

THRASS 120 READING AND SPELLING TEST (A4): PROCEDURES

THRASS 120 READING TEST (A4)

Download the size A4 tests from the DOWNLOADS section of www.thrass.co.uk. Photocopy or print the required number of Reading Test sheets and complete the information boxes at the top. Using another sheet, ask the reader to read aloud the words, in a left-to-right direction and one row at a time. If required, place a piece of card over the one-hundred-and-twenty keywords and (have the reader) move it down the page to reveal each new row. On the sheet containing the reader's information, underline any word that is not pronounced correctly. Remember to underline the words discreetly so that the reader does not feel anxious or embarrassed and is encouraged to do her or his best. You should give credit only if the whole word is pronounced accurately. For example, the A in GIANT should not be pronounced with the same sound as at the beginning of ANT and the E in GARDEN should not be pronounced with the same sound as in the middle of BED. These words should be pronounced with the sound /ER/, as heard at the end of PANDA and ZEBRA. This sound will be less clear in such words as GARDEN because it is hidden by the surrounding sounds. It is acceptable for a reader to say different sounds because of accent. For example, the OO in 'book' may also be pronounced with the sound heard in the middle of MOON. Give credit for words that are read aloud as "sight vocabulary". Do not give credit for words that are constructed by the blending of separate sounds. Do not ask for repetition of a word that was not pronounced correctly. No help should be given and the word should be marked as incorrect. Testing should be discontinued when ten consecutive words fail to gain credit. The test score is the total number of correctly pronounced words. Write the score in the box located in the top right-hand corner. A percentage can be obtained by dividing the score by 120 and then dividing by 100. Ideally, use IPA symbols (the pronunciation system used in many dictionaries) to record mispronunciations – which may help to guide future tuition.

THRASS 120 SPELLING TEST (A4)

Photocopy or print the required number of Spelling Test sheets (with the grid containing 20 rows and 6 columns). Complete the information boxes at the top. Say the keyword aloud. Then say the same word in a sentence. Then say the word once again (to make sure that the speller is sure of the word's meaning). Ask the speller to complete the grid by going in a left-to-right direction and one row at a time. Testing should be discontinued when ten consecutive words are spelt incorrectly. However, if a group of spellers is being tested, testing may continue until all 120 words have been administered. Underline any word that is not spelt correctly. Ideally, to guide future tuition, underline only the part of the word that is incorrect. The test score is the total number of words spelt correctly. Write the score in the box located in the top right-hand corner. A percentage can be obtained by dividing the score by 120 and then dividing by 100.

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ant	baby	ball	banana	beach	bed	6		
bell	bird	boat	book	bread	bridge	6		
bull	bus	cage	car	cat	chair	6		
cheese	chef	cherry	circus	city	coffee	6		
coin	collar	cow	deer	dinner	doctor	6		
dog	dolphin	door	dress	duck	ear	6		
egg	feather	fern	fish	fizz	fly	6		
fork	fossil	frog	fur	garden	gate	6		
giant	glove	glue	hair	hammer	hand	6		
hippo	horse	house	ice	ink	jam	6		
key	king	kite	kitten	knee	ladder	6		
lamb	laser	leg	letter	light	lion	6		
me	measure	moon	moor	mouse	net	6		
nose	note	panda	pony	queen	quilt	6		
rabbit	rain	rocket	sauce	saw	school	6		
screw	shark	shirt	sleeve	snail	sneeze	6		
snow	square	station	sun	swan	tap	6		
tape	teacher	thumb	tiger	tin	toy	6		
tray	treasure	tree	voice	watch	water	6		
wheel	worm	wrist	yawn	zebra	zip	6		

