

Complimentary

Sight Word Fluency Surveys

This document contains five separate Sight Word assessments:

- Pre-Primer
- 2nd Grade
- Primer
- 3rd Grade
- 1st Grade

These assessments are used to determine how well a student reads high-frequency English words. High-frequency words are words that occur so frequently in printed text that it is most efficient for children to learn to read them automatically, by "sight," rather than by decoding or sounding them out. Learning to read these high-frequency words by sight, without conscious effort, is an important milestone in reading fluency. For skilled readers, virtually all words eventually become sight words (read without conscious attention). In the context of this assessment, the term "sight words" refers to high-frequency words, but a sight word is technically any word, high-frequency or not, that is read automatically, without conscious effort.

These five assessments measure how well a student reads some of the most common words in English. The words on these assessments were selected from the Dolch 220 list of high-frequency words, and the words have been leveled (e.g., Pre-Primer, Primer, etc.) using the same Dolch lists.

Measuring how well a student performs when exposed to these common words can help a teacher determine instructional next steps. If a student performs poorly on these sight word assessments, it can indicate that he or she needs more instruction in how to read these common words.

Some high-frequency words follow very common and predictable phoneme-grapheme patterns and can be read if a student understands letter-sound relationships and has some basic phonics knowledge. Many high-frequency words do not follow common patterns and are considered phonetically irregular (e.g., of, said, some). Really Great Reading's sight word assessments measure a combination of decodable and non-decodable high-frequency words.



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Sight Word Fluency Surveys

Summary Directions

TARGET AUDIENCE & PURPOSE

- Give to all emerging readers (kindergarten and 1st grade) or older students (Grades 2-12) whom you suspect are not mastering sight words at an appropriate pace.
- Allows for quick identification of a student's mastery of and automaticity with sight word identification.

WHAT IS ASSESSED

This survey assesses sight word recognition and accuracy. The term "sight word" can refer to a high-frequency word, or to any word (high-frequency or not) that is read automatically, without conscious effort. In the context of this assessment, the term "sight word" refers to the high-frequency words from the Dolch 220 list. A variety of Dolch 220 high-frequency words are presented in context (in simple, short sentences) and in isolation.

MATERIALS

- · Sight Word Fluency Survey Student Page
- Sight Word Fluency Survey Recording & Scoring Form
- Pen or pencil

ADMINISTRATION

- Give student a copy of the Student Page.
- · See page 4 for suggested administration script.

RECORDING

Use the Recording & Scoring Form:

- Place checkmark (√) next to correct responses:
 - Set 1: Place checkmark (√) in the appropriate box (A = Words Read Automatically or E = Words Read with Effort). Words Read Automatically are words the student correctly reads quickly, without hesitation. Words Read with Effort are words the student correctly reads after some hesitation or apparent effort.
 - Set 2: Place checkmark (\checkmark) in the appropriate column (Words Read Automatically or Words Read with Effort).
- For errors, record the student's incorrect response in the space provided.
 - When the student misreads the same word multiple times, record all incorrect responses.
- Self-Corrections are words that the student reads incorrectly the first time, but then goes back and correctly reads
 independently with no prompting. If the student self-corrects, write the incorrect response on the line provided
 after the target word, circle the target word, and write the letters SC next to the incorrect response.
- If the student makes no attempt to read a word or says "I don't know," check NT for No Try (Set 1), or write NT next to the target word (Set 2).
- Record additional comments and observations in the spaces provided.

SCORING

After administration:

- Tally correct responses for each part (Sets 1 and 2).
- Self-corrections **DO** count as errors.
- Total all correct responses (Words Read Automatically and Words Read with Effort).
- See pages 3-4 for several scoring examples.

Administration Script for Sight Word Fluency Surveys

Step 1

• Give student the page titled "Words and Sentences to Read."

Step 2

- Introduce survey to student. Say:
 - I am going to ask you to read these sentences and words.
 - I won't time you.
 - o Do your very best reading. It is more important to read accurately than fast.
 - Please read slowly enough so I can take notes.

Step 3

- Guide student to read the page.
 - Set 1—Point and say:
 - Please read these sentences, one at a time.
 - Set 2—Point and say:
 - Please read these words.
 - Start here (point to the first word) and read across the page (point to the last word in the first row).

