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INTRODUCTION

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Many teachers of beginning readers like to confirm their informal observations on a regular basis. For this reason, we have provided you with a set of Springboard Benchmark Cards, Records of Reading Behaviour, and a High-Frequency Word Checklist.

We suggest that you use the Benchmark Cards and the Records of Reading Behaviour:

- within the first two to three weeks of the year to establish a baseline.
- at the conclusion of the levels. We suggest that you check the progress of average readers and those students having difficulty with the reading process at the end of every level. It is not necessary to check every level with readers making accelerated progress. You may want to do this once a month or at the end of every third level, or be guided by school policy.
- at other times if you think that a student is ready to progress to more challenging reading material. Students do not have to read every book in every level.
- when there is a significant, unexplained change in a student's reading behaviour.
- before reporting to parents.
- at the end of the school year.

Keep these Benchmark Card records in the student's individual assessment portfolio. You can use them to make comparisons with the previous record to find out whether the student has:

- read fluently.
- demonstrated understanding of the content.
- applied the strategies.
- demonstrated progress in the acquisition of skills.

You can also use the Benchmark Cards and Records of Reading Behaviour in conjunction with formal and informal writing checks and any incidental observations you make. These tools will help you design your instructional programme and form ad hoc groups for particular instruction.

You may also wish to use the Benchmark Cards to check on:

- students' knowledge of different text types.
- students' ability to write from a given prompt – a Benchmark Card.
- students' ability to retell a story in written form.
- students' ability to write answers to comprehension questions.
- students' ability to understand information in graphic form such as charts and graphs.

The Benchmark Cards

There are two Benchmark Cards at each level – one fact and one fiction. The fiction cards have illustrations and the factual cards have photographs to support the text. Each card contains only one picture/photograph, as we believe that for the purposes of assessment the students should have the reading strategies to read text only at these levels. The Benchmark Cards at each level contain high-frequency words and skills that are taught at that level. For this reason, they are better suited to use after the students have been instructed at that level. The exit card for each level provides evidence as to whether a student is ready to proceed to the next level. There is no need to pretest at the beginning of each level. Two cards are provided at each level to give you choice.

The Records of Reading Behaviour

The Records of Reading Behaviour in this book are designed especially to help you:

- monitor the ongoing reading progress of the students in your class.
- find out which particular skills and strategies your students are using at any given time.
- determine comprehension levels.
- focus on specific needs of individual students.
- group together students with similar needs for reading instruction.
- choose books at an appropriate Springboard level for your students to read.
- standardise levels of performance across the different classes.

There is a separate record for each Springboard Benchmark Card. Each record contains all the information you need to gain a comprehensive picture of each student's reading ability. The left-hand page of each record contains areas for noting accuracy, cue and strategy use, fluency, and comprehension. The right-hand page contains a copy of the text for you to mark as the student reads aloud to you from the Benchmark Card.

Taking the Record

The Benchmark Cards are designed so that the student reads the entire card. The word count is upto 150 across the seven levels.

- 1 Sit the student beside you and explain that you want him or her to read the card independently. The only help you will give is to tell an unknown word if he or she gets really stuck. Stress that you would like the student to attempt everything.
- 2 Read the title and the introduction to the student.
- 3 Give the student the book and use the back of the Record form to mark the student's reading behaviour.
- 4 Read the introduction from the form if the student has not seen the text.
- 5 While the student reads the text, use the suggested notations to record all the reading behaviours the student exhibits.

When a student stops during reading, it is important that you allow enough time for him or her to work on a problem before you supply the word. It is also important that you do not wait so long that the student loses the meaning of the text while trying to solve the unknown word. Make a neutral comment such as "You try it," to help keep the process going. If necessary, tell the student the word.



Name:	Age:	Date	:	
Title:	Level:	Word	Count	
Introduction:				
Decoding Check:	Cue Use:		Е	SC
Decoung check.	Meaning (Semantics):		-	30
	Language structure (Sy	ntax).		
	Visual (Graphophonics)			
	Word similarity			
	Letter cluster:			
	Initial letter:			
Strategy Use:	Fluency:	ļ		
Searching	Fluent reading			
Monitoring 🛛	Non-fluent reading			
Self-correcting	Using punctuation			
Questions:				
Comprehension:				
comprehensive understanding ••••••	general understanding •		• •need	ls help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg	ies and comprehension			
Easy 🗇 Inst	ructional 🗖 🛛	Difficult		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
TOTAL				

[
Correct reading	check the word	you can see little tyres			
Miscue	write what the child says above the word in the text	you can see little tyres			
Insertion	insert the word the child says above the text using^	✓ ✓ ✓ <i>the</i> ✓ ✓ you can see,little tyres			
Omission	put a line over the word omitted	you can see little tyres			
Repeats a word	write R after the word repeated	you can see little tyres			
Repeats a number of words	write R and signify the phrase by an arrow over the words repeated	you can see little tyres			
Self-correct	write SC after the miscue	you can see little tyres			
No response	put a line over the word	you can see little tyres			
Appeals for help	write A above the word on which the child appealed	you can see little tyres			
Teacher tells	write T above the word that you supplied	you can see little tyres			

Scoring the Record

Substitutions, insertions, omissions, and teacher-told responses score as errors. Repetitions are not scored as errors. Corrected responses are scored as selfcorrections.

There is no penalty for attempts that result in a correct response:

w w went went

Multiple, unsuccessful attempts at a word score as one error only: will we when went

If there are alternative ways of scoring, credit the student with the fewest errors. The lowest score for any page is zero.

If a student omits a line or lines, each word omitted is counted as an error.

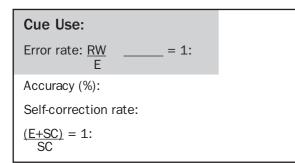
If the student omits a page, deduct the number of words on the page from the total word count.

If the student repeatedly makes an error with a proper noun (the name of a specific person or a place), count this as an error the first time only. All other incorrect responses count as errors each time:

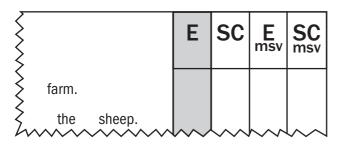
Paul	if repeated five times counts
Peter	as one error, whereas
Tooks Tooked	if repeated five times counts as five errors.

Pronunciation differences are not counted as reading errors unless accompanied by incorrect locating responses.

Decoding Check – Calculating Accuracy



1 On the Record of Reading Behaviour form, note the number of errors made on each line in the column marked 'E'.



2 Total the number of errors made and divide this into the number of words that the student has read. This will give you the error rate. For example, if the student read 100 words and made 10 errors, the error rate would be 1 in 10:

$$\frac{100}{10} = 1:10$$

For each Springboard Benchmark Card, the number of running words is entered in the heading and in the decoding check box.

Word Count: 100

3 Convert this to an accuracy percentage using the following table:

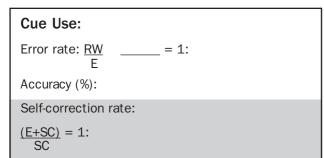
Error Rate	Accuracy %
1:200	99.5
1:100	99
1:50	98
1:35	97
1:25	96
1:20	95
1:17	94
1:14	93
1:12.5	92
1:11.75	91
1:10	90
1:9	89
1:8	87.5
1:7	85.7
1:6	83
1:5	80
1:4	75
1:3	66
1:2	50

For example:

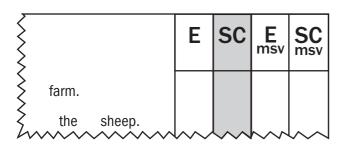
 $\frac{100}{10} = 1:10 = 90\%$ accuracy

4 Fill in the accuracy percentage on the Record of Reading Behaviour form.

Calculating the Self-Correction Rate



1 Note the number of self-corrections in each line, in the column marked 'SC' on the Record of Reading Behaviour form, and total them.



2 Add the number of uncorrected errors to the number of self-corrections, and divide this number by the number of selfcorrections. For example, if the student makes 10 errors and 5 self-corrections:

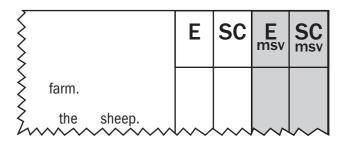
$$\frac{(10+5)}{5} = \frac{15}{5} = 1:3$$

For every 15 errors made, 5 are corrected, which gives a self-correction rate of 1:3. Or, put another way, the student corrects 1 of every 3 errors made. A self-correction rate of 1:3 to 1:5 is considered good, and tells you that the student is not only noticing discrepancies, but is also able to correct them while reading.

Checking on Cues

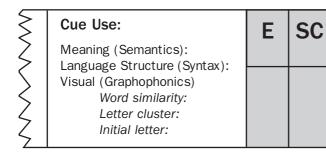
\leq	Cue Use:	Е	SC
	Meaning (Semantics): Language Structure (Syntax): Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:		

- 1 For each error, read the sentence up to the point of error and consider what is leading the student to make this mistake. Try to determine whether the student is using cues from the meaning (semantics), the structure of the language (syntax), the visual information contained in the print (graphophonics), or a combination of these.
- 2 In column 'E' (errors), note m (meaning), s (syntax) or v (visual information) for the cue or cues you think the student is using. Do this for each error.



- 3 Where the student is using visual information, that is, cues from the print, note whether the error is similar to the correct word at the whole-word level, letter-cluster level or initial-letter level.
- 4 For each self-correction, consider firstly what is leading the student to make this error. Note this in the 'E' column using m, s, or v as you would for an uncorrected error. Then consider what is leading the student to correct this error. Note the cue/cues you decide on in the 'SC' (self-correction) column.

5 Tally the cues used to find out which cue(s) the student is using predominantly. The aim is for the student to use all cue sources together in order to decode accurately. Note the predominant cues used for errors and self-corrections in the 'Cue Use' box.



Checking on Strategies

Strategy Use:	
Searching	
Monitoring	
Self-correcting	

The following tables show at a glance the strategies and behaviours you will be looking for as you take and analyse the Records of Reading Behaviour.

Levels 24–30 (Fluent) Strategies and Behaviours

STRATEGY	BEHAVIOUR
Monitoring	Children use both large and small chunks of meaning, language structure, and graphophonic information in an integrated way to foster ongoing monitoring of reading comprehension to cope with unpredictable text.
Searching	Children may reread or read on in order to check their reading, maintaining meaning over longer and more complex structures. They may make inferences from text and illustration.
Self-correction	Children correct most of the errors they make. They are able to make links from known to unknown information to help decode unknown words, quickly, confidently, and independently.

Checking on Fluency

Fluency:	
Fluent reading	
Non-fluent reading	
Using punctuation	

Note whether the student is reading the text fluently or in a laboured, stilted fashion. Check also to see whether the student attends to punctuation during reading.

For example, does he or she pause at commas, raise pitch of voice for questions, or drop pitch of voice at the end of a sentence? Note this on the Record.

If you know that the child is an excellent decoder, you may choose to dispense with the oral reading and ask the child to read the Benchmark Card alone, following your introduction. You may then proceed to the comprehension check as outlined below.

Checking on Comprehension

When the student finishes reading the Benchmark Card, you should check on comprehension. Ask the student to retell or use the questions on the Record of Reading Behaviour. Whether you use the retelling or the questions will depend on the purpose for completing the Record.

Questions

Each text has three different types of questions: an explicit question, an implicit question, and a question that explores some feature of language.

Explicit questions relate directly to the text. Answers to these questions can be found on the Benchmark Card. They give you an insight into the student's recall of what he or she has just read.

Implicit questions require the student to combine prior knowledge and the knowledge gained from reading to arrive at an inferential level of understanding.

Exploring language questions ask the student to respond at the word level by giving word or phrase meanings, synonyms, antonyms, prefixes, suffixes, etc.

Comprehension:

Comprehensive understanding • • • • • general understanding • • • • • needs help

After the student retells the story or answers the questions, grade the student's level of understanding and note this on the Record. This grading can only be subjective when assessing comprehension, but the following provides a guide should you require it.

Understanding from Retelling

Comprehensive Understanding

The student is able to retell the story in his or her own words including all characters, the setting, and the entire plot, and responds to a prompt about inferences and word meaning where appropriate. If the text is factual, the student is able to retell all salient facts.

General Understanding

The student has an overall, superficial understanding. He or she is able to name the main character and some minor characters. The student knows the beginning, midpoint, and end of the story. The student is able to recall some important facts if the text if factual.

Needs Help

The student has trouble recalling the main events of the story, limits retelling to either the beginning or the end, and recalls only one or two facts.

Understanding from Questions

Comprehensive Understanding

The student answers all questions promptly and fluently.

General Understanding

The student answers the explicit question, and offers a low-level response to the implicit question.

Needs Help

The student answers the explicit question only.

Assigning a Reading Level

Reading Level:	Accuracy, cues, st	rategies, and comprehensic	on
	Easy	Instructional	Difficult

Use the information you gather to ascertain the level – easy, instructional, or difficult – of the Benchmark you asked the student to

read. To do this, you will need to balance the accuracy level with the level of comprehension. Use the following guide:

Accuracy %	Comprehension	Reading Level		
95-100	Comprehensive	Independent		
95-100	General	Independent		
95-100	Needs help	Instructional		
90-94	Comprehensive	Independent		
90-94	General	Instructional		
90-94	Needs Help	Difficult		
85-89	Comprehensive	Instructional		
85-89	General	Difficult		
85-89	Needs Help	Difficult		
Less then QEV secures, regardless of comprehension is at the difficult level				

Less than 85% accuracy, regardless of comprehension, is at the difficult level.

Using the Results

The results of your Records of Reading Behaviour can be used in several ways:

- Use the accuracy check with a whole class of children to assign groupings at the beginning of the year and regroupings throughout the year.
- Use analysis at the cue level to ascertain how well the children use the cues together and how well they check one source of information against another.
- Use analysis at the cue and strategy level to ascertain how well children independently solve problems when they meet difficulties in text.
- Use the fluency check to see which children need more practice with easy material in order to increase both fluency and phrasing.
- Use the retelling check to find the depth of comprehension of what is read.

- Use the questions to ascertain the students':
 - recall of the text.
 - ability to go beyond the text.
 - ability to learn new information.
 - knowledge of language.
 - level of competence when compared with other students for grading and reporting purposes.
- Combine all Records to ascertain appropriate instructional levels and the most powerful teaching strategies.
 For example:
 - If you find that most of your students use the same cue or exhibit only the same narrow range of strategies when reading text independently, it may suggest that the focus of your teaching has been on these, rather than a wider, more balanced approach.
 - A certain strategy can become the focus of a class or group mini lesson. For example, you may find that you have to tell some of the students many words in a text.
 Provide a think aloud demonstration to model effective strategies for figuring out unknown words.
 - A group of students of different reading abilities, but who have a common need, can be formed. For example, you may find that some students read in a stilted, word-byword manner. You can draw these students from across a range of reading abilities to give them extra practice in reading fluently.
 - You can institute different teaching emphases for students reading at the same level of difficulty. One Record may show that a student reads with 90% accuracy but lacks

general understanding. Another record may show that a student decodes the same book at 89% but has a comprehensive understanding. These two students need different programmes.

Reporting

The Record of Reading Behaviour provides a very accurate assessment of what a student does when reading. For this reason, the Record provides a foundation upon which to base reports as required.

These reports include:

- giving feedback to the student about his or her strengths and weaknesses.
- reporting to parents about a student's current reading level, current reading strategies, current level of understanding, rate of reading acquisition, and development over time.
- providing information to the teacher who will have the student next year.
- providing records for a new school if a student moves.



Name: T	Age: 8//	Date):	
Title: Arlo and Angie's New Show	Level: 28	Wor	d Count	:: 141
Introduction:				
Arlo and Angie try a daring new trapeze act	•			
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ $\frac{141}{1/7}$ = 1:13	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy	ntax):	E 50% mostly	SC
Accuracy (%): 92% Self-correction Rate: (<u>E+SC)</u> = 1: 4.5 SC	Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity Letter cluster: Initial letter:		same same sounding unknown	
Strategy Use:	Fluency:		•	
Searching	Fluent reading			
Monitoring 🗖 some evidence	Non-fluent reading	1		
Self-correcting 🗇 little evidence	Using punctuation	□ r	arely	
Questions: What did Angie really want to do? What do you think will happen next? Name two other words that end in the suf	Flip over Angie gets hurt fix ly, for example, surely.	quic	:kly, slowi	'Y
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding • • • • • • general understanding • • • • • • • needs help				
	gies, and comprehension structional 🗹 🛛	Difficul	t 🗇	

Record of Reading Behaviour	Ε	SC	E msv	SC msv
All A a r e r R c A	1		ms€)
and $\frac{all-r}{already}$ had a job. They were part of an	1		М\$V М 5 V	
<u>a-c-robat</u> \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark $\frac{t}{r}$	1		MSV	
<u>acrobats</u> \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark <u>swing</u> artists who worked together on the high swings.	2		MSV	
They took turns to hold and catch each other as				
they jumped from swing to swing.				
"I'd give anything to be able to flip over twice	1		MSV	
before you caught me," Angie said one day.				
"That would be a good thing for us to practise,"	1		MSV	
<u>said/sc</u> ✓ agreed Arlo.		1	MSV	msV
So Arlo and Angie practised until they could do it.				
At the show that night, Angie swung out. She	1		MSV	
<u>put/sc</u> / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /		1	MSV	ms♥
she swung back and out again. She let go of her	1		MSV	
swing and flipped over twice. The people watching		1	m sV	MSV
<u>g-a-s-p</u> gasped. Arlo's swing was not near enough. Surely T	3		ms₽	
Angie would fall and be hurt!			m s v m s v	
TOTAL	//	3		



Name:	Age:	Date:			
Title: What Do You Know about Penguins?	Level: 24	Word Count: 127			
Introduction: Find out some facts about penguins.					
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ $\frac{127}{=} = 1$: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1$:	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:				
Strategy Use: Directionality Monitoring Self-correcting	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation				
Questions: What do penguins eat? Why do you think penguins surf across the ice? What is another word for waddle?					
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help			
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategie Easy	•	Difficult 🗖			

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
What do you know about penguins? Most likely,				
you know that these birds do not live in the warm				
places on Earth. In fact, many penguins live in				
and around Antarctica where it is very cold.				
You will know that penguins are mostly black				
and white. But what other colours can you see on				
a penguin?				
Do you know that penguins eat fish and krill from				
the ocean? You will know that they dive and swim				
in the ocean to catch their prey, but do you know				
how they move around on land? They waddle on				
their two short legs. Their wings help them balance.				
Sometimes, penguins surf across the ice on their				
stomachs. When they surf, they use their wings and				
feet to push themselves along.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:		
Title: Matthew's Milkshake	Level: 24	Word Count: 140		
Introduction: Matthew forgot one important thing while ma	king his milkshake.			
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 140_ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:			
Strategy Use: Searching Monitoring Self-correcting	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation			
Questions: What did Matthew put in his milkshake? What else could Matthew have put in his mi What is the root word in <i>blender</i> ? What doe				
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••• general understanding •••••• needs help				
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy		Difficult 🗖		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Matthew wanted to make something. "Shall I make				
a milkshake?" he asked his mother.				
"Sure," Matthew's mother answered. "You can				
begin by getting out the blender. That'll help you				
mix the milkshake well." So, Matthew got out the				
blender and put in the milk and ice-cream. "Now I				
need to mix it," he said. "This is the fun part."				
Matthew turned the blender on, but he forgot to				
put on the lid. The milk shot out of the blender all				
over the kitchen wall. Blobs of ice-cream hit the				
wall, too.				
"Stop!" yelled Matthew's mother. "Stop the				
blender!" But Matthew could not remember which				
was the Stop button. By now, there was milk and				
ice-cream all over the place.				
"This is the Stop button," said Matthew's mother as				
she stopped the blender. "Now you have to clean				
up the mess!"				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:		
Title: The Year of a Female Polar Bear	Level: 25	Word Count: 14	12	
Introduction: What does a female polar bear do during the	e year?			
Decoding Check:	Cue Use:	E SC	С	
Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ <u>142</u> = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC}$ = 1:	Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:)		
Strategy Use:	Fluency:			
Searching 🗖	Fluent reading			
Monitoring 🛛	Non-fluent reading			
Self-correcting	Using punctuation			
Questions: What two things does a female polar bear do in spring? Why do you think polar bear cubs leave their mother when they are two years old? Which two words in the text end with <i>wards</i> ? What do they mean?				
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••• general understanding •••••• needs help				
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy D Inst		Difficult 🗖		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Polar bears are large animals that live in the Arctic.				
It is very cold in the Arctic. The temperatures are				
well below zero in the winter. Ice covers the land				
and sea.				
During the winter, a female polar bear gives birth				
to her cubs. She does this in a den under the snow.				
In spring, the female polar bear and her cubs come				
out of their den. The female polar bear takes her				
cubs northwards where they feed on seal pups.				
During the summer, the female bear and her				
cubs move towards the sea to hunt seals.				
In autumn, the female polar bear takes her				
young cubs back to the land where they spend				
the winter. They begin making dens under the				
snow again. When the cubs are two years old,				
they leave their mother. She is then ready to				
mate again.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:		
Title: Wendy Windmill's Story	Level: 25	Word Count: 121		
Introduction: Wendy likes to tell stories, but her friends are	n't too keen on listening.			
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:			
Strategy Use:SearchingIMonitoringISelf-correctingI	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation			
Questions: What was Wendy's new story about? Why do you think Peter asked if the scientist found the sound on another planet? What is alliteration? Where does the author use it?				
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••• general understanding •••••• needs help				
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy d Inst		Difficult 🗖		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
"Listen to this story," Wendy Windmill said to her				
five friends as she pulled out a piece of paper from				
her pocket.				
"Your stories are boring," said Danny Duckbill.				
"Even your best-ever story was boring."				
"But this story is different," said Wendy. "You might				
learn something from it. It's about how a scientist				
found a new sound."				
"You don't find sounds," said Molly Monkton. "You hear them."				
"But this story is scary science fiction," said Wendy.				
"So, does the scientist find the new sound on				
another planet?" asked Peter Popcorn.				
"No," said Wendy. "The scientist grows big ears. They get so big that soon he can hear all the				
sounds that dogs can hear. That's how he finds a new sound."				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:		
Title: Marine Turtles	Level: 26	Word Count: 135		
Introduction: Learn some facts about marine turtles.				
Decoding Check:	Cue Use:	E SC		
Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ <u>135</u> = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC}$ = 1:	Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:			
Strategy Use:	Fluency:			
Searching 🗖	Fluent reading	٦		
Monitoring 🗖	Non-fluent reading			
Self-correcting	Using punctuation			
Questions: What does a female turtle do when she comes ashore? Why do you think mother turtles do not look after their eggs or their young? What does the word <i>marine</i> mean? What does it tell you about these turtles?				
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••• general understanding •••••• needs help				
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy D Inst		Difficult 🗖		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Marine turtles are one of the oldest groups of				
reptiles. They have lived on Earth for millions of				
years. Marine turtles are quite large. Some marine				
turtles can grow to 2 m long.				
Marine turtles make their home in the ocean. The				
only time they come ashore is to lay their eggs in				
holes that they dig in the sand. The female turtle				
then covers the eggs with sand and goes back into				
the sea. She does not look after the eggs or the				
baby turtles that hatch six to eight weeks later.				
The baby turtles are in great danger when they				
hatch and make their way to the water. Many are				
killed and eaten by birds.				
Adult turtles eat both plants and animals. As they				
do not have teeth, they just swallow their food.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:
Title: Sue Ellen	Level: 26	Word Count: 139
Introduction: Sue Ellen and her friend discuss travel.		
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 139 _ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:	
Strategy Use: Searching Monitoring Self-correcting	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation	
Questions: Why did Big Boris think Sue Ellen was brave Why do you think Sue Ellen said you need to somewhere else? List three words that start with the prefix ur	o think twice before you g	go and live
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy		Difficult 🗖

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Sue Ellen was a giant who liked to travel. She had				
been everywhere.				
"There isn't any place in the world that I haven't				
been to," she said to her giant friend, Big Boris.				
"I've been to places where they make houses in				
trees. I've been to places where they drink out of				
coconut shells. I've been to places where people				
are friendly. I've been to places where people are				
unfriendly. I've been to places where there are no				
people at all."				
"You are very brave," said Big Boris. "I would like to				
travel, but I'm too scared. I would even like to live				
somewhere else."				
"Travel is good," said Sue Ellen, "but you need to				
think twice before you go and live somewhere else.				
I don't know of a better place to live than right here				
in Enormous Land."				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:		
Title: Land Transport	Level: 27	Word	Count	: 128
Introduction: Learn how land transportation has changed o	over time.			
Decoding Check: Error Rate: \underline{RW}_{E} <u>128</u> = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $(\underline{E+SC})_{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:		Ε	SC
Strategy Use:SearchingIMonitoringISelf-correctingI	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation			
Questions: How did people move goods before they use How and why did the wheel change transpor Identify a word with two syllables, a word wi four syllables.	rt?	word wi	th	
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••••	general understanding •	• • • • •	• •need	s help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy		Difficult		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Transport means getting people and goods from one				
place to another. Today, people and goods can be				
moved by cars, trains, ships, trucks, and planes.				
But many years ago, transport was different.				
One of the first ways people moved goods was				
by sled. Early hunters used sleds to move goods				
around. When the wheel was invented, land				
transport changed. People started using carts				
pulled by oxen and horses. Cars and trucks later				
replaced these carts.				
Today, long trains move big loads of goods. Some				
trains have special cars to carry special loads.				
Long flat cars carry pipes and logs. Tanks carry oil				
and gas.				
Today, some trains are very fast. These trains can				
move people from one place to another very				
quickly. They can move goods quickly, too.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date	:	
Title: The Dingo Hunt	Level: 27	Word	l Count	: 135
Introduction: What is it like to follow a dingo's trail in th	e dark?			
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 135_ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity Letter cluster: Initial letter:)	E	SC
Strategy Use: Searching Monitoring Self-correcting	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation		I	
Questions: Why was the dingo losing blood? Why are the boys following the dingo? Wh What is the past tense of <i>lose</i> ?	at will they do when they re	each it?	2	
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••	• general understanding •	••••	 •need 	s help
	egies and comprehension Instructional 🗖 🛛 [Difficult		

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
My brother could tell that the end of the hunt was				
drawing near. He and his friend Jackson had				
followed the dingo's trail all day. They were tired				
and they knew that the dingo would be tired, too.				
The dingo was also losing blood. The night before,				
the dingo had attacked and killed some sheep. The				
farm dogs had, in turn, attacked it. One dog had				
bitten the dingo's head before it could run away.				
Now it was getting dark, so my brother turned on				
the torch he had brought with him. He didn't want				
to lose the trail of blood. He raised the light, and				
in the distance they could see the shape of the				
dingo moving very slowly, its head hung low.				
My brother lowered the light and they silently				
followed the trail.				
τοται				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:
Title: Keeping Warm	Level: 28	Word Count: 143
Introduction: Do you know how crocodiles keep warm?		
Decoding Check:	Cue Use:	E SC
Error Rate: \underline{RW} <u>143</u> = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $(\underline{E+SC}) = 1:$ SC	Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:	
Strategy Use:	Fluency:	
Searching 🗖	Fluent reading	
Monitoring 🛛	Non-fluent reading	
Self-correcting	Using punctuation	
Questions: What happens if a crocodile stays in the sa What are two differences between mammals What are the opposites of <i>hot</i> and <i>warm</i> ?	. ,	
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy		Difficult 🗖

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Crocodiles cannot sweat to get cool or shiver to				
warm up like mammals do. This is because				
crocodiles are cold-blooded reptiles.				
Crocodiles are always the same temperature as				
the place that they are in. If they are in the sun,				
they are warm. If they are in the shade, they are				
cool. If they stay in the same spot all day and				
night, their body temperature will rise and fall.				
To keep from getting too hot or too cold,				
crocodiles move around during the day. In the				
morning, they lie on riverbanks until they are				
warm. They move into the water or the shade in				
the hottest part of the day.				
In the late afternoon, crocodiles lie in the sun				
again to warm up. Then they spend the night in the				
water. They do this because water cools down more				
slowly than land.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:
Title: Arlo and Angie's New Show	Level: 28	Word Count: 141
Introduction:		
Arlo and Angie try a daring new trapeze act.		
Decoding Check:	Cue Use:	E SC
Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ <u>141</u> = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1$:	Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:	
Strategy Use:	Fluency:	
Searching	Fluent reading	
Monitoring 🗖	Non-fluent reading	
Self-correcting	Using punctuation	
Questions: What did Angie really want to do? What do you think will happen next? Name two other words that end in the suffix	<i>ly,</i> for example, surely.	
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy d Inst		Difficult 🗖

Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
Arlo and Angie had just arrived in the country				
and already had a job. They were part of an				
acrobatic show. Arlo and Angie were trapeze				
artists who worked together on the high swings.				
They took turns to hold and catch each other as				
they jumped from swing to swing.				
"I'd give anything to be able to flip over twice				
before you caught me," Angie said one day.				
"That would be a good thing for us to practise,"				
agreed Arlo.				
So Arlo and Angie practised until they could do it.				
At the show that night, Angie swung out. She				
pointed her toes to help her swing further, then				
she swung back and out again. She let go of her				
swing and flipped over twice. The people watching				
gasped. Arlo's swing was not near enough. Surely				
Angie would fall and be hurt!				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:
Title: Working on a Banana Plantation	Level: 29	Word Count: 143
Introduction: Find out about work on a banana plantation.		
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 143_ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:	
Strategy Use:SearchingIMonitoringISelf-correctingI	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation	
Questions: What are two jobs that banana plantation w Why do you think some plantations have sc Which of these words are synonyms for <i>thic</i> broad thin fat solid heavy	hools?	
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy		Difficult 🗖

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Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
There are many banana plantations around the				
world. They are in warm places, because bananas				
need warmth to grow. Some banana plantations				
are very big. They have houses for the workers to				
live in. Some have schools for the workers'				
children to go to.				
Many people work on banana plantations. Some				
people trim the banana plants. Others check that				
the plants do not have a disease. Some people				
pick the fruit.				
Most bananas are picked by hand. Most of the				
time men pick the bananas. This is because the				
bunches are heavy. One man holds the bunch				
while another man cuts the thick stem.				
Bananas must be picked when they are green.				
They are ripened later. When the bunches are				
picked, the men carry them to a packing shed.				
At the packing shed, workers wash the bananas				
and pack them into boxes.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:					
Title: The New Teacher	Level: 29	Word Count: 145					
Introduction: Something good happens when a new teacher comes to the school.							
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 145_ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:)					
Strategy Use:SearchingIMonitoringISelf-correctingI	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation						
Questions: Why did the student want to run, jump, and shout? How do you think the student felt when the new teacher came to the school and started talking about reading and writing? What does the word <i>muddled</i> mean? What other word could the author have used?							
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••• general understanding •••••• needs help							
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strateg Easy D Inst	·	Difficult 🗖					

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Record of Reading Behaviour	Ε	SC	E msv	SC msv
The students at my school thought I was dumb				
because I wasn't able to read or write. But I wasn't				
dumb. I knew the letters and words in my head,				
but in books they were all muddled up. Much of				
the time, I just sat and did nothing at reading and				
writing time.				
Then one day, a new teacher came to our school				
and talked to me about reading and writing. Then,				
she gave me a little mirror and told me to hold it				
up in front of the book and look into it.				
And there they were - all the letters and words				
that I could see in my head! I read the book right				
there and then without a single mistake.				
When I was done, the teacher smiled. I smiled,				
too, but I was so excited I wanted to run and jump				
and shout.				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:
Title: Numbers	Level: 30	Word Count: 149
Introduction: Test your knowledge of how numbers work.		
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 149_ = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:	
Strategy Use:SearchingIMonitoringISelf-correctingI	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation	
Questions: What is a prime number? Why is adding and subtracting 1 sometimes Name two synonyms for <i>quickest</i> .	a quicker way to add tw	o numbers?
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding •••••••	general understanding •	••••••needs help
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy d Inst		Difficult 🗖

Record of Reading Behaviour	Ε	SC	E msv	SC msv
What do you know about numbers? Do you know				
what odd and even numbers are? Here are two				
questions for you to answer. See if you are right				
before you read the answer.				
1. What is a quick way to add 299 and 701?				
The quickest way is to add 1 to 299 and take 1				
away from 701. All you then have to do is add 300				
and 700.				
2. How can you tell if a number is a prime number?				
First, it has to be an odd number. Even numbers				
can all be divided by 2. Then, it has to be a				
number that no number divides into other than 1				
and itself.				
So, 47 would be a prime number. But, 49 is not a				
prime number because it can be divided by 7.				
Now, why don't you make up a question about an				
odd or an even number?				
TOTAL				



Name:	Age:	Date:				
Title: The Snowstorm	Level: 30	Word	: 137			
Introduction: Luther, Kathryn, and Dad ride out a snowstor	m.					
Decoding Check: Error Rate: $\frac{RW}{E}$ 137 = 1: Accuracy (%): Self-correction Rate: $\frac{(E+SC)}{SC} = 1:$	Cue Use: Meaning (Semantics): Language structure (Sy Visual (Graphophonics) Word similarity: Letter cluster: Initial letter:		Ε	SC		
Strategy Use: Searching Monitoring Self-correcting	Fluency: Fluent reading Non-fluent reading Using punctuation					
Questions: What was the snow like when it first started to fall? What reasons could Dad have for asking Luther to get the wood rather than getting it himself? What does <i>That should keep the wolves away</i> mean?						
Comprehension: comprehensive understanding ••••••	general understanding •	• • • •	• •need	ls help		
Reading Level: Accuracy, cues, strategi Easy		Difficult				

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Record of Reading Behaviour	E	SC	E msv	SC msv
"Run out to the shed and bring some more				
firewood in," Dad said to my brother, Luther.				
He turned to me and said, "Light the fire, Kathryn.				
The word is there'll be a terrible snowstorm tonight.				
I'll get the candles."				
No sooner had he finished talking than snow				
started to fall like tiny white pearls. Luther rushed				
in with a load of firewood and then ran right back				
out to get some more.				
"That's it," he said, after the third load. "The wind's				
getting up and the snow's too thick for me to see				
through."				
We huddled by the fire as the storm raged outside				
like an angry bull. Soon, the light flickered twice				
and went out.				
"We'll heat up some beans and toast some				
bread on the fire," Dad said. "That should keep				
the wolves away."				
TOTAL				

High-Frequency Word Checklist

Name	Date		
Level	Words	pre	post
24	answer begin colour mix move other part same stop those tree warm		
25	above animal below during even five found land learn might plant soon sound story summer under winter		
26	any been better drink form home house know large live only		
27	brother brought draw end follow head hunt long near tell year		
28	also always anything country fall high hold hurt point show thing turn		
29	able carry done gave hand men must our pick read run thought world write		
30	add bring fire light or right than word		

begin	colour	mix	move
part	same	stop	those
warm	above	animal	below
even	five	found	land
might	plant	soon	sound
summer	under	winter	any
better	drink	form	home
know	large	live	only
brought	draw	end	follow
hunt	long	near	tell
also	always	anything	country
high	hold	hurt	point
thing	turn	able	carry
gave	hand	men	must
pick	read	run	thought
write	add	bring	fire
or	right	than	word
	part warm even might summer better better brought brou	partsamepartsamewarmaboveevenfivemightplantsummerunderbetterdrinkknowlargebroughtdrawhuntlongalsoalwayshighholdthingturngavehandpickreadwriteadd	Partsamestopwarmaboveanimalevenfivefoundmightplantsoonsummerunderwinterbetterdrinkformbetterdrawendbroughtdrawendhuntlongnearalsoalwaysanythinghighholdhurtgavehandmenpickreadrunwriteaddbring







