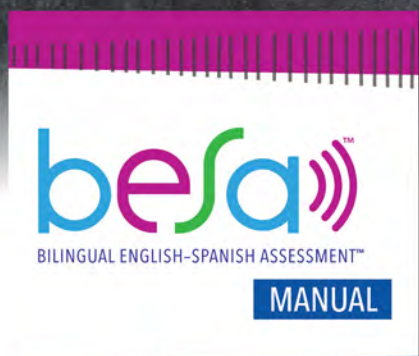


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BESA AT A GLANCE

What is it?

An assessment developed to identify phonological and/or language impairment in Spanish-English bilingual and ELL children, and to differentiate between delays in English language acquisition and true language disorders.

Who is it for?

BESA was developed for bilingual children in the United States. Latino children in the U.S. who speak Spanish, English, or both are eligible for assessment.

What age range does it cover?

4;0-6;11 years

Who implements it?

Bilingual speech-language pathologists.

How long does it take?

1-2 hours to administer all components of BESA, 1 hour per language.

How are subtest scores reported?

Subtest raw scores are reported as scaled scores, standard scores, percentile ranks and age equivalents.

Is BESA norm-referenced?

Yes. Test norms were derived using data from over 600 bilingual children from across the country.

BESA BENEFITS

- ▶ **Valid and reliable.** BESA has high internal consistency, test-retest reliability, interrater reliability, and sensitivity and specificity.
- ▶ **Culturally and linguistically appropriate.** BESA subtests are different for each language; the Spanish subtest isn't just a translation of the English one. Dialects were taken into consideration and items were developed for each language based on the markers, structure, and culture of that language.
- ▶ **Uncovers the full picture of a child's language development.** Not only does BESA identify language impairments, it also helps you gauge progress in both languages and document a child's dominant language across different domains of speech and language.
- ▶ **Flexible and convenient.** You can use each BESA component independently or combine them as part of an assessment battery. BESA can also be given over multiple sessions, so you can easily fit it into your schedule.



HOW BESA WORKS

Through a combination of subtests for students and surveys for teachers and parents, BESA reveals the big picture of a young bilingual child's language development. Comprehensive assessment with BESA includes:

3 subtests (in both English and Spanish). Administered with children one-on-one, these three standardized, norm-referenced subtests address the key domains of morphosyntax, semantics, and phonology.

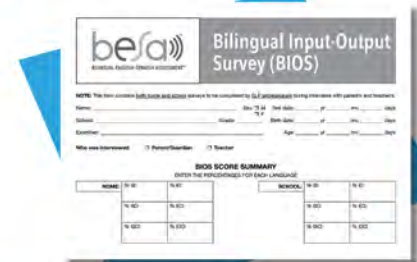
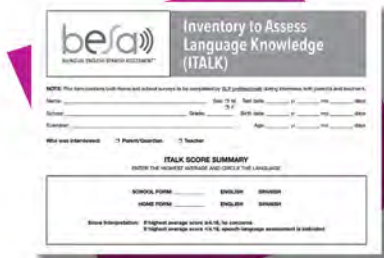
2 questionnaires. The SLP gathers more information by interviewing both parents and teachers.

► **Bilingual Input-Output Survey (BIOS):** determines Spanish and English use at home and school and pinpoints which language(s) need testing

► **Inventory to Assess Language Knowledge (ITALK):** identifies the parent's and teacher's perception of the child's performance in each language and highlights areas of possible concern

Pragmatics activity. This 5- to 10-minute warmup activity, in which children are asked to "help wrap a present" with the examiner, is used to establish rapport with the child and give clinicians an idea of how collaborative and interactive the child will be during the rest of the assessment. It provides the clinician an overall picture of the child's pragmatic skills.

BIOS and ITALK can be used separately as a first step to identify the child's primary language. Use the two surveys together to determine how much the child uses English and Spanish at home and school and figure out which languages to assess.



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- 1 Identify phonological and/or language impairment in bilingual children and English language learners using a standardized protocol
- 2 Differentiate between a delay in English language acquisition and a true language disorder
- 3 Document children's speech and language strengths and needs
- 4 Monitor children's progress in both languages and use the information to make decisions about intervention



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