

Concept Words—Colour

Description Prompted by a picture card, children say the related concept word.

- You Need**
- ▶ Colour Word Cards sheet
 - ▶ For the colours *blue, yellow, orange, red, green, white, black* and *purple*, prepare a set of cards depicting circles or squares in the appropriate colour
 - ▶ Concept Words: Numbers and Colours—Class Record form
 - ▶ Matching Colour Words sheet

Why Use It This assessment gives you information about children’s oral vocabulary—that is, the extent to which they know the labels for colour concepts. These words help young children read simple texts. Use this assessment to identify areas in which more instruction is needed and to determine which children need more work in developing their knowledge of colour words.

- How to Use It**
- ▶ Have children use the colour and word cards to:
 - Say the appropriate colour word for each colour card.
 - Match the colour cards and word cards or colour boxes on the word cards with the appropriate colour crayon (see the Colour Words Matching sheet).
 - Read the word cards.
 - ▶ Don’t be concerned if you see children reading and matching the words printed on the crayons. If they can do this, the assessment is probably not necessary. Also remember that many boys have some degree of colour blindness and adjust your expectations accordingly.
 - ▶ On the Class Record, write the number of correct items and note areas of confusion.

- What to Notice**
- ▶ Extent to which the child has developed a concept of colour
 - ▶ Ability to recognise and use colour words
 - ▶ Number of colour words almost known