Rationale:

- *** The purpose of this resource is for teachers, tutors, school volunteers, and home school parents to have access to a systematic benchmark assessment that gives instructors a very clear picture of each reader's abilities.
- *** The benchmarks are designed to be used at the beginning of the year, midyear, and at the end of the year. They are intended to be a guide for instructors to aide in providing appropriately leveled resources for the students they teach.
- *** In order to implement these benchmark assessments with fidelity, the instructor MUST follow the directions exactly.

Here's How to Start:

- I. Have students read the first passage aloud. Follow the instructions on what to say before the cold read. Students should not have read the passage before the assessment.
- As students are reading the passage, take a running record and time them. Afterwards, score their fluency with the rubric and formula provided. Follow the chart to determine their reading fluency percentage.
- 3. Ask the scripted comprehension questions and score the results. Follow the chart to score their comprehension assessment.
- 4. Ask students to define the specific vocabulary words and score the results, determining a vocabulary assessment.
- *** Follow these 4 steps for all three passages for that time of year (beginning, midyear, or end of year).
- *** Take the median (middle) score as your final determination of the students' reading level range.

That's it!

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The Intervention Program

This benchmark assessment is meant to be used to determine students' reading level ranges for the Reading Intervention Program.

To purchase sets in the program click on the image below:

















Reading Intervention: Suggested Teaching Levels

*** Match student's current grade with his/her reading level to find the intervention range needed.

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	2+ years above grade level	l year above grade level	Half a year above grade level	On Grade Level	Half a year below grade level	l year below grade level	2 years below grade level	More than 2 years below grade level		
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	Q-T	Q-T	L-P	L-P	н-к	H-K	E-G	A-D	Third	
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	X-Z	X-X	M-U	M-N	M-N	Q-T	Q-T	L-P	Seventh	
	X-Z	X-Z	X-Z	M-N	W-U	M-N	Q-T	Q-T	Eighth	
3/	X-Z	X-Z	X-Z	X-Z	U-W	W-U	U-W	Q-T	High School	

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Beginning of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Title	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
I	The Unexpected Move	283	Fiction	Beginning of	I. Make connections 2. Analyze characters 3. Whe inferences 4. Comparison and contrast	I. immigrated 2. humble 3. content 4. downsizing 5. divulged
2	Chris Hadfie d	274		Beginning of the year	Identify supporting details 2 Inferious meanings 3 prm of cors of object 4. Support 5 16 0	I. reality 2. keen 3. longed 4. decade 5. reputation
3	The Bad Dream	5		By hing of the year	I. Identify the main of a. 2. Analyze facts 3. Descriptionew learning. For aw conclusions.	I. dream 2. Crying 3. 4. 5.

LEVEL RANGE Q-T

Midyear

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Title	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
Ч	"What's That Smell?"	297	Fiction	Midyear	I. Make connections 2. Analyze characters 1-ke inferences 4. Comos and contrast	I. swirled 2. anxiety 3. disgust 4. immune 5. reputation
5	LaMarcus Thompso	298		wiidyear	Identify supporting cutails 2. Infer other ceaning 3. The mopilities of support 4. Compare softs subject	I. adrenaline 2. invented 3. debuted 4. fortune 5. inspired
6	Reachs to Concel School			Tr.	Ide fy the Nain idea. 2. And fact 3. Describe new learning. 4. Draw coll clusions	I. obvious 2. catastrophic 3. aftermath 4. shortage 5. sparse

LEVEL RANGE Q-T

End of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Tifle	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
7	An Alien Encounter?	309	Fiction	End of	I. Make connections 2. Analyze characters 3. Victorial inferences 4. Comparisond contrast	I. numerous 2. addicted 3. initially 4. intrigued 5. assumed
8	Alexande Flemir	286	NF	End of Year	Tdentify support of details 2. Infer other paning 3. From opin, sof subject 4. Compare seems subject	I. studious 2. ambitions 3. temporary 4. infections 5. recommended
q	The lack	279		E	I. Iden , the main idea / 2. Analyze facts 3. Describe new learning 4. Draw corclusions	I. fascinating 2. herbivores 3. generations 4. nurturing 5. aggressive

