

Vineland-3 Report Write-Up Cheat Sheet

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The Vineland-3 measures adaptive behavior (communication, daily living, and social skills) by Interview, Parent/Caregiver, or Teacher form. **Two metrics, never comparable:** the Adaptive Behavior Composite and the three domains are standard scores (mean 100, SD 15); the nine subdomains are v-scale scores (mean 15, SD 3). A v-scale of 12 is low-average; a standard score of 12 is profound impairment. Current edition is 2016; no Vineland-4 as of July 2026: name the edition and form.

1 – Measures, form, informant, method which form, whose ratings, how administered?
Do: name the edition, the form (Interview / Parent-Caregiver / Teacher), the informant and relationship, the date, the method, and the norm set.
Pitfall: no form or informant named; the Interview Form was not standardized for telepractice, so note remote administration.

2 – Informant context and validity whose view, from which settings
Do: state the informant's opportunity to observe and the settings, then whether the ratings are valid estimates of current functioning.
Pitfall: presenting one informant's ratings as objective fact.

3 – Score summary, metrics labeled the two-metric discipline
Do: ABC and domains as standard scores (100/15) with CI and percentile; subdomains as v-scale scores (15/3), labeled as a separate metric.
Pitfall: the two-metric trap: a v-scale score placed beside a standard score as if comparable.

4 – Domain-by-domain results Communication · Daily Living · Socialization
Do: give functional meaning per domain; Motor Skills only if age 9 or younger; Maladaptive index only if administered.
Pitfall: the score dump: a paragraph per subdomain in test order.

5 – Composite and interpretive summary lead with the ABC
Do: use significance and base rates for any scatter; the composite carries the interpretation.
Pitfall: over-reading the domain profile; domain scores may lack unique reliable variance.

6 – Informant reconciliation when raters disagree
Do: attribute discrepancies to setting and observation opportunity; keep each rater's scores separate.
Pitfall: averaging raters, or crowning one correct.

7 – Diagnostic / eligibility linkage adaptive is one stream, not the ruling
Do: pair adaptive with cognitive for ID; align severity with DSM-5-TR (adaptive, not IQ); state single-measure limits.
Pitfall: an eligibility or severity verdict from one Vineland number.

8 – Recommendations linkage close the loop
Do: tie every support to a specific adaptive finding; re-measure with growth-scale values, not standard scores.
Pitfall: recommendations that could follow any profile.

Before you sign

- ☐ Edition, form, informant, and norm set named
- ☐ Two metrics labeled; v-scale read against 15, not 100
- ☐ Every domain score carries its CI and percentile
- ☐ Domain differences checked against base rates
- ☐ Informant divergence interpreted, not averaged
- ☐ Each recommendation traces to a finding

Drafting with AI

Paste your score summary: form, informant, composite, domains, and subdomains with their metrics. Not the items, not the software narrative.

"Draft a Vineland-3 results section from this Parent/Caregiver summary: ABC 79, Communication 84, Daily Living 93, Socialization 72; Socialization subdomains v-scale 9/9/11; referral: autism eval ..."

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300–700 words
results section

10–50 min
by form

Birth to 90+
Interview & Parent

Level B
qualification

Vineland-3 Results Section Template

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

Client (initials): _____ Age / grade: _____ Administration date(s): _____

Form & informant: _____ Norm set: _____ Referral question: _____

Measures, form, informant, method

Edition; form used; informant and relationship; date; in person or telepractice; norm set

Informant context and validity

Opportunity to observe; settings; reliability; statement that results are valid estimates

Score summary (label the two metrics)

ABC + Communication, Daily Living, Socialization = standard scores (100/15) with CI + percentile; subdomains = v-scale (15/3); Motor birth–9 only; Maladaptive if given

Domain-by-domain results

Communication, Daily Living Skills, Socialization: functional meaning for everyday life

Composite and interpretive summary

ABC in context; significance and base rates for any scatter; domain-interpretability caution

Informant reconciliation and diagnostic / eligibility linkage

Discrepancies attributed to setting, not averaged; adaptive paired with cognitive; DSM-5-TR severity by adaptive functioning; single-measure limit

Recommendations linkage

Each support tied to a finding; re-administration keyed to growth-scale values

Optional domains reported (Motor / Maladaptive): _____ Re-administration due: _____

Evaluator signature / credentials: _____ Date signed: _____

Supervisor signature, where required: _____ Date: _____