



The Gilboa Functional Test (GIFT)Manual

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Background	Fine motor and graphomotor skills are essential for		
	children's healthy development, as well as for successful		
	participation in everyday activities (Chien et al., 2009). In		
	light of the importance of later successful integration into		
	the educational system (Roebers et al.,2014), identification		
	of problems during preschool appears to be crucial as the		
	first step towards intervention.		
	Consequently, the information provided by a sound		
	assessment tool is of great importance (Chien et al., 2009).		
	The Gilboa functional test (GIFT) is a specially developed		
	norm-referenced screening instrument for use with children		
	3–7 years old designed to be usedby pediatric occupational		
	therapists.		
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	preschool graphomotor screening. British journal of		
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	between graphomotor abilities and executive function in		
	preschool children. The Israeli Journal of Occupational		
	Therapy. (In Hebrew)		
Purpose	The GIFT is a norm-referenced measure for preschool		
	graphomotor screening.		
Type of Client	Preschool children, 3–7 years old		



Clinical Utility	
Format	The GIFT consists of four forms adapted for the following age groups (years:months): 3–3:11, 4–4:11, 5–5:11 and 6-7
	The GIFT includes seven fine motor/graphomotor skill items, which are rated by numeric evaluation. These items together cover a representative range of fine motor/graphomotor skills that all children may exhibit at preschool.
Administration Procedure Completion time	They include: copying basic geometric figures; colouring within lines; cutting with scissors; drawing a person, writing the child's first name, writing the alphabet letters and numbers and writing words. The GIFT can be administered by an occupational therapist individually or in small groups.
Completion time	The administration of the GIFT took approximately 20 minutes;
Scoring Procedure	Each item was broken down into multiple components, with specific criteria for scoring. The examiner assesses body function components (grey lines) and the activities' level of production in the tasks (white lines).
	A final score was computed by summing up all five test items. Within the proposed rating scale, a higher score indicates better performance; the maximum possible total raw scores were 20, 35 and 50 for each age groups respectively.
	Diagnostic results were classified into 'normal' (>1 SD below the mean) 'follow-up' (<1 SD below the mean) and



development delay (<2 SD below the mean).
There is also space for qualitative comments to provide more information to the therapist for focused follow-up.
Based on the Pearson correlation, the final inter-rater reliability score was 0.95.
With respect to test-retest, the total scores between the
two repeated assessments exhibited a strong level of correlation
(r=0.94, P<0.01).
Pediatric occupational Therapists (n=33) reviewed the GIFT as a whole as well as the individual items comprising it, and rated each for its relevance to graphomotor screening
for each particular age group. The degree of relevance was rated on a -5point Likert-type scale. The content validity for
each item (Polit and Beck, 2006) was determined by taking the number of experts giving a rating of 4 or 5, divided by the total number of experts (range 74–97%, mean 90%).
Significant correlations were found between the total scores of the GIFT and those obtained with the VMI and MC
subtests of the Beery (Beery et al., 2010), the total score and all the subscales of the DCDQ'07/LDCDQ (Wilson et
al., 2009; Rihtman et al., 2011) and the MD subscale of the MABC (Henderson and Sugdin, 1992).
A significant difference in total GIFT scores was found between children from mainstream preschools and children from special education preschools (t=3.99, P<0.001).



	Children learning in the general education system had		
	significantly higher total scores relative to the children		
	learning in special education.		
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GIFT Score Page/ rating scale – Ages 3-4

Pupil's Name		Age _		Date
	eometric form	s (pencil) – v	ertical l	ine, horizontal line, circle,
plus sign				
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Instruction: "Copy eac	_		_	
D ' (1 1	1 1 1 0		0	Notes:
Dominant hand	right or left			
Grasp of pencil	normal			
Function of non-	full	partiai		
dominant hand	aaaniaahla ana	mhia mammadu	ations)	//
Precision (number of re			cuons) ₋	/4
Total score in copying	geometric for	TIIS//		
2 Coloring basis a	roomatria form	c (thick mark	or) ro	otonglo (chono no. 1):
Instruction: "Color the		s (unck mark	(er) — re	ctangle (shape no. 1):
instruction: Color th	e box. 1	1	0	Notes:
Dominant hand	right or left		U	Notes.
Grasp of pencil	normal	abnormal		
Function of non-	full	partial		
dominant hand	Tuii	partiai		
Precision of borders	exact	not exact		
Filled-in area	full	not full		
Total score in coloring		not run		
Total score in coloring	,/0			
3. <u>Cutting</u> (scissors	s) – straight lin	e (shane no 1).	
Instruction: "Cut the p	•	-	- /-	
	1		0	Notes:
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear		
Functional prehension	normal	abnormal		
of scissors				
Strategies for holding	efficient	inefficient		
the paper				
with non-dominant				
hand				
Accuracy of action	exact	not exact		
Effectiveness of action	normal	with		
		difficulty		
Total score in cutting	/5			



4. <u>Drawing a person</u> (pencil and blank A4 page) Instruction: "Draw a person."				
Total score – number of body parts drawn/3				
Final Score:/20				



GIFT Score Page/ rating scale – Ages 4-5

Pupil's Name		Age	Date				
1. Copying basic g	geometric form	<u>ns</u> (pencil) – ver	tical line, horizontal line, circle,				
plus sign, square,							
2 diagonal lines	(shapes 1-7):						
Instruction: "Copy ea	ch shape into	the empty squa	are next to it."				
	1	0	Notes:				
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear					
Grasp of pencil	normal	abnormal					
Function of non-	full	partial					
dominant hand							
Precision (number of re	cognizable gr	raphic reproducti	ions)/7				
Total score in copying	geometric fo	orms/10					
2. Coloring basic g	geometric for	ms (thick marker	r) – rectangle and triangle (shapes				
no. 1-2):							
Instruction: "Color th	e rectangle a	and the triangle.					
	1	0	Notes:				
Dominant hand	right or left						
Grasp of pencil	normal	abnormal					
Function of non-	full	partial					
dominant hand							
Precision of rectangle b		exact	not exact				
Filled-in area of rectang	-	full	not full				
Precision of triangle bo		exact	not exact				
Filled-in area of triangle		full	not full				
Total score in coloring	g/7						
3. <u>Cutting</u> (scissor		-	<u>=</u>				
Instruction: "Cut the	paper on the		that cut out the square."				
			0 Notes:				
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear					
Functional prehension	normal	abnormal					
of scissors	991						
Strategies for holding	efficient	inefficient					
the paper							
with non-dominant							
hand							
Accuracy of action (line		exact	not exact				
Effectiveness of action	` '	normal	with difficulty				
Accuracy of action (squ	ŕ	exact	not exact				
Effectiveness of action		normal	with difficulty				
Total score in cutting	/7						



Instruction: "Draw a person."

Total score – number of body parts drawn ____/8

5. Copying their first name (pencil and blank A4 page)

Write the child's first name at the top of the page.

Instruction: "Copy your first name."

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	1	0		
Accuracy	copied in normal order	omitted letters, confused the		
		order, wrote from right to left		
Readability	writing is readable	writing not readable		
Organization	normal (letter size, spaces between the	defective		
	letters)			

Total score in copying name ____/3

Final Score: ____/35



GIFT Score Page/ rating scale – Ages 5-6

Pupil's Name		Age	Date		
 Copying basic geometric forms (pencil) – vertical line, horizontal line, circle plus sign, square, 2 diagonal lines, an "X", triangle (shapes 1-9): 					
Instruction: "Copy ea					
1.0	1	1	0	Notes:	
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear			
Grasp of pencil	normal	abnormal			
Function of non-	full	partial			
dominant hand		-			
Precision (number of re	cognizable gr	raphic reproducti	ons)	/9	
Total score in copying	geometric fo	orms/12			
2. <u>Coloring basic solutions</u> (shapes no. 2-3 Instruction: "Color the):) – triangle and he	art	
	1	0	Notes:		
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear			
Grasp of pencil	normal	abnormal			
Function of non-	full	partial			
dominant hand					
Precision of triangle bo		exact	not exact		
Filled-in area of triangl		full	not full		
Precision of heart borde	ers	exact	not exact		
Filled-in area of heart		full	not full		
Total score in coloring	g/7				
3. <u>Cutting</u> (scissors) Instruction: "Cut out	-	and after that cu	t out the circle."		
	1	0	Notes:		
Dominant hand	right or left	not clear			
Functional prehension	normal	abnormal			
of scissors	cc				
	efficient	inefficient			
the paper with non-dominant					
hand					
Accuracy of action (squ	ıare)	exact	not exact		
Effectiveness of action	(square)	normal	with	difficulty	
Accuracy of action (cire	cle)	exact	not exact		
Effectiveness of action (circle)		normal	with	difficulty	
Total score in cutting	/7				



