

Birkwood Primary Fluency Assessment



Name:	Year:	Class:	Date:
Text:			Lexile:

	1	2	3	4	Score
Expression and Volume	Reads in a quiet voice as if to get words out. The reading does not sound natural like talking to a friend.	Reads in a quiet voice. The reading sounds natural in part of the text, but the reader does not always sound like they are talking to a friend.	Reads with volume and expression. However, sometimes the reader slips into expressionless reading and does not sound like they are talking to a friend.	Reads with varied volume and expression. The reader sounds like they are talking to a friend with their voice matching the interpretation of the passage.	
Phrasing	Reads word-by-word in a monotone voice.	Reads in two or three word phrases, not adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation.	Reads with a mixture of run-ons, mid-sentence pauses for breath, and some choppiness. There is reasonable stress and intonation.	Reads with good phrasing, adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation.	
Smoothness	Frequently hesitates while reading, sounds out words, and repeats words or phrases. The reader makes multiple attempts to read the same passage.	Reads with extended pauses or hesitations. The reader has many "rough spots."	Reads with occasional breaks in rhythm. The reader has difficulty with specific words and/or sentence structures.	Reads smoothly with some breaks but self-corrects with difficult words and/ or sentence structures.	
Pace	Reads slowly and laboriously or far too quickly.	Reads moderately slowly or moderately too quickly.	Reads generally at an appropriate rate throughout reading.	Reads at an appropriate conversational pace throughout the reading.	
*Scores of 10 or more indicate that the student is making good progress in fluency.				Total Score =	

Adapted from Zutell, J. & Rasinski, T. V. (1991).

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