

Instructions

1. Choose the passage that corresponds to the highest level word list on which the student could read 15 or more words correctly. Use the table below to help determine which oral reading passage to administer. You must administer this level passage.
2. Read the title of the passage to the student and follow the prompts found on the running record forms.
3. Place the passage in front of the student and say, **“Now I would like to hear you read.”**
4. Start to time the student’s reading as soon as he or she begins to read, for Primer through sixth grade passages.
 - Make sure you are in stopwatch mode.
 - Start timing as soon as the student reads the first word.
 - If the student skips an entire line of text, stop the stopwatch while you redirect the student to the correct place. Then start the stopwatch again.
 - Stop the timing as soon as the student reads the last word.
5. Take a running record of the student’s oral reading accuracy.
6. Score the student’s reading fluency by rating the expression of the oral reading for Primer through sixth grade passages.
7. For instructional purposes, move up or down in levels according to the students’ performance.
 - If a student scores less than 90% accuracy (or 85% for Readiness and Preprimer), consider having the student read the next level down.
 - If the student scores 98% or greater, consider having the student read the next level up.
 - If the student barely met the criterion and the fluency rating was 1 or 2, consider having the student read the next level down.



Where To Start Oral Reading in Context?

Number of Words Read on Word Recognition in Isolation Task	Administer this PALS Passage First
0–9 Preprimer word list	Readiness
10–13 Preprimer word list	Preprimer A
14–17 Preprimer word list	Preprimer B
18+ Preprimer word list	Preprimer C
15+ Primer word list	Primer (1.1)
15+ First Grade word list	First Grade (1.2)
15+ Second Grade word list	Second Grade (2.2)
15+ Third Grade word list	Third Grade (3.2)
15+ Fourth Grade word list	Fourth Grade (4th)
15+ Fifth Grade word list	Fifth Grade (5th)
15+ Sixth Grade word list	Sixth Grade (6th)