LEVEL RANGE Q-T

Beginning of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Title	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
	Lucy's Haircut	306	Fiction	Beginning or the ye,	I. Interpret Reasons for Character Actions 2. Idea for Overarching Tome 3 Laentify Migh Problem 4. Notice Rising Action Events	I. admirable 2. insane 3. debated 4. exquisite 5. ethically
2	Rusy Wak : /eld	27,	NF	Beginnii o e	I. Note Constitutes to Other Texts 2. Support Preadlins with the Evidence 3. Identify cultures 4. Describe hardships	I. dietician 2. specialized 3. lectured 4. tourist 5. patrons
3	Nami System r Hurricane	200	NF S	Beginning of the year	I. Determine Writer's Point of View 2. Critical the Terminate Implicates of Managea 4. Tricinity Facts	I. sustained 2. chronological 3. Streamlined 4. rumors 5. incorporating

LEVEL RANGE U-W

Midyear

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Tifle	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
7	The Boy Who Never Left the House	285	Fiction	Midyear	I. Interpret Reasons for Character Actions Interpret Reasons for Character Actions There 3. In hify Manager of the Action Events	I. defiantly 2. restricted 3. infuriated 4. wept 5. eavesdropped
5	Lev Strooss	282	NF	Midyear	I. M. Connacions to Oth Texts Sup. of Precioions with a d-Evicin 3. Identity cultures 4. Describe hardships	I. discrimination 2. enticed 3. wholesale 4. thriving 5. durable
6	The Histor of Popcorn			Midyear	I. Determine Writer's Point of View 2 Confide the Text 3 Figure Typerionice What Main Ident 4. Identify acts	I. researchers 2. invaluable 3. headdress 4. witnessed 5. rationed

LEVEL RANGE U-W

End of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Title	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
7	What is That Noise?	307	Fiction	End of	I. Interpret Reasons for Character Actions 2: Too Hify Overarching Theme 3: Lentify Ma, Troblem 4: Actice Rising Action Events	I. rituals 2. assuming 3. intensified 4. dumbfounded 5. lure
8	Gar + † Mo)an	275	NF	End of	I. Note Constions to Of Texts 2. Supert Presitions with the Evaluation 3. Identify cultures 4. Describe hardships	I. decent 2. handyman 3. factories 4. momentum 5. impressively
q	Magilar Unicor Facts		NF .	End of Year	I. Deterning Writer's Pour of View Criticale the Toxical Valuate Imprirance of Main Tiea 4. Identity Facts	I. mythical 2. legendary 3. immense 4. tamed 5. tranquility

LEVEL RANGE U-W

Beginning of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Tifle	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
_	I'll Pay You Back	288	Fiction	Beginning year	I. Describe Character Stas 2. Taeniu Story Climax 3. Narc and offine No rator Sedict character actions in other circumstance	I. predilection 2. elemental 3. inexcusable 4. inevitably 5. bestow
2	Ray Kro	256	NF	Beginning of the	I. Describe Mondo of Ma Subjection of Ma Some e current social ssues of the teach Notes of the teach Identify Moral Lesson Learned	I. monopolized 2. profitable 3. franchise 4. adroitness 5. impelled
3	El Ninc	2,2	NF	Beginning of the year	I. Describe the main idea 2. Ansign ze author's use of word chare 3. We ge the main opic 4. More commons	I. irregularly 2. convoluted 3. proximity 4. exceedingly 5. speculate

LEVEL RANGE X-Z

Midyear

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Tifle	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
ч	My Best Friend is Sick	294	Fiction	Midyear	I. Describe Character Bias 2. Contify Story Climax 3. Name and Define Notator 4. Cedict characters a tions in other circumstances	I. sabatage 2. nonpareil 3. invariably 4. roused 5.lackadaisical
5	Jin Car y	283	NF	Midyear	I. De seibe Mores of Mo Sub Correre cuint social issue to the 3. Visualle setting H. Identify Moral Lesson Learned	l. extravert 2. placid 3.impersonations 4. fortitude 5. brazenly
6	The United Nations	245	NF	Midyear	I. Describe the main july a. 2 Analyse author's use of annotations. 3. Judge the main topic 4. Nake on lections	I. pressing 2. vigorous 3. elongated 4. paramount 5. unanimous