Step 4

- Optional—Tell the student how many words he or she read correctly.
 - Count the number of checkmarks for words read correctly in each set: Automatically (A) or With Effort (E).
 - Say, "You read _____ words correctly!"
- Dismiss the student or continue with other scheduled assessments.

Step 5

- For each set, total the number of words in each column, and record the total in the appropriate boxes for Set 1 and Set 2:
 - Read Automatically (A)
 - Read with Effort (E)
 - Misread, then Self-Corrected (target word circled and marked with SC)

Step 6

- Total the words read correctly on the recording form (Sets 1 and 2):
 - Add together the total number of words read correctly in Sets 1 and 2 (Words Read Automatically and Words Read with Effort). Record this number at the bottom of the Recording Form in the Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 + Set 2) box.
- Remember, self-corrections DO count as errors, so those should not be counted in the Total Words Read Correctly box.

Scoring Guidelines

Sight Word Surveys can now be entered into the Grouping Matrix. If your school has an account, simply scroll down on the Student Record page. Results can be entered through Live Assess or Enter New Score. If you utilize Live Assess, it will score and enter the results into the Student Record for you. The Student Record will also tell you where the student is at mastering sight words according to the sight word levels.

If you need access to the Grouping Matrix please email us at groupingmatrix@reallygreatreading.com with your State, District and School names. Follow the guidelines and examples below for scoring the students' responses to the sight words on the survey by hand.

Scoring Words in Sentences (Set 1)

Score the words read correctly in sentences (Set 1) by placing a checkmark (\checkmark) next to the word in the appropriate box. The boxes are labeled A for Read Automatically and E for Read with Effort. See example 1 below.

If a student misreads a word in one of the sentences, write his incorrect response(s) on the line(s) provided to the right of the target word. See example 2 below.

If a student misreads a word in one of the sentences and then self-corrects without prompting, write his incorrect response on the line provided, and mark it with an SC. See example 3 below.

If a student skips over a word, check the box labeled NT for No Try. You may also wish to circle any words the student misreads in the grade level boxes to the right of the sentences on the recording form. This will help you easily identify any particular grade levels (Pre-Primer through 3rd Grade) of sight words with which the student struggled.

EXAMPLE 1

The student read the sentence "They walk." accurately. The word "they" was read automatically (A), and the word "walk" was read with effort (E). Place a checkmark (\checkmark) next to each word in the appropriate box.

EXAMPLE 2

The student misread the word "funny" as "fun" and did not self-correct. Write "fun" on the line provided to the right of the target word.

EXAMPLE 3

The student misread the word "so" as "such" and then self-corrected. Write "such" on the line provided to the right of the target word "so," and then circle the target word and write SC to the right of the word to indicate a self-correction.

		Sight Word Fluency Survey Recording Form Check appropriate box below. Circle target word for self-corrections (SC).	PP	Р	1st
1	1-2	They VENT walk AVNT		they	walk
2	3-6	I A E NT am A E NT	I, funny	am, so	
		SOMENT SUCH SC funny MENT fun .			
3	7-10	We AENT like AENT	we, to,	like	
		to AENT play AENT	play		

Scoring Words in Isolation (Set 2)

Score the words read correctly in isolation (Set 2) by placing a checkmark (\checkmark) next to the word in the appropriate column: Read Automatically or Read with Effort. Remember that self-corrections (indicated by marking with SC) **DO** count as errors. See examples 4 and 5 below.

If a student skips over a word, write NT, for No Try, next to the target word.

If a student misreads a word in isolation, write the incorrect response(s) in the Words Read Incorrectly column. See example 6 below.

EXAMPLE 4

The student read the words "look," "down," and "see" accurately. The word "look" was read with effort, the word "down" was read automatically, and the word "see" was read with effort. Place a checkmark (\checkmark) in the appropriate column for each word.

EXAMPLE 5

The student misread the word "there" as "they" and then self-corrected. Write the word "they" in the Read Incorrectly (I) column, and mark with an SC to indicate a self-correction.

EXAMPLE 6

The student misread the word "now" as "no" and did not self-correct. Write the incorrect response in the Read Incorrectly (I) column.

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
		36 look				
4 -	e-	37 down		-		
	Prime	38 see			<u> </u>	
5—		39 make				
		40 there	they SC			
6—	rier	41 now	no			
	Prim	42 all				
		43 out				

Sight Word Skill Levels

The following guidelines can be used to determine a student's level of proficiency with the sight words on the Sight Word Fluency Survey. These are basic guidelines based upon the number of words at each grade level on the survey. Note that the survey only assesses students' proficiency with the specific words that have been included in the sentences and in isolation. There may be many sight words not included on the survey that a student has already mastered. The survey is simply meant to paint a broad and general picture of a student's proficiency with sight words at various grade levels. Below is a breakdown of the number of words from each level on the surveys.

Pre-Primer:25 words
Pre-Primer – 25

Primer: 25 words Pre-Primer – 8 Primer – 17 1st Grade: 50 Words Pre-Primer – 12 Primer – 13 1st Grade – 25 2nd Grade: 50 Words Pre-Primer – 7 Primer – 9 1st Grade – 9 2nd Grade –25 3rd Grade: 50 Words Pre-Primer – 7 Primer – 5 1st Grade – 6 2nd Grade – 7 3rd Grade –25

	Beginning of Year			Middle of Year			End of Year		
Assessment Name	Low	Emerging	On Track	Low	Emerging	On Track	Low	Emerging	On Track
Kinder Pre-Primer	0-25%	25%-60%	>60%	0-45%	45%-75%	>75%	0-75%	75%-90%	>90%
Kinder Primer	0-25%	25%-60%	>60%	0-45%	45%-75%	>75%	0-75%	75%-90%	>90%
1 st Grade	0-50%	50%-75%	>75%	0-60%	61%-80%	>80%	0-75%	75%-90%	>90%
2 nd Grade	0-50%	50%-75%	>75%	0-60%	61%-80%	>80%	0-75%	75%-90%	>90%
3 rd Grade	0-50%	50%-75%	>75%	0-60%	61%-80%	>80%	0-75%	75%-90%	>90%

Utilizing the Results to Drive Instruction

Instructional Recommendations:

- You may wish to provide explicit instruction in reading with automaticity the specific words on the survey that a student has not mastered.
- You may wish to create flash cards with the words that students read incorrectly on the survey to provide students with additional practice.
- You may wish to ask students to read additional words from the Dolch 220 list to determine if they have mastered sight words other than those on this survey.
- You can also use the survey results as a guide for identifying the grade levels of the Dolch 220 sight word list with which a student needs more practice.

If you observe students reading the words on this survey accurately but slowly, this is an indication that students should work on the speed with which they can recognize sight words. You can do this by utilizing flash cards and speed drills or through the Heart Word activities on Countdown Online, Blast Online, and HD Word Online.

You should take note of students who consistently read sight words incorrectly and then self-correct. These students may need additional practice with slowing down and paying attention to every word, including sight words, while reading connected text.

Set 1

- 1. I see.
- 2. Look down.
- 3. Run to me.
- 4. Can you help?
- 5. Where is it?
- 6. Come jump and play.

said	for	go
the	we	little
here	not	

Student	Grade	FOUNDATIONA	AL.
Examiner	Date	SKILLS ASSESSME	NT
		SIGHT WORD SURVEY	PRE-PRIMER

	Sight Word Fluency Survey Recording Form Check appropriate box below. Circle target word for self-corrections (SC).					
1-2	I A E NT	see AENT				
3-4	Look AENT	down AEN	1			
5-7	1	to AENT				
8-10	l	\$ YOU AENT				
11-13	l					
14-17	l	jump AEN				
Total Set Correctly	1 Words Read y (A + E)	Total A	Total E	Total SC(Self-correction)	Observations: Quick to guess Slow	

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
. 10	18	said				
Pre- Primer	19	for				
_ ~	20	go				
	21	the				
<u>.</u>	22	we				
Primer	23	little				
<u>~</u>	24	here				
	25	not				
Total Set 2 Words Read Correctly (A + E)			Total SC(Self-correction)	Total A	Total E	Observations:
Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 & Set 2)			Total Words Self-corrected (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read Automatically (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read with Effort (Set 1 & Set 2)	☐ Quick to guess ☐ Slow

