Using the Countdown Reading Playground as Formative Assessment



Game Choice Rationale

Three Reading Playground games from each unit can be utilized as formative assessments. The games were chosen for their ability to showcase your students' abilities as accurately as possible without face-to-face interaction. Each game assesses a unique skill taught within the current unit. The concepts targeted in the assessment games are phonemic awareness, phonics, letter identification, letter-sound correspondence, decoding, and encoding. In total, the three games used as formative assessment will not address every skill taught within a unit, but will focus on newly acquired knowledge first.

Formative Assessment Goal

These particular games are not meant to provide a grade that can/should be used on a report card. They are meant to inform the teacher of the most appropriate next steps for each student. Teachers can use the benchmark scores given in the table beginning on p. 2 of this document to determine which students are on their way to proficiency and which students would benefit from additional instruction and practice. A chart of possible methods for this instruction and practice is provided beginning on p. 2.

Organization of Units

Each unit in the Reading Playground corresponds directly with a unit in Countdown.

After choosing a unit, you will see nine games. The games are numbered left-to-right and then top-to-bottom. The games that can be utilized as formative assessment are listed by number beginning on p. 2.



Unit Menu

Benchmark Scores and Instructional Recommendations

The instructional recommendations in the chart below include:

Instruction review/practice from the Countdown Teacher Guides:

Conduct a review of a particular lesson part or watch an animation within a lesson in *Countdown Online*.

Additional Activities for Practice:

Utilize extra activities for practice. The Teacher Guide for these activities are located in Supplemental Resources under PDF Resources. The online component for the lessons can be found in Countdown Online near the bottom of the main drop down menu.

Games from the Countdown Reading Playground:

This would be a great option for students who simply need more practice rather than needing a reteaching. It could also be used as practice AFTER reteaching has occurred.

Pages from the Countdown Student Workbooks:

Go through the activity on screen in Countdown Online.



Accessing the Formative Assessment Game Data

On the left side of your Teacher Portal, choose Reports and then By Activity. Accuracy for each game is listed as a percentage correct. This accuracy percentage can be used in combination with the benchmark chart below to determine next steps for each student or group of students.

General Recommendations Per Skill

Beginning Sound Isolation

Choose any of the following activities from any unit in the Teacher Guides:

Peel That Sound

Peel and Sort

Peel and Say

Peel and Match

This or That?

Blending Phonemes

Syllables:

Mystery Bag: Blending Compound Words (Unit 2)

Onset-Rime:

Mystery Bag: Onset-Rime (Unit 2)

What's That Word?: Onset-Rime (Unit 3)

Phonemes (Sounds):

Mystery Bag: Sounds (Units 4 and up)

What's That Word?: Sounds (Units 4 and up)

Segmenting/Counting Phonemes

Choose any of the following activities from any unit in the Teacher Guides:

Stretch Those Sounds

Count the Sounds

Count, Touch & Say (Additional Activities for Practice in Supplemental

Resources)

Letter-Sound/Sound-Letter Matching

Choose any of the following activities from the current unit or any before it in the Teacher Guides:

Find That Letter

This Letter or That?

Connect the Letter

Which Letter?

Which One? (Additional Activities for Practice in Supplemental Resources)

Encoding/Spelling

Choose any of the following activities from the current unit or any before it in the Teacher Guides:

Build a Word

Unscramble This

Guess My Word

Decoding/Reading/Blending Letter Sounds

Use the following activity from the current unit or any before it in the Teacher Guides:

Touch & Say

Under each Game Name, you will find the alignment of the skills assessed in that game to the <u>Kindergarten</u> Common Core Foundational Skills Standards for Reading.

