

Case study: Maria

Maria is a 10th grade student who was referred to the school counselor because of her unacceptable behavior in the classroom and her poor peer relationships.

School personnel are concerned about Maria's inability to function well in a school setting. Although she exhibits problematic behavior, it is not severe enough for suspension. Maria has an excellent vocabulary and a good sense of humor. However, she does not know how to respond to teasing or correction and seems to enjoy telling stories about how she gets back at people who offend her. In the classroom, Maria is frequently off task, asks inappropriate questions, comes unprepared, wanders about the classroom, and seeks to make herself the center of attention. Outside of the classroom, she keeps to herself, but she stands out in the crowd. Her mannerisms and dress set her apart. She appears to be preoccupied and also seems to fear her parents, not wanting them to know what happens in school.

To obtain more information about Maria, the school counselor looked at her current grades as well as her scores on the WRAT.

Current Grades (10th grade)

English II C

Geometry C

Biology D

World History C

Physical Education B

Spanish I C

Wide Range Achievement Test Scores

Subtest	Standard Score	Confidence Interval 95%	Percentile Rank	Stanine	
Word Reading	127	116-138	95	8	
Sentence Comprehension	125	115-135	49	8	
Spelling	139	127-151	99	9	
Math Computation	124	111-137	93	8	

(Drummond, Sheperis and Jones, 2016, p. 204).

- 1- Describe and interpret each of Maria's subtest standard scores, percentile ranks, and stanine scores in each of the four WRAT subtests. For example, for Wording Reading you can state that Maria's scores on the Word Reading subtest indicate that she has skills in letter and word decoding. Her standard score on the Word Reading subtest is 127,

which is slightly less than two standard deviations above the means. Her score falls in the 95th percentile, which means her score equaled or exceeded 95% those of the national norm.

On a scale from 1 to 9, Maria received a stanine score of 8, which falls in the above average range, which encompasses stanine scores from 7 to 9.

- 2- Overall, what does Maria's WRAT4 results tell you about her academic ability?
- 3- Are Maria's WRAT4 scores consistent with her grades? Explain.
- 4- What additional information would you like to have about Maria?

This assignment should be no longer than 1 page.

Please write the answer under each question.