

## Form Quality Interpretations

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Steve,

I often think of problems with form quality as being an indication of poor judgment. That is, the person is misreading the environment and coming up with solutions to the wrong problems.

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From: Rorschach\_List@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Steve Hibbard Sent: Fri 5/7/2010 12:40 PM To: Rorschach\_List@yahoogroups.com Subject: [Rorschach\_List] lower form quality interpretation

One variable I struggle with interpreting is lower form quality scores in people who are not overtly psychotic. I am talking about WDA% in the low to mid 7s. Exner uses two terms in describing the processes occurring between looking at the blots and formulating a response that are likely reasonable terms, but only apply to this perceptual/ conceptual process: "translation" and "mediation."

Now, one problem with using these terms in reports is that even other psychologists, i.e., non-Rorschach psychologists, won't have the foggiest idea what you mean if they read "testing indicates that the patient has trouble with translations and mediations, which may be less than optimal." However, even if one knows that these are Exner terms referring to these perceptual problems, to say this is to say nothing about real world functioning that the reader would like to know. Who cares if mediation and translating is a problem?

To address this difficulty, I most often use some other jargon, but jargon more widely known among psychologists, namely, the notion of 'cognitive slippage'. In the context of our recent thread, what do you all think about this way of explicating with a non-Exner term that, although it is technical, when it is better known to psychologists when an example is used illustratively?

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