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The Growth Scale Value (GSV) is a score that tracks vocabulary over time. Much like inches are an equal-interval scale of length, the GSV is an equal-interval scale of vocabulary. Therefore, the GSV can be used as a yardstick by which progress can be measured throughout the school years. It can also be used to compare a student's ability with that of a reference group consisting of all the students in a particular grade or of a particular age. For example, in the case of the EVT, a GSV score of 171 is average for students aged 10 years 2 months, a GSV less than 171 reflects a lower level of vocabulary for same-age students, and a GSV greater than 171 reflects a higher level of vocabulary for same-age students.

The EVT measure can be used reliably in a test-retest situation. For the EVT-2, the alternate forms provide an added benefit when retesting. If the timeframe is short (e.g., 6 weeks or less), it is suggested that the examiner alternate the EVT-2 forms for the two test sessions (e.g., Form A for the first testing and Form B for the second testing). If the time between the first and second testing is longer (so that practice effects are not as great), then the retest can be administered with the same form.