U: Unit L: Lesson G: Game

					Lesson Review/Praction	cal Recommendations	
Uni	Game Number & Name	Benchmark Score	Mastery	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE & ANIMATIONS	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
	1 Beginning, Middle, End	>0097	nearing	U1, L5, P1: • Beginning/Middle/End Addresses Game 1			
1	2 Animals vs. People	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	U1, L3, P1:Concept Sort: Things WeEat vs. Things We WearAddresses Game 2		U1, G8:Concept Sort: Toys vs.FoodGame 2	
	7 Before or After	≤59%	re-teach	U1, L4, P1:Before/After (Temporal) Addresses Game 7			
	Which words rhyme? RF.K.2, RF.K.d	> 0.007	nearing	U1, L2, P3: • Hear That Rhyme Addresses Game 2	SRA 1.1, 1.2, 1.3:		
2	Peel and Match: BSI RF.K.2, RF.K.2.a	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	U2, L1, P1:Peel That Sound Addresses Game 6U2, L5, P3:	Rhyme Time Game 2SRA 3.1, 3.2:Rhyming Sentences		
	7 Blending Onset and Rime RF.K.2, RF.K.2.c	≤59%	re-teach	Mystery Bag: Blending Onset-Rime Addresses Game 7	Game 2		
	Peel and Match: BSI RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	>000	nearing	U3, L2, P1: • Peel and Sort Addresses Game 5			
3	Blending Onset-Rime RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	U3, L3, P3:What's That Word?:Onset-RimeAddresses Game 6		U3, G3: • Peel and Sort: BSI: /r/ vs. /p/ Games 5 & 8	
	Touch the Beginning Sound RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≤59%	re-teach	U3, L3, P1:Peel That Sound Addresses Game 8			
	Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	> 0 077	nearing 	U4, L1, P3: • Mystery Bag: Blending		U4, G5: • Mystery Bag: BSI	
4	Peel and Match: BSI RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	Sounds Addresses Game 2 U4, L2, P1:		Games 3 & 6 U4, G7: • Mystery Bag: Blending	
	Touch the Same Beginning Sound RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≤59%	re-teach	Peel and Say Addresses Games 3 & 6		Sounds Game 2	

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	3	Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	> 0.007	nearing	U5, L1, P3:		U5, G1: • Peel and Match: BSI			
5	5	Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	What's That Word? Addresses Games 3 & 5 U5, L4, P1: This or That?		Game 7 U5, G8: • Mystery Bag: Blending			
	7	Touch the Same Beginning Sound RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≤59%	re-teach	Addresses Game 7		Sounds Games 3 & 5			
	2	Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a	≥80%	nearing proficiency	U6, L2, P3:	SRA 11.1:	U6, G6: • Letter-Sound Sort: /p/ vs.			
6	7	Sound-Letter Match RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	60%-79%	practice	Stretch Those Sounds Addresses Game 2 U6, L3, P1: Peel and Match	• Count, Touch & Say Game 2 SRA 13.1: • Find That Letter	/a/ Games 7 & 8 U6, G9: • Touch the Number of			
	8	Touch the Same Beginning Sound RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≤59%	re-teach	Addresses Game 8	Game 7	Phonemes Game 2			
	1	Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	>000	nearing	U7, L3, P1:	SRA 11.2:	U7, G3:			
7	4	Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	What's That Word? Addresses Game 1 U7, L5, P1: Connect the Letter	• Count, Touch & Say Game 4 SRA 14.1: • Which One?	 Letter-Sound Match Game 8 U7, G2/G5/G6: Letter-Sound Sort 			
	8	Sound-Letter Match RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a	≤59%	re-teach		Addresses Game 8	Game 8	Game 8		
	2	Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	> 0.00%	nearing	U8, L2, P1:		U6, G1:			
8	3	Sound-Letter Match RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79%	proticiency	Stretch Those Sounds Addresses Game 2 U8, L5, P1: Connect the Letter	SRA 14.2: • Which One? Game 3	Blending Sounds Game 5U8, G9:Letter-Sound Match			
	5	Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a	≤59%	re-teach	Addresses Game 3		Game 3			

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Uni	Game Number & Name	Benchmark Score	Mastery	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE & ANIMATIONS	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
9	Blending Sounds RE.K.2, RE.K.2.d Touch the Same Beginning Sound RE.K.2, RE.K.2.d Sound-Letter Match RE.K.3, RE.K.3.a	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	U9, L1, P3: • Which Letter? Addresses Games 3 & 7	SRA 8.1: • Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds Game 2	 U8, G4: Touch the Beginning Sound Game 3 U9, G4: Letter-Sound Match Game 7 	
10	Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	U10, L2, P3: • Build a Word Addresses Games 4 & 5 U10, L4, P2: • Stretch Those Sounds Addresses Game 1	SRA 15.1: • Guess My Word Game 5	U10, G8: • Complete It: CVC Words Game 5	
11	Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Choose the Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	U11, L4, P3: • Build a Word Addresses Games 2 & 9 U11, L2, P1: • Guess My Word Addresses Games 2 & 9	SRA 11.3: • Count, Touch & Say Game 7	U11, G1/G4: • Letter-Sound Sorts Game 2	
12	Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Sound-Letter Match RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	 U12, L2, P1: Stretch Those Sounds Addresses Game 9 U12, L4, P3: Build a Word Addresses Games 5 & 6 	SRA 14.3: • Which One? Games 5 &6	U12, G2: • Complete It: CVC Words Games 5 & 6	

