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Overview of *CogAT* for Parents

What is the *Cognitive Abilities Test*™ (*CogAT*®)?

Cognitive ability refers to a student's readiness to learn in different situations and environments and demonstrate creative problem-solving skills. Unlike a traditional achievement test, which measures how well a student has mastered the curriculum, the *Cognitive Abilities Test* (*CogAT*) shows us how well a child can reason abstractly and identify patterns and relationships in the world around them.



The *CogAT* measures reasoning in three areas, also called batteries, that are based on the most important ways students and teachers communicate in the classroom: **Verbal**, **Nonverbal**, and **Quantitative**.
Figure 1 shows the types of items that can be found in each battery of the *CogAT*.
Figure 2 shows a sample item from each subtest (second grade level).

Figure 1

Types of Reasoning Assessed

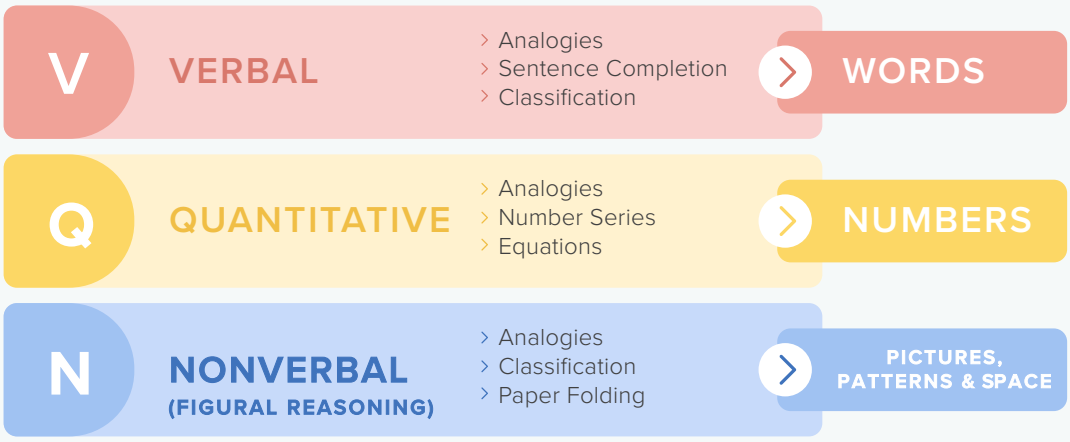
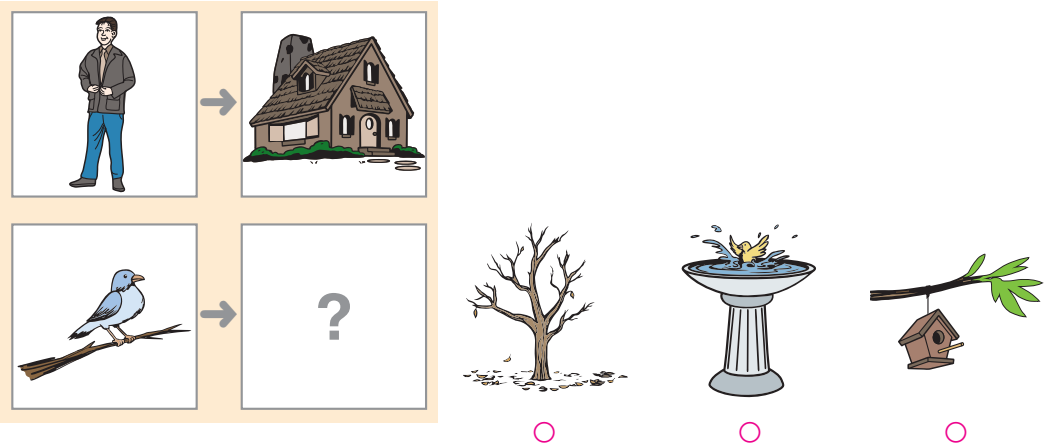
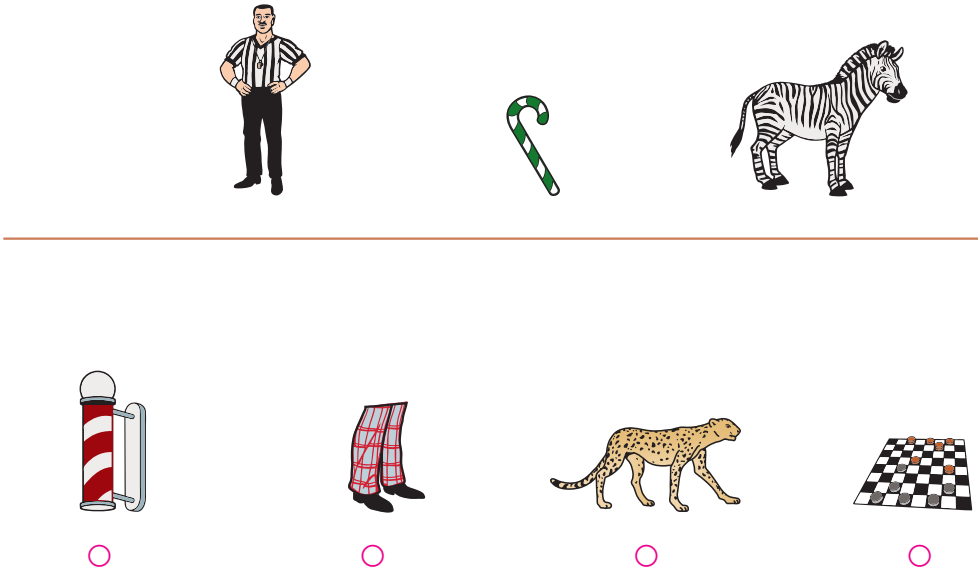


