

As an exception to this guideline, if one of the elements is inconsequential to the response, then the location coding for the primary element is the correct location coding for the response. The difficulty of determining the correct coding for Location (and many other variables) is often resolved by reviewing the amount of emphasis articulated by the examinee during the response proper and the inquiry. For instance, if an examinee gives the response to Card VII, 'This is a girl (D2) and she is sitting on a rock (Dd23)' and further the inquiry is, 'Here is the girl and she has her hand point out at something in the distance, and I guess this is the rock down here,' then the correct coding would be as a D area.



The same example with a bit different articulation would change the location to a Dd. 'This is a girl (D2) and she is sitting on a rock (Dd 23).' But now there is a different response to the inquiry. 'Here is the girl and she is pointing at something. The rock is really amazing as it supports her by cradling her body comfortably and it's painted a dark color.' In this example the correct coding would be Dd, as the emphasis on the rock (Dd23) is much more intense.

Uncommon Detail (Dd) responses may be articulated to many different blot areas. Some Dd responses have specific numbers attached to them, because they appear with some frequency although not as frequently as D responses. Some Dd responses are numbered for each card. The numbering begins in the 20's, and again some of the numbered areas are not utilized (e.g., Card V, Dd 21), and on some cards the numbered Dd area specifically identify locations that include White Space (e.g., Card V, DdS27, DdS28, DdS29; Card VI, DdS 30, and others).