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Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA)

English Home Language

Learner Assessments Charts

Assessment /

Letter sounding (LS)

Chart /./

l	z	s	w	M	j	i	y	a	H
h	e	r	o	T	c	i	e	t	O
e	n	f	v	B	k	o	d	a	T
g	s	u	x	A	i	r	n	d	P

Assessment /

Familiar word reading (w/R)

Chart 2./

back	came	but	look	went	what	did	be
got	me	eat	do	like	there	little	with
had	are	your	make	put	He	see	it
the	all	here	no	from	tree	out	an
come	will	time	my	you	Too	cat	she
have	some	away	down	a	them	we	in
that	they	can	one	not	Of	this	his
was	is	when	so	go	dog	at	day
big	just	said	her	into	To	up	very
for	mother	and	now	on	where	get	then

Assessment 1

Passage reading (PR)

Chart 3.1

	Words per line
Jabu had a little dog. The little dog was fat and happy.	12
One day Jabu and the dog went out to play in the park behind his house.	16
The little dog liked to play tricks and he ran away.	11
The little dog got lost. Jabu was sad. But after a while the dog came back.	16
He had been gone for only a little while.	9
Jabu took the dog home.	5
When they got home, Jabu gave the dog a bone. The dog ate it.	14
The little dog was happy, so he slept. Jabu also went to sleep.	13
They both slept for a very long time and played again when they woke up.	15
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Comprehension (CO)

Chart 3!

Question	Correct (✓)	Incorrect (x)
1. Who had a dog?		
2. Was the dog big or little?		
3. What did the dog like to do?		
4. Where did Jabu take the dog?		
5. What did the dog do after he got the bone?		

Assessment 2

Letter sounding (LS)

Chart 1.2

M	L	h	g	S	y	R	W	L	N
I	K	T	D	K	T	s	d	n	w
h	w	r	a	F	r	R	C	S	f
A	p	R	u	s	c	Y	j	E	n
U	I	F	t	u	G	M	e	r	B
h	p	m	l	B	F	A	g	f	E

Assessment 2

Familiar word reading (w/R)

Chart 2.2

here	some	he	will	had	For	so	now
do	my	at	came	time	Day	too	big
was	out	they	when	and	A	them	is
it	look	she	went	just	See	up	tree
what	eat	back	with	from	You	one	this
but	be	an	of	get	Are	the	her
me	not	mother	said	that	Did	there	dog
to	got	we	make	his	Into	cat	very
no	put	then	on	like	come	your	go
in	where	away	can	little	All	have	down

Assessment 2

Passage reading (PR)

Chart 3.2

	Words per line
Everyone was in the playground at the school.	8
It was after the holidays. The children were playing with their toys.	12
Nomsa had brought a plastic snake along. She had bought it while on holiday with her parents.	17
Mrs May, their teacher, called everyone inside.	7
Anne liked to play tricks. Anne had an idea. She wanted to play a trick on Mrs May.	18
Anne cried out that she could see a snake in the playground.	12
Sipho said he could see it too. Ben asked what kind of snake it was.	15
Mrs May told them it was a black adder. Anne smiled. She said it was only a plastic snake.	19
After Anne had played her trick, all the children started reading their interesting story books.	15
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Comprehension (CO)

Chart 3.2

Question	Correct (✓)	Incorrect x
1. Who had bought the snake?		
2. What was the snake made of ?		
3. Who had an idea?		
4. What kind of snake was it?		
5. Why did Anne want to trick the teacher?		

Assessment 3

Letter sounding (LS)

Chart 1.3

K	y	r	m	S	I	w	W	U	h
l	n	f	b	O	d	R	f	w	B
s	F	j	T	P	D	G	I	K	E
E	n	C	r	p	a	K	u	t	g
G	c	m	P	B	e	h	B	H	A
t	Y	P	N	M	u	r	M	j	p
i	l	S	o	m	o	F	s	M	F
t	N	p	A	s	L	g	L	Y	R
s	R	E	j	b	k	c	D	d	T
a	g	W	h	l	D	S	y	n	y

Assessment 3

Familiar word reading (w/R)

Chart 2.3

her	can	in	there	go	back	that	for
one	away	it	had	so	All	came	put
from	do	be	make	a	out	was	dog
and	he	your	down	tree	eat	too	she
now	you	to	then	got	what	me	some
said	day	when	have	look	see	get	went
into	but	on	an	his	very	not	this
is	cat	at	big	of	with	up	here
did	the	like	they	just	come	are	no
mother	we	them	where	my	little	time	will

Assessment 3

Passage reading (PR)

Chart 3.3

	Words per line
Once there was a giant called Nunu. He was big and ugly.	12
He also liked to eat people. One day he saw a clever and brave girl called Lulu.	17
He caught her. Lulu was very scared.	7
He wanted to eat her, but Lulu was too clever for the giant.	13
Lulu told the giant that she would taste better with salt.	11
The giant put Lulu in his bag. He left the bag on the field.	14
Then he went to get the salt from his house.	10
Lulu got out of the bag and ran home to her family.	12
When the giant came back he found that the bag was empty.	12
He was angry and went to bed hungry that night.	10
Lulu was happy, but the giant was disappointed.	8
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Comprehension (CO)

Chart 3.3

Question	Correct (✓)	Incorrect (x)
1. What was the giant's name?		
2. What did he like to do?		
3. Where did the giant put the girl?		
4. What did the girl do after the giant had gone to his house?		
5. Why do you think the giant was disappointed?		