

The Foundations Reading Library Placement Test

Instructions

The Foundations Reading Library Placement Test is designed to assess the students' approximate reading level.

1. Photocopy the test on the next page, one copy for each student.
2. Give the students as much time as they need to complete the test. They cannot use dictionaries.
3. Tell them that the test is *helping* to find their own individual reading level, therefore they should be as honest as they can with their answers.
4. Tell the students it will not affect their grade, so they should just do their best (but they should not guess at answers).
5. The text increases in difficulty from paragraph to paragraph, so tell them it is okay stop if the reading gets too hard. Use the key below to check their answers and find their level.
6. After marking the tests (you can do this quickly by asking them to swap papers and then you call out the answers as they mark each others' papers). Then advise each student about his/her level according to the Starting Levels Chart below.

The Placement Test Key

Comprehension test		Vocabulary and grammar test	
1. At <i>The Lagoon</i> (the cafe)	8. Because of the storm	1. Town	8. Enjoy
2. Yes	9. Bear Mountain Camp	2. Live	9. Went
3. No	10. The race	3. Has	10. Fun
4. No	11. He fell	4. Can	11. Found
5. Kung Fu	12. A tree fell on it	5. Will	12. When
6. Ryan	13. Something in the museum	6. Good	13. Ago
7. To Shark Island	14. Someone stole / took it	7. Often	14. Keep

The Starting Level Chart for the Foundations Reading Library

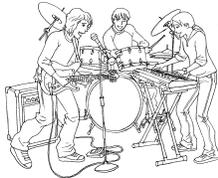
The following table suggests a starting reading level for the Foundations Reading Library, depending upon a combination of the comprehension test scores, and the vocabulary and grammar test scores within the Placement Test. Find the student's score for each category, then look along the rows and columns to find the recommended starting level. This gives an approximate, but not exact, starting level which may vary from student to student. For example, a student who scores 6 points on the comprehension questions, and 8 on the vocabulary and grammar questions, should start at around Levels 3 or 4. Some students are good at answering questions but not good at reading; others are poor at tests but better readers than their scores indicate. Consider this when interpreting the results.

		Comprehension questions score						
		1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14
Vocabulary and grammar test score	1-2	Level 1	Level 1/2	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level 3/4	Level 4
	3-4	Level 1/2	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level 3/4	Level 4	Level 4/5
	5-6	Level 2	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level 3/4	Level 4	Level 4/5	Level 5
	7-8	Level 2/3	Level 3	Level 3/4	Level 4	Level 4/5	Level 5	Level 5/6
	9-10	Level 3	Level 3/4	Level 4	Level 4/5	Level 5	Level 5/6	Level 6
	11-12	Level 3/4	Level 4	Level 4/5	Level 5	Level 5/6	Level 6	Level 6/7
	13-14	Level 4	Level 4/5	Level 5	Level 5/6	Level 6	Level 6/7	Level 7

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Read this story and meet these people.

Hello, I'm Sarah. This is my town, Bayview. I live here. It is a small town in the USA. There are many stores, a school, and a beach. It is a great town. Now, I'm working in a small cafe. It is called *The Lagoon*. My friends come here. We like it very much.



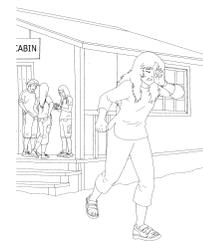
My name is Eric. I love skateboards and music. I can play the guitar, too, but I'm not very good. My friends Kenji, Yoon-Hee, and I have a band. We play music at my house every week. Our friends have a band, too. Their band's name is *Hot Rock*. It's a great band. They want a new singer. Are you a good singer? Can you sing?

Hello. I'm Mr. Harris. I'm a teacher at Bayview High School. Many of our students play sports. Adib does *Kung Fu* and Mark is really good at basketball. Tyler and Ryan like to ride their bikes. This Saturday there is going to be a big bike race. Ryan always wins, but will Tyler be better this year?



Hi, I'm Daniela, and this is my friend, Faye. We have a boat. We often go out on the sea with our friends. We really enjoy swimming in the sea. We had an adventure on Shark Island last week. It was really fun. But we were in a really bad storm, and we got lost. And another day we watched some dolphins play in the sea. They are so cool.

Hi, I'm Gemma, and this is my brother, Ryan. Last week, I went with Ryan and some of my school friends to Bear Mountain Camp together. It's near Bayview. My friend Daniela was always getting into trouble there and she was very sad. The boys had a fight with the girls too, but it was fun. In this story, you will see me get very angry with the boys. The best thing at the camp was the race to the *Bear's Mouth*.



Hello, please call me David. I want you to meet my friend Mr. Jenkins. He lives in Jenkins Bay and takes care of some dolphins there. I met Mr. Jenkins a few weeks ago by accident. We were going to the beach but I fell off my bike. His dogs helped me. One day we were near swimming near his house and found some birds covered in oil. He helped us then too.

Hi, I'm Tyler. I'm here in the Museum. A long time ago Henry Sutton built this museