

Benchmark Assessment System 1 & System 2

Preparation Materials

Benchmark Books

Recording Forms

Assessment Summary Form

Administration: Without calculating oral reading rate (levels J-Z)

1. **Record** student information on the Recording Form.
2. Read the **title** and the **introduction** to the child.
3. Have the student start **reading orally**.
4. **Code** the reading behavior on the Recording Form.
5. Make brief notes about fluency and/or circle a fluency rating (starting at level C).
6. Have a **conversation** with the student about the text. Check off items the child talks about. **Use prompts as needed to probe for understanding**. Score each area and decide on the additional point immediately after the conversation.
7. Repeat the process until you determine **instructional** text level.
8. **Record** the results on the BAS Classroom Summary Form.

Benchmark Criteria for levels A-K	Comprehension			
Accuracy	Excellent 6-7	Satisfactory 5	Limited 4	Unsatisfactory 0-3
95-100%	Independent	Independent	Instructional	Hard
90-94%	Instructional	Instructional	Hard	Hard
Below 90%	Hard	Hard	Hard	Hard

Benchmark Criteria for levels L-Z	Comprehension			
Accuracy	Excellent 9-10	Satisfactory 7-8	Limited 5-6	Unsatisfactory 0-4
98-100%	Independent	Independent	Instructional	Hard
95-97%	Instructional	Instructional	Hard	Hard
Below 95%	Hard	Hard	Hard	Hard

Scoring and Analysis

Score Part 1: Oral Reading on the Recording Form scoring page

1. **Accuracy rate:** Circle the number of errors on the graph to determine the percentage of words read correctly.
2. **Self-Correction Ratio:** Add the number of errors and self-corrections together. Then divide this by the number of self-corrections = 1: ____
3. **Fluency Score:** Circle a score

Score Part 2: Comprehension Conversation with key understandings chart on the Recording Form

4. **Assign points** to each category (Within, Beyond, About the text)
5. **Total the category scores**, adding a point if appropriate for additional understandings, and circle the final evaluation in the Guide to Total Score box.

Complete the Assessment Summary for Instructional Text Level

6. Record data from the Recording Form on the district assessment summary form.