Set 1

- 1. I went in.
- 2. Did they eat?
- 3. She will jump.
- 4. Please come here now.
- 5. He was under there.

one my away
out all that
but with

Student	Grade	FOUNDATIONAL	
Examiner	Date	SKILLS ASSESSMENT	
		SIGHT WORD SURVEY	PRIMER

				vey Recording Form arget word for self-correc		PP	P
	1-3		went AENT			I, in	went
_	4-6		they AENT				did, they, eat
Set	7-9		will AENT			jump	she, will
	10-13		come AEN			come, here	please, now
	14-17		was AEN				he, was, under, there
	Total Set Correctly	1 Words Read , (A + E)	Total A	Total E	Total SC(Self-correction)	Observations: Quick to gues Levels of particul PP	ar <u>d</u> ifficulty:

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
. 6	18	one				
Pre- Primer	19	my				
<u> </u>	20	away				
	21	out				
<u>.</u>	22	all				
Primer	23	that				
<u>-</u>	24	but				
	25	with				
Total Set 2 Words Read Correctly (A + E)			Total SC(Self-correction)	Total A	Total E	Observations:
Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 & Set 2)			Total Words Self-corrected (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read Automatically (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read with Effort (Set 1 & Set 2)	☐ Quick to guess ☐ Slow Levels of particular difficulty: ☐ PP ☐ P

Set 1

- 1. They walk.
- 2. I am so old.
- 3. We like to fly.
- 4. When will his ride come?
- 5. What could he take?
- 6. Just let me know.
- 7. She did not ask him again.
- 8. Then help her after you stop.

look	down	where
here	all	out
have	over	of
were	think	any
going	some	every

Student	Grade
Examiner	Date

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

SIGHT WORD SURVEY 1ST GRADE

	Sig Check approp	PP	Р	1st			
1-2	They AENT	walk AENT				they	walk
3-6	IAENT	am AENT			ı	am, so	old
	SO AENT	old AENT_	·				
7-10	We AENT	like AENT			we, to	like	fly
	to AENT	fly AENT_	·				
11-15	When AENT_	will AENT	his 🗚	E NT	come	will, ride	when, his
	ride AENT	come AENT	ş				
16-19	What AENT _	could AENT				what, he	could, take
	he AENT	take AENT	ś				luke
20-23	Just AENT	let AENT_			me		just, let, know
	me AENT	know AENT	·				KIIOW
24-29	She AENT	did AENT	not A	E NT	not	she, did	ask, him,
	ask AENT	him AENT_	again 🏻	A E NT			again
30-35	Then AENT	help AENT	her 🖪	ENT	help, you		then, her, after, stop
	after AENT	you AENT_	stop 🖪	ENT			arier, stop
Total Set Correctly	1 Words Read y (A + E)	Total A	Total E	Total SC(Self-correction)	—	guess Surticular difficu	

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
	36	look				
Pre- Primer	37	down				
Prii P	38	where				
	39	here				
ē	40	all				
Primer	41	out				
<u> </u>	42	have				
	43	over				
	44	of				
<u>o</u>	45	were				
rad	46	think				
1st Grade	47	any				
=	48	going				
	49	some				
	50	every				
Total Se Correct	t 2 W	ords Read + E)	Total SC	Total A	Total E	Observations:
		_	(Self-correction)	loidi A	loidi E	Observations.
Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 & Set 2)			Total Words Self-corrected (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read Automatically (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read with Effort (Set 1 & Set 2)	Quick to guess Slow Levels of particular difficulty: PP P 1

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Set 1

- 1. Pull it off first.
- 2. Those were found around her.
- 3. You will soon know why.
- 4. Would she write to him?
- 5. Both of us are right.
- 6. They have read this play before.
- 7. That is your best work.

where	find	into	
every	over	them	
put	call	or	
been	does	because	
very	don't	their	

