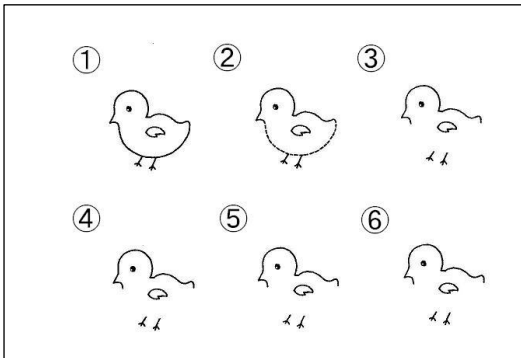


Table 3 Task of Birds Criteria

Aim of the "Task of Birds" (TOB)

The purpose of the task is to evaluate the developmental level of visuomotor skills.



Procedure

The child is led by the hand and taught to draw the bird's stomach. In ②, the instructor and child draw the dotted part together. From ③, the child is required to draw the missing part without help. The child can be encouraged with words like "Draw the chick's tummy nicely." However, no operational assistance should be provided.

The drawing that most closely represents example ① is selected from ④, ⑤, and ⑥ in the bottom row. This drawing, which the child has drawn independently, is identified as one of the six types below.

Passing Age of Typically Developed Children

To pass the task, the child must connect the start and end points of the missing part. In other words, types 1, 2, and 3 (see below) do not pass. Types 4, 5, and 6 do pass. It has been confirmed that the passing age for typically developed children is 3.5 years. This is the same as the passing age for "the completion of the picture of a small bird," which is a similar task on the Tanaka Binet Intelligence Test, 5th version (Tatematsu, 2004).

Decision	not passed			passed		
Types	1	2	3	4	5	6
Performance						
Criteria	Scribbles over the whole area Draws on individual birds	Only draws the prominent parts (eye or beak)	Only draws the visible parts.	Start and end points are connected but the line is detached from the legs or wavy	The legs are enclosed.	Properly grasps and draws the shape.
Evaluation	Sees vaguely and cannot grasp the shape. Visual and coordinated movement functions are underdeveloped.	Focuses on a small area. Cannot grasp the whole shape.	Visuomotor skills are sound but cannot represent the invisible portions.	Visual representation is present but the attention span is short and unstable.	The spatial positioning relationship looks reversed.	Visuomotor skills are stable, and the child grasps and draws the whole shape.

The TOB's types according to the performance