Figure 2

Verbal – Picture Analogies



Verbal – Picture Classification



Verbal – Sentence Completion (not pictured)

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Quantitative – Number Analogies

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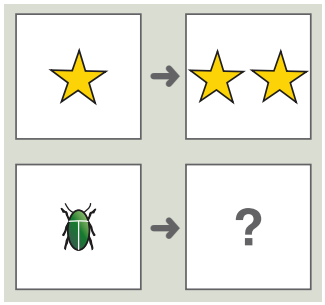
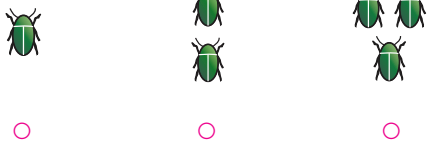
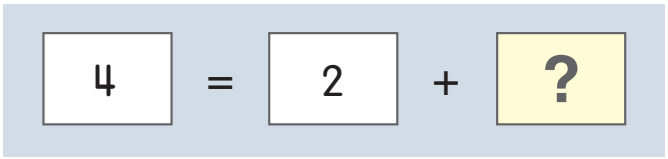




Quantitative – Number Puzzles



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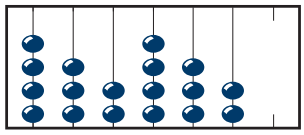
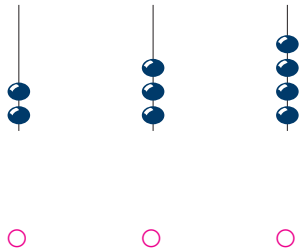
Quantitative – Number Series







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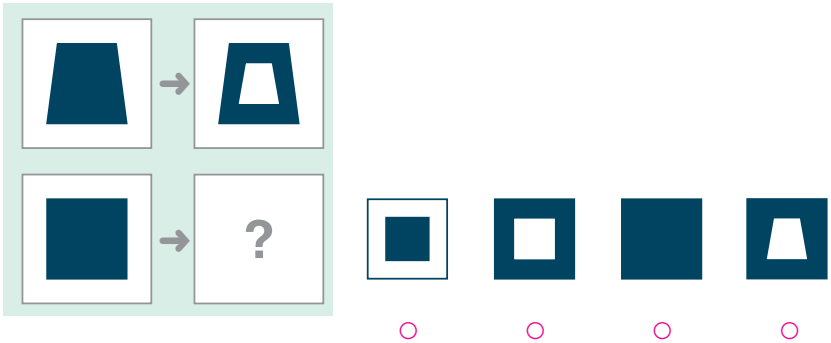
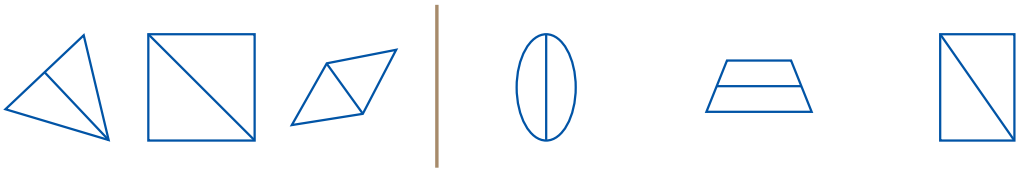
Nonverbal – Figure Matrices



Nonverbal – Figure Classification



Nonverbal – Paper Folding

