

TASIT and TASIT-S: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between the hard copy and the pdf of the TASIT-S (and TASIT)

The hard copy comes in a hard case with the manual, copies of the A5 laminated response card and copies of the response and summary score forms and a usb with videos and the forms in pdf so you can print them off when you need them. The pdf is a link to download everything you need but you will have to print everything yourself and provide a folder or box of some sort to house it all in as well as a usb for the videos. If you live in Australia or the UK I would recommend purchasing the hard copy.

What does TASIT entail?

TASIT uses audiovisual vignettes of actors engaged in everyday conversations. Participants watch the videos and are then asked questions to tap their understanding of the thoughts, intentions, feelings and meaning of the exchange.

What is the age range of normative data for TASIT and TASIT-S?

Both versions have data for ages ranging from 13 years to 75+. Some age groups (e.g. 13-15, 60-74) have larger data sets (n= approx 200), than others (notably 16-19 and 75+) which are smaller.

Do the actors in TASIT have Australian accents?

Yes.

Is TASIT suitable for North American speakers?

TASIT was administered to approximately 200 speakers from the USA. Performance of USA speakers was essentially the same as Australian speakers, except for a small difference on Part 3.

Is TASIT suitable for speakers in the UK?

Research has been conducted with TASIT in the UK and normative performance was similar to that seen in the Australian population.

Are there versions of TASIT in other languages?

Numerous versions of TASIT have been developed in other languages, mainly for research purposes. There are constraints on producing alternate language versions of TASIT. The original TASIT was filmed using professional actors and with a lot of piloting to ensure language, questions etc, were culturally appropriate, simple to understand and sensitive in the Australian context. The extent to which this will translate to other cultures will vary. Contact us if you would like further information.

What clinical conditions is TASIT relevant to?

TASIT has been used in a wide variety of neurological conditions (e.g. MS, Stroke, dementia, traumatic brain injury, agenesis of the corpus callosum, epilepsy, hemispherectomy, Parkinsons Disease), developmental conditions (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and neuropsychiatric disorders (e.g., schizophrenia). It is relevant in any condition where there is concern that an individual has problems in social cognition or social skills.

Can TASIT be used for re-testing?

TASIT (the full version) has alternate forms which are essentially equivalent so can be used for re-testing. TASIT-S has only one form at present.

Is TASIT useful for remediation?

Yes. Because TASIT has alternate forms, one form can be used for assessment and the other as a resource for treatment. Tips as to how it can be used in this way can be found in the manual.

How do I play the videos?

Download VLC media player (if you do not have it on your PC or Laptop), Download all the files on the USB stick to a folder on your PC or laptop. Double click on the BUP file and away you go.