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Unii		Benchmark Score	Mastery	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE & ANIMATIONS	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
13	Choose the Number of Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b Unscramble It: CVC Words RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	60%-79%	nearing oroficiency practice re-teach	U13, L4, P1: • Touch & Say Addresses Game 3 U13, L4, P2: • Stretch Those Sounds Addresses Game 1	SRA 17.1: • Unscramble This Game 9	U13, G2: • Letter-Sound Sort: /a/ vs. /e/ vs. /o/ Games 3 & 9 U13, G4: • Letter-Sound Match Games 3 & 9	
14	Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b Unscramble It: CVC Words RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	60%-79%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	 U9, L4, P1: Count the Sounds Addresses Game 8 U14, L4, P3: Build a Word Addresses Games 5 & 9 	SRA 18.1: • Which Letter? Game 5	 U14, G2: Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds Games 5 & 9 U14, G4: Sound-Letter Match Games 5 & 9 	
15	Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Choose the Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b Unscramble It: CVC Words RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	60%-79%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	 U10, L5, P1: Count the Sounds Addresses Game 6 U15, L1, P3: Touch & Say Addresses Games 3 & 9 	SRA 18.2: • Which Letter? Games 3 & 9	U15, G7: • Letter-Sound Match Games 3 & 9	
16	2 Mystery Bag: Blending Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d 5 Complete It: CVC Words RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d 7 Sort by Number of Sounds RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b	60%-79%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	U11, L5, P1: • Count the Sounds Addresses Game 7 U16, L4, P3: • Build a Word Addresses Games 2 & 5		U16, G3: • Unscramble This Games 2 & 5 U16, G8: • Sound-Letter Match Game 5	

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17	2 RF. 4 Tou	ould it be a word? .K.2, RF.K.2.d uch the Vowel Sound .K.3 ort by Number of Sounds .K.2	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach		 U12, L4, P1: Count the Sounds Game 9 U17, L1: Vowels vs. Consonants; Names vs. Sounds Game 2 U17, L3: Short Vowel Phonemes and Motions Games 2 & 4 	U17, G1: • Touch the Consonant or Vowel Game 2 U17, G8: • Short a vs. Short i Game 4	U17, L2: • Consonant vs. Vowel Sort; Word Sort - Could It Be a Word? Game 2
18	3 Vo 4 Vo RF. Tou (a,	wel-Consonant vs. Not owel-Consonant Pattern .K.2 uch the Long Vowel Sound , i, o, u) .K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, .K.3.b	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - short a, long a, long i, long o, long u Addresses Games 3 & 6 SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Vowel Sounds in Español Addresses Games 2 & 3 U18, L3: • Vowel-Consonant Pattern Addresses Game 4	U18, L3: • Build words with the Vowel-Consonant Pattern Game 4	U18, G1: • Sort by Number of Sounds Game 3	U18, L5: • Spell It! Games 3 & 4
19	RF. Bui Wc RF. RF. Un 9 RF.	omplete It: CVC Words .K.3, RF.K.3.a, RF.K.3.b sild A Word: Nonsense ords, Short a .K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a, .K.3.b scramble It: CVC Words .K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a,	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach		U19, L3: • Build Nonsense Words All Games	U19, G4: • Touch the Vowel Sound (short a, short i, long a, long i) All Games	U19, L5: • Spell It! All Games
20	Bui 6 RF. Tou 8 Co	ortivs. Longi .K.2, RF.K.2.d sild a Word: Digraph sh .K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a uch the Picture with the prrect Vowel Sound .K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - Short i, Long i Addresses Game 1 U20, L3: • Digraph sh Addresses Game 2 SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Digraph sh in Español Addresses Game 2	U20, L2: • Segment Words with Short i and Long i Games 1 & 8 U20, L3: • Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words Game 6	U20, G2: • Digraph vs. No Digraph Game 6	U20, L4: • Word Sort Games 6 & 8

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Unit	Game Number & Name	Score	Mastery	ANIMATIONS	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
	Short u vs. Long u 1 RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80%	nearing proficiency	Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - Short u, Long u Addresses Game 1	U21, L2: • Segment Words with Short u and Long u		
21	Digraph vs. No Digraph RF.K.3	60%-79%	practice	• Digraph th Addresses Games 2 & 6	Game 1 U21, L3: Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words Games 2 & 6	U21, G7: • /t/ vs. /th/ vs. /sh/ Games 2 & 6	U21, L4:Detective WorkGames 2 & 6
	Build a Word: Digraphs sh & th RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a	≤59%	re-teach	SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Digraph th in Español Addresses Games 2 & 3			
	Short o vs. Long o RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d		nearing	Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - Short o, Long o Addresses Game 1 U20, L3:	U22, L2:		
22	Build a Word: Digraphs sh & th RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	proficiency practice re-teach	Digraph sh Addresses Games 4 & 8 U21, L3: Digraph th Addresses Games 4 & 8	Segment Words with Short o and Long o Game 1 U22, L3: Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words	U22, G6: • Sound-Letter Match: Digraphs sh & th Games 4 & 8	U22, L5: • Spell It! Game 4
	Touch the Picture with the Digraph Sound RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a			SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Digraph sh in Español and Digraph th in Español Addresses Games 2 & 3	Games 4 & 8		
	Short e vs. Long e RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d			Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - Short e, Long e Addresses Game 1 U23, L3:	U23, L2:		
23	Build a Word: Digraphs ch & wh RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	 Digraph ch Addresses Game 3 U23, L3: Digraph wh Addresses Game 3 	Segment Words with Short e and Long e Game 1 U23, L3: Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words	U23, L2: • Digraph vs. No Digraph Game 3	U23, L4: • Word Sort All Games
	Touch the Short Vowel Sound (a, i, o, u) RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a			SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Digraph ch in Español and Digraph wh in Español Addresses Game 3	Game 3		