LEVEL RANGE X-Z

End of the Year

***The following chart lists the benchmark passages, comprehension skills, genre, and targeted vocabulary.

Pass. #	Tifle	Word Count	Genre	Suggested Times to Assess	Comprehension Skills	Vocab. Words
7	I'll Do What I Want	294	Fiction	End of	I. Describe Character Bias 2: to: hify Story Climax 3. Name aDefine rrator 4. rredict character's actions in other circumstance	I. withered 2. apprised 3. impeccably 4. sensibility 5. annoyance
8	Kris arr	275	NF	End of	I. Describe No ves of Ivan Support 2. Considere current social issum the Lexit 3. Visualize Setting 4. Identify Moral Lesson Learner	I. perilously 2. woefully 3. documentary 4. inspirations 5. decisively
q	The Mountain Gorilla	266	4	End of Year	I. Describe the nain usea. 2. Analyse authorsuse of ord chaice. 3. Tudge the nain topic 4. More connections	I. imperative 2. contrary 3. stereotyped 4. maturity 5. guardedly

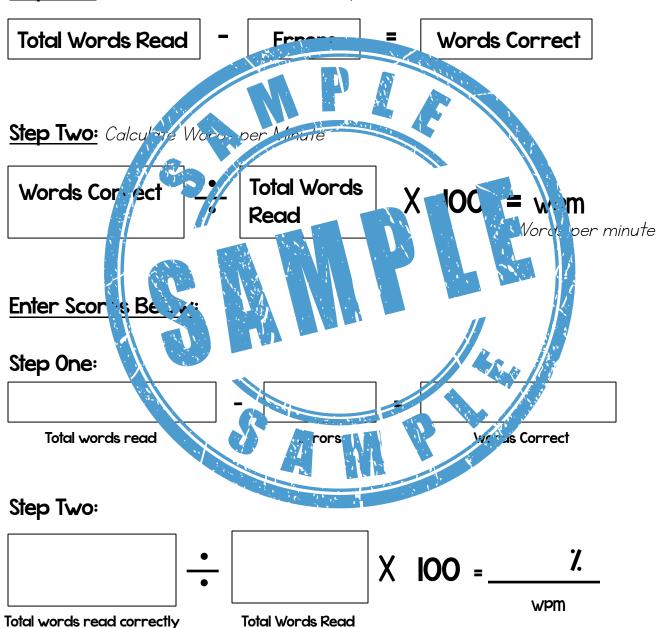
LEVEL RANGE X-Z

Benchmark Words Per Minute Scoring Directions

Here is how you can determine the student's fluency, or words per minute, Score

To find the fluency score use this calculation:

Step One: Calculate Words Read Correctly



Benchmark Comprehension Scoring

If <u>Comprehension</u> Score is	<u>Independent</u> Reading Level Range	<u>Instructional</u> Reading Level Range
> 95%	Q-T	T-V
90-95%	III-P	Q-T
< 90%	H-K	L-P

Benchmark Vocabulary com g

Vocabular Score

If <u>Vocabult ty</u> Screen	Independent Reading	Instructional Reading
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> 95%	ATT O	T-V
90-95%		Q-T
< 90%	H-K	L-P

Oral Reading Assessment One

<u>Directions before and during reading:</u>

Say to the student,

•"You are going to read a short story for me today. I am going to be taking notes as you read. I want you to do your best reading and think carefully about what is happening in the story. After you are finished reading I am going to ask you some questions, so do your best thinking as you are reading."

•Read the title of the story and a briefi

•Say, "The story you are soing to read is called the Unexpected Move"
•"It is about a boy pred Amnio. In onio wes with a parents in El Paso, Texas. His parents speak as English and Inmigrated complexico. Atonio's life is perfect, until his dad loses his job and the stole family larges a difficult obsision. Let's read the story to fire out what happens to Antonio and he family."

"Are your ed han read? This will be fun!"

•Instruct the sident to read the passage cloud

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•After readii as as follo que

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olf the student lives a mai answer, prompt the student ry asking

"Can you me a little more?"

"Can you say a little more about that?