Student	Grade
Examiner	Date

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

SIGHT WORD SURVEY 2ND GRADE

		ht Word Fluency Surv oriate box below. Circle ta	rey Recording Form	ns (SC).	PP	Р	1st	2nd
1-4	Pull AENT	it AENT_			it			pull, off, first
	off AENT	first AENT_	·					011, 11131
5-9	Those AENT	were AENT	found AE	NT			were, her	those, found,
	around AENT_	her AENT _	·				Hei	around
10-14	You AENT	will AENT _	soon AE	NT]	you	will,	know	why
	know AENT	why AENT_	·			soon		
15-19	Would AENT _	she AENT_	write AE	NT	to	she	him	would, write
	to AENT	him AENT_	ŝ					wille
20-24	Both AENT	of AENT_	US A E NT			are	of	both,
	are AENT	right AENT_	·					us, right
25-30	They AENT	have AENT	read AE	NT	play	they,		read, before
	this AENT	play AENT_	before AE	NT		have, this		pelore
30-35	That AENT	is AENT_	your AEA	NT.	is	that		your, best,
	best AENT	work AENT	·					work
	t 1 Words Read ly (A + E)	Total A		otal SC elf-correction)		to guess particular	Slow	□ 2

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
Pre-		where				
Primer	37	find				
Primer	38	into				
Φ	39	every				
rad	40	over				
1st Grade	41	them				
	42	put				
	43	call				
	44	or				
9	45	been				
2nd Grade	46	does				
) pu	47	because				
2	48	very				
	49	don't				
	50	their				
Total Set 2 Words Read Correctly (A + E)		ords Read + E)	Total SC(Self-correction)	Total A	Total E	Observations:
Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 & Set 2)			Total Words Self-corrected (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read Automatically (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read with Effort (Set 1 & Set 2)	Quick to guess Slow Levels of particular difficulty: PP P 1 2

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Set 1

- 1. Don't hold the fly.
- 2. Today was much better.
- 3. Never bring an open drink.
- 4. That is always a long show.
- 5. Together we shall eat these.
- 6. Try to keep her warm.
- 7. Laugh about it before I wash.

pretty	our	round
once	their	does
kind	eight	myself
start	only	done
light	hurt	carry

Student	Grade
Examiner	Date

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

SIGHT WORD SURVEY 3RD GRADE

		ht Word Fluency Sur priate box below. Circle t			PP	P	1st	2nd	3rd
1-4	Don't AENT	hold AENT			the		fly	don't	hold
	the AENT	fly AENT_	·						
5-8	Today AENT_	was AENT				was			today, much,
	much AENI_	better AEN	Ī						better
9-13	Never AENT_	bring AENI	an A	ENT			an, open		never,
	open AENT	drink AENT	·				Орсп		bring, drink
14-19	That AENT	is AENT	always	AENT	is, a	that		always	long,
	a AENT	long AENT	show[A E NT					show
20-24	Together AEN	we AEN	shall [AENT	we	eat		these	together,
	eat AENT	these AENT]						Shaii
25-29	Try AENT	to AENT	keep[AENT	to		her		try,
	her AENT	warm A E NT]						keep, warm
30-35	Laugh AENI	about AENI	[it A	ENT	it, I			before,	laugh,
	before AENT_	IAENT	wash [A E NT				wash	about
	et 1 Words Read					vations		7.01	
Correc	tly (A + E)	Total A	Total E	Total SC	1 -	ck to gu	ess <u>L</u> cular diff	Slow	
		loidi A	Total E	(Self-correction)	PP				3

			Read Incorrectly (I)	Read Automatically (A)	Read with Effort (E)	Notes
Primer	36	pretty				
Tillie	37	our				
1st		round				
Grade	39	once				
2nd	_	their				
Grade	41	does				
	42	kind				
	43	eight				
	44	myself				
<u>e</u>	45	start				
3rd Grade	46	only				
5	47	done				
<u></u>	48	light				
	49	hurt				
	50	carry				
Total Set 2 Words Read Correctly (A + E)			Total SC(Self-correction)	Total A	Total E	Observations:
Total Words Read Correctly (Set 1 & Set 2)			Total Words Self-corrected (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read Automatically (Set 1 & Set 2)	Total Words Read with Effort (Set 1 & Set 2)	☐ Quick to guess ☐ Slow Levels of particular difficulty: ☐ PP ☐ P ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

Set 1

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