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Uni	Game Number & Name	Score	Mastery	ANIMATIONS	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
24	Touch the Vowel Sound (short e, long e, short u, long u) RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a Build a Word: Digraph ck RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Complete It: Spellings of /k/	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	Supplemental Resources: • Vowel Sound Animations - Short e, Long e, Short u, Long u Addresses Game 1 U24, L3: • Digraph ck Addresses Games 4 & 6 SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Digraph ck in Español	 U24, L2: Stretch Words with Short and Long Vowels Game 2 U24, L3: Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words Game 3 	U24, G4: • Build a Word: Digraph ck	U24, L5: • Spell It! All Games
	RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a			Addresses Games 1 & 3			
25	Build a Word: all vs. al RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d Sound-Letter Match: Digraphs RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a Delete That Sound	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	U25, L3: • Chunk all Addresses Game 4 SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Chunk -ALL in Español Addresses Game 2	U25, L2: • Optional Extension Activity: Delete That Sound Addresses Game 8	U25, G6: • Build a Word: Digraphs Game 7	U25, L4: • Word Sort Game 7
	Choose the Number of Sounds RF.K.2, RF.K.2.d			1124 12:	U25, L2: • Segment Words with Sound Buddies & Optional Challenge: Stretch Words with Five Sounds Game 1	U25, G2: • Sort by Number of Sounds Game 1	
26	Build a Word: 2-Sound Blends RF.K.2.d, RF.K.3, RF.K.3.a	≥80% 60%-79% ≤59%	nearing proficiency practice re-teach	 U26, L3: 2-Sound Blends Addresses Games 2 & 4 SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: 2-Sound Blends in Español Addresses Games 2 & 3 	 U26, L2: Segment Words with Sound Buddies Game 1 U26, L3: Build Real Words (YOU DO) All Games U26, L3: Optional Challenge: Build Silly Words with 2-Sound Blends All Games 	U26, G7: • Build a Word: 2-Sound Blends All Games U26, G8: • Drag It: Digraphs vs. Blends All Games	U26, L4: • Word Sort - How Many Sounds? Digraph or Blend? All Games
	Digraph vs. 2-Sound Blend RF.K.3						

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ι	Init	Game Number & Name	Score	Mastery	ANIMATIONS	LESSON REVIEW/PRACTICE	READING PLAYGROUND	WORKBOOK
		How many syllables? RF.K.2, RF.K.2.b		nearing	U27, L3: • Reading 2-Syllable Words	U27, L3: • Reading Two-Syllable		U27, L4: • Word Sort - How Many
	27	Build a Big Word RF.K.2.b, RF.K.3	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	Addresses All Games SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Multisyllabic Words in	Words (YOU DO) All Games U27, L3: • Optional Challenge: Read		Syllables? All Games U27, L5: • Two-Syllable Word
		Choose the First Syllable RF.K.3	≤59%	re-teach	Español Addresses All Games	Two-Syllable Silly Words All Games		Reading All Games
		Mystery Bag: Blending 1 Syllables RF.K.2, RF.K.2.b		nearing	U27, L3: • Reading 2-Syllable Words	U28, L3: • Mystery Bag Syllable Stomp (YOU DO) Game 1	U27, G2: • How Many Syllables? Game 3	U28, L4: • Word Sort - How Many
	28	3 How many syllables?	≥80% 60%-79%	proficiency	Addresses All Games SPANISH RESOURCES - VIDEOS: • Multisyllabic Words in Español Addresses All Games	U28, L3: • Reading Two-Syllable Words (YOU DO) All Games U28, L3: • Optional Challenge: Read Two-Syllable Silly Words All Games	 U27, G7: Sort by Number of Syllables Game 3 U27, G4: Build a Big Word Game 4 	Syllables? Games 3 and 4 U28, L5: • Two-Syllable Word Reading Games 3 and 4
		Build a Big Word RF.K.2.b, RF.K.3	≤59%					

