

Reading Interview

Description ▶ Children answer questions about their reading attitudes, interests and habits.

You Need ▶ Reading Interview sheet

Why Use It This assessment will help you learn about children's reading interests; you can use it to help them find titles they'll be interested in reading. It will also serve as a guide to how aware they are of their reading strengths and weaknesses. By looking at the interviews across the entire class, you can gauge which reading experiences would be appropriate for the whole group and which would be more appropriate for a small group or an individual.

How to Use It

- ▶ Administer this assessment individually by asking each question and recording the child's responses.
- ▶ You may administer the assessment to the class by giving each child a copy of the Reading Interview sheet (as appropriate to the year level). If necessary, read each question aloud. Provide ample time for children to write their responses.
- ▶ If the assessment is administered to the whole class, you may wish to meet with children individually to discuss their responses.

What to Notice

- ▶ Whether children have a difficult time thinking of books they enjoy
- ▶ Breadth and width of children's reading experiences, including variety of topics, genres and authors
- ▶ Level of awareness of reading strengths and weaknesses