

Bayley-4 Report Write-Up Cheat Sheet

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The Bayley-4 (Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, Fourth Edition, Pearson, 2019) is a developmental assessment for ages 16 days to 42 months. Cognitive, Language, and Motor are directly administered; Social-Emotional and Adaptive Behavior are caregiver report. Lead with standard scores, name the norm version, and state corrected age on every score.

1. Measures, edition, norm version, ages set the frame first

Do: name the edition, the norm version (2019 or 2023 revision), the format, the scales given, and both chronological and corrected age.

Pitfall: a silent norm version, or a score table that never says corrected or chronological.

2. Behavioral observations and validity state is the evidence

Do: document arousal, attention, cooperation, caregiver participation, fatigue or hunger; tie the validity statement to what you saw.

Pitfall: a boilerplate "results are valid" with no observational basis.

3. Domain-by-domain composites directly administered

Do: report Cognitive, Language, Motor with standard score, 95% CI, percentile, one descriptor set; note receptive vs expressive, fine vs gross.

Pitfall: leading with an age equivalent or developmental quotient in place of a standard score.

4. Caregiver-report domains label the source

Do: report Social-Emotional and Adaptive Behavior as caregiver questionnaire data, corroborated against observation and history.

Pitfall: presenting questionnaire scores as if they were directly observed.

5. Age equivalents and growth scale values caution, not headline

Do: if used, present with cautions; age equivalents are not equal-interval, and growth scale values do not compare across subtests.

Pitfall: comparing values that do not compare, or ranking a child by an age equivalent.

6. Corrected age and delay severity state the rule

Do: state the correction rule (24-month default or domain-differential); phrase delay in the jurisdiction's metric (SD cut or percent delay).

Pitfall: one unstated correction rule, or delay described in the wrong metric.

7. Summary and recommendations linkage close the loop

Do: answer the referral question, leave eligibility to the team, tie each recommendation to a finding and a re-evaluation interval.

Pitfall: a low score read as a fixed verdict, or recommendations that fit any profile.

Before you sign

- ☐ Edition, norm version, format, and both ages named
- ☐ Validity tied to the infant's observed state
- ☐ Composites with CI and percentile; standard scores lead
- ☐ Caregiver-report scales labeled and corroborated
- ☐ Corrected-age rule stated on every score
- ☐ Eligibility left to the team; each rec traces to a finding

Drafting with AI

Paste the scales, standard scores, CIs, percentiles, descriptors, and the age basis. Not item content or scoring keys.

"Draft a Bayley-4 results section: 24-month NICU graduate born at 27 weeks, corrected age used; Cognitive low average, Language and Motor lower; label the caregiver-report scales; note Aylward's domain-differential rule."

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400 to 800 words
results section

30 to 70 min
to administer

16 days to 42 mo
age range

EI teams · NICU · parents
who reads it

Bayley-4 Results Section Template

Copy or print for your practice · Adapt fields to your organization's, payer's and jurisdiction's documentation requirements.

Child (initials):	Chronological age:	Corrected age:
Norm version (2019 / 2023):	Format (paper / Q-global):	Testing date:

Measures, edition, norm version, and ages

Edition, norm version, format, scales given, chronological and corrected age with the basis used

Behavioral observations and validity

Arousal, attention, cooperation, caregiver participation, fatigue or hunger; validity statement tied to observed state

Domain-by-domain composite results (directly administered)

Cognitive, Language, Motor: standard score, 95% CI, percentile, one descriptor set; receptive vs expressive, fine vs gross

Caregiver-report domains

Social-Emotional and Adaptive Behavior labeled as caregiver questionnaire; corroborated vs observation; discrepancies noted

Corrected age and delay severity

Correction rule applied (24-month default or domain-differential); delay stated in the jurisdiction's metric

Interpretive summary and recommendations linkage

Answer the referral question; eligibility is the team's decision; each recommendation tied to a finding and a re-evaluation interval

Age equivalents cautioned:	Re-evaluation interval set:
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Evaluator signature / credentials:	Date signed:
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Supervisor signature, where required:	Date:
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