4. <u>Drawing a person</u> (pencil and blank A4 page)

Instruction: "Draw a person."

Total score – number of body parts drawn ____/12

5. Writing their first name (pencil and blank A4 page)

Instruction: "Write your first name on the page."

	1	0
Accuracy	written in normal spelling order	omitted letters, confused the
		order, wrote from right to left
Readability	Readable, and normal organization (size of	Unreadable, and defective
&	letters, spaces between letters)	organization
Organization		

Total score in writing name ____/2

Final Score: ____/40



Expansion for ages 5-6

6. Writing the abc (pencil and blank A4 page)

Instruction: "Write all the alphabet letters"

0	1	2	3	4	5
Non-letters, S	evere errors,	Some of the l	etters are	All the letters are	e readable
no readable letters		readable, omitted letters			

Total score in writing the abc ____/5

7. Writing numbers from 1-10 (pencil and blank A4 page)

Instruction: "Write all the numbers from 1 to 10"

0	1	2	3	4	5
unreadable numbers,		Some of the numbers		All the numbers are	
Severe errors		are readable, omitted		readable	
		numbers			

Total score in writing the numbers ____/5

Final (E) Score: ____/50



Expansion for ages 6-7

<u>8. Phonetic writing</u> – (pencil and A4 lined paper) *clarification – the child must be asked to write the words on their own, <u>not</u> to copy.

Examiner instruction: Every word should be read out loud after the child has finished writing the previous one.

Instruction: "Write the following words: Dog, Panda, Shark, Elephant".

	2	1	0
	Full and correct representation of all letters according to order, correct organization and legibility	Partial representation of letters, mild order confusion, partial organisation, and legibility	Random usage of letters, no organisation, writing from right to left, inadequate organisation and legibility
Dog			
Panda			
Shark			
Elephant			

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Final Score: _____/50



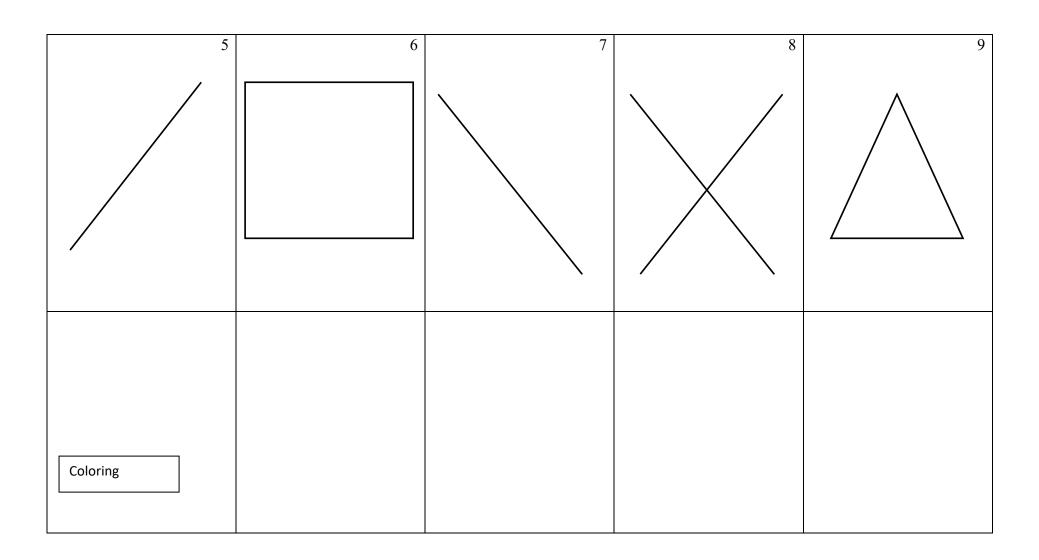
Scoring interpretation (N=936)

Test Format	Age group	Range	M (SD)	Suspected delay	Developmental
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					<m-2sd< th=""></m-2sd<>
3-4	3.0-3.5	1-20	10.64 (4.83)	6-3	2<
(N=169)	N=73				
	3.6-3.11	0-20	14.59 (3.81)	11-7	6<
	N=86				
4-5	4.0-4.5	8-35	25.10 (6.17)	19-13	12<
(N=280)	N=101				
	4.6-4.11	12-35	27.77	23-17	16<
	N=168		(5.23)		
5-6	5.0-5.5	10-40	29.54 (5.28)	24-19	18<
5-5:11 (N=205)	N=93				
(14-203)	5.6-6.0	9-40	33.56 (6.01)	28-22	21<
	N=101				
5-6 Extended	5.0-5.5	13-49	35.37	29-22	21<
(N=147)	N=67		(6.67)		
	5.6-6.0	14-50	38.08	30-23	22<
	N=80		(7.75)		
6-7	6.0-6.5	17-48	38.11	32-25	24<
(N=120)	N=53		(6.55)		
	6.6-7.0	18-50	42.21	37-30	29<
	N=67		(5.65)		

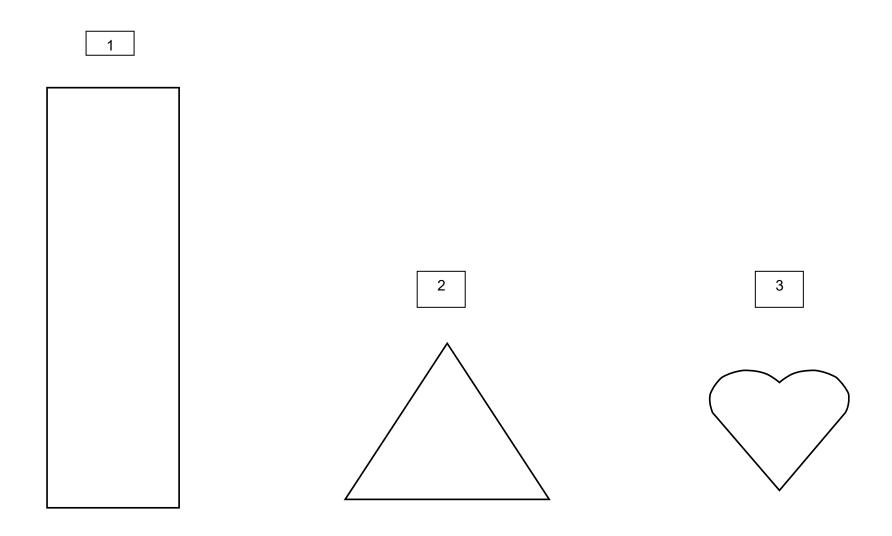


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	Copying basic geometric forms		
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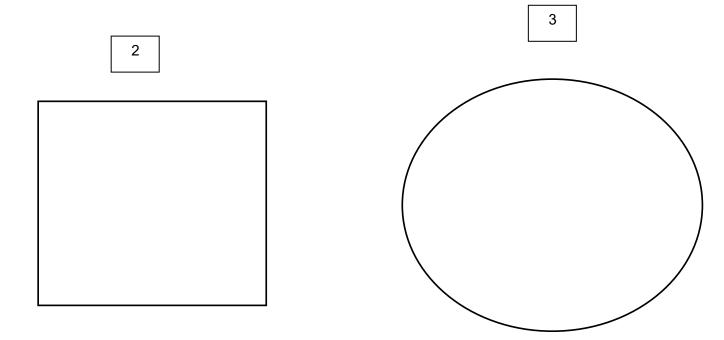


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Cutting



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Drawing a person:

Copying/ Writing their first name Writing the abc Writing numbers from 1-10