

# Quick Word Recognition Grade Placement Test Instructions

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The document below is the Word Recognition test for you to use to informally assess your child's present reading level. It does not test reading comprehension and fluency, etc., but it gives a fairly accurate, quick way to determine your child's present reading ability level.

After you have begun using the Daily Lesson Plan for the Struggling Reader, give this test again about every three months, to help you determine how well your reading interventions are working with your child. Our goal is to make a one and a half to two year gain in one year, using the Daily Lesson Plan Guide.

When having your child read the words on the test, if your child has to sound the word out, but it is correct, then do not mark it wrong. The child may not know the words as quickly as you like, but you will be able to see if the skills are there to read the word. Just make a note of that, for you to refer to when you give the test again. I often put a short note on the test (AFTER the child has left the room), noting which words took a L-O-N-G time to sound out. The next time I give the test, I will expect to see that the amount of time needed to read the words will be much less. If a child says a word wrong, but corrects himself, then do not mark it wrong. If you can, it is best to refrain from telling the child the word, since we will be using this test again.

## Quick Word Recognition Grade Placement

*Grade Placement:* If a student reads at least five out of ten words correctly in a column, that is assumed to be the student's instructional grade level.

### PREPRIMER

a  
can  
do  
my  
no  
see  
this  
will  
not  
you

### PRIMER

too  
us  
one  
went  
make  
came  
give  
them  
about  
know

### ONE

made  
keep  
why  
black  
road  
our  
don't  
these  
maybe  
friend

### TWO

cookie  
blew  
ground  
number  
sure  
splash  
afraid  
wrote  
voice  
neighbor

**THREE**

grateful  
dangerous  
daughter  
wrinkled  
thieves  
disappear  
ceiling  
hurried  
machine  
impatient

**FOUR**

admiration  
geography  
sausage  
scissors  
responsibility  
persuade  
character  
wilderness  
century  
commercial

**FIVE**

qualify  
celery  
variety  
atmosphere  
brilliance  
democracy  
affectionate  
ridiculous  
legislature  
contribution

**SIX**

meteor  
pursuit  
avalanche  
cylinder  
treacherous  
congratulation  
maneuver  
dialect  
diphtheria  
exhaustion

**SEVEN**

functional  
secluded  
heredity  
proposition  
disintegrate  
legitimate  
heirloom  
enthusiastic  
ordinance  
invariable

**EIGHT**

liquefy  
lubricant  
celestial  
pessimistic  
perpendicular  
isthmus  
archaeology  
vacuumed  
indoctrinate  
allegiance

**NINE**

subversive  
contaminated  
depreciate  
immunization  
protozoa  
ecological  
instantaneous  
nutrient  
preconception  
feudalism

**TEN**

dehydration  
desirability  
corpuscle  
ammeter  
therapeutic  
philanthropy  
deterioration  
irrevocable  
tyrannize  
physiology

**ELEVEN**

emaciated  
aborigines  
usurp  
schism  
irascible  
ingratiating  
seismograph  
idiosyncrasy  
pseudonym  
exigencies