independently diagnosed psychiatric disorders (mean odds ratio: 15.7 for parent scales, 15.2 for teacher scales, 6.2 for youth scales).

Training

No

Strengths and Weaknesses

The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) is an internationally recognised psychometric and behavioural screening tool.

Other Relevant Information

<https://www.sdqinfo.org/a0.html>

<https://www.corc.uk.net/outcome-experience-measures/strengths-and-difficulties-questionnaire/>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0890856709605438>

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