

## Coding and Scoring at-a-Glance

Behaviour	What the Reader Does	How to Code	Example	How to Score	
Accurate Reading	Reads words correctly	Place a tick (✔) above word or do not mark.	No mark or <b>Kate</b>		No error
Substitution	Gives an incorrect response	Write the substituted word above the word.	her Kate's	Substitution, not corrected Substitution, self- corrected (SC)	1 error No error; 1 SC
Multiple Substitutions	Makes several attempts at a word	Write each of the substitutions in sequence above the word.	little some him his	Multiple substitutions, not corrected	1 error for each incorrect word in text
			touch teeth SC tooth	Multiple substitutions, self-corrected (SC)	No error; 1 SC
			to touch teeth tooth	Multiple misreadings of the same word not corrected	1 error for each incorrect word in text
			Kathy Kelly Kate	Multiple misreadings of names and proper nouns	1 error first time missed; no errors after that
			It's Do not It is Don't	Misreading contractions (reads contraction as two words or two words as contraction)	1 error each time
Self-correction	Corrects a previous error	Write the error over the word, followed by SC.	teeth SC tooth		No error; 1 SC
Insertion	Adds a word that is not in the text	Write in the inserted word using a carat (^).	loose		1 error per word inserted
Omission	Gives no response to a word	Place a dash (-) above the word.	Very	Skipping a word Skipping a line	1 error per word 1 error per word
Repetition	Reads the same word again	Write R above the word.	R		No error

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Repeated Repetitions	Reads the same word more than once	Write R above the word for the first repetition and then write a number for the additional repetitions.	R2 R3		No error
Rereading	Returns to the beginning of sentence or phrase to read again	Write R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began.	₽		No error
	Rereads and self- corrects	Write R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began and SC at point of self-correction	tooth to come scR tooth to fall		No error; 1 SC
Appeal	Verbally asks for help	Write A above the word.	A	Follow up with "You try it."	No error
"You Try It"	The child appeals, the teacher responds with "You try it."	Write Y after the word.	A   very   Y	"You try it" followed by correct word	No error
				"You try it" followed by omission, incorrect word or Told	1 error
Told	Child doesn't attempt word even after "You try it."	Write T after the word or the Y.	A   A   Very T		1 error
Spelling Aloud	Child spells the word by saying the names of letters	Write the letters in all capital letters.	B-U-T But	Spelling followed by correct word	No error
				Spelling followed by incorrect word	1 error
Sounding Out	Child makes the sounds associated with the letters in the word	Write the letters in lowercase with hyphens between them.	n-o-t not	"Sounding out" followed by correct word	No error; no SC
			l-o-s lose	"Sounding out" followed by incorrect word	1 error
			f-   SC come	Sounding the first letter incorrectly and then saying the word correctly	No error; 1 SC

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