"Tell me mor

nsion question then score each response. Write the student's answers for each

(Partial) (Satisfactory) (no response or incorrect) (Above Average)

A Few Reminders:

- •After asking each question, wait at least 5 seconds for a response.
- •If the student still has no response, repeat the exact question.
- •Wait 5 more seconds. If the student has no response try rewording the question.
- •The student should NOT be penalized for the amount of time it takes to answer the questions or because the instructor has to rephrase the questions.

"The Unexpected Move"

Teacher Page

Benchmark 1: Levels Q-T

Name:	Date	e:	_ Week:	
Directions: Follow the Instructions on the oral reading and mark any errors by circling substitutions, omissions, or insertions. Plact but went back to fix (self-correction). The	g all the words read e a \checkmark next to eac	incorrectly. Errors h word the student	include any word initially read incorre	
12-year-old Antonio had lived in El Paso,	Texas his entire life	e. His parents imm	igrated to	15
America from Mexico just before Anton	io was born. Antoni	o was homeschoole	ed by his mother	29
while his father spent 12-hour days wor	king at a local facto	ory. This humble fa	mily of three	45
was happy and content until one d	onle's father bur	home early from v	work with	60
devastating news. "I've be	said uch whis	pered lice that n	either Antonio	76
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went into their badronno whisper, but	· Antonio could hear	their anxious va	s. He made out	123
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"The Unexpected Move"

12-year-old Antonio had lived in El Paso, Texas his entire life. His parents immigrated to America from Mexico just before Antonio was born. Antonio was homeschooled by his mother while his father spent 12-hour days working at a local factory. This humble family of three was happy and content until one day Antonio's father came home early from work with devastating news. "I've been let go," he said in such a whispered voice that neither Antonio nor his mother heard. "They fired me!" he shouted. Antonio's father wents the company was downsizing and he was one of hundreds no well fire Antono's pares went into their bedroom to whisper, but Antigo puld has their anxious voices. He is the out bits and pieces of the conversation. 'Mo ota Misconsin.' 'Maria will help.' A fee days later Antonio's parties with mountain and divulged the plan. The ere jobs left in El Paso, so the amily would move to Wisconsin and ay the Arganio's Albet Maria. Both of his pare shad to get so so tnr io vild a tend public school for y little English and the thought of moving the first time in the e. At this is at sad where everyone spoke of fferent across the Juntry sta language pet Mied but ne didn't let his parents know about his lears. They had enough problem to deal without their own. Soon the amily had scked all their possessions and we on the had to Microsopin. As they cossed through state after state Antonio was reache la scapali ange. He passised himself that no matter what obstacles he to the would be browned strong for his parents.

The Unexpected Move

Comprehension Scoring Rubric

Guide student(s) through understanding the text by asking the following questions. Rate the responses with the scale provided.

| 2 3 4 (no response or incorrect) (Partial) (Satisfactory) (Above Average)

*** Students may look back in the passage for help, but do not suggest.

Type of ?	Comprehension Questions	Student Responses	Ratings
General	Tell me what your remember com the passage		
Make Connections	I hat the entions an you make to hoving of to Antonio?		
Analyze Characters	How ruld y 1 descrip ow Anton fiels d 1 inks in the story?		
Make Inferences	What an you infer as it has public school will be for Antonio?		
Compare and Contrast	Compare how Antonio's life is the same and different from your life.		

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Comprehension Score

The Unexpected Move

VOCABUIARY SCORING RUBRIC

Ask student the three questions below for each of the vocabulary words. Record each response and use your best judgment to score their responses. Put a number between 1-4 in each square. Add up their scores to calculate the percentage correct.

| 2 3 4 (no response or incorrect) (Partial) (Satisfactory) (Above Average)

*** Students may look back in the passage for help, but do not suggest.

	Thay look back in the pa	ssage For neip, but do no	1 3ugges1.
Vocab. Words	What does the word mean?	Where have you seen this word	How might you use this word in your own life?
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humble			
content			
downsizing			
divulged			l.

/60 = <u>%</u>

Beginning of the Year

Date: _____

Name: _____

	Fluency (WPM) Score	Comprehension Score	Vocabulary Score
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Midyear

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End of the Year

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Alexander Fleming	NP		
The Black Pino			
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Name:	 Date:	

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Benchmark Assessment Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Notes:					

Benchmark Assessment Planning Sheet

Month: _____

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Notes:				