

Instructional-Level Reading Rates

Instructional Level Text	Words Per Minute
Primer (1.1)	45
First Grade (1.2)	60
Second Grade (2.2)	110
Third Grade (3.2)	135
Fourth Grade (4.2) and higher	150

This table shows the desired reading rate for a student's instructional level. Note that a student's instructional level may be different than his or her grade level. For example, if a student can read the PALS second-grade passage with 90-97% accuracy, the student's instructional level is at second grade, regardless of whether the child is a first, second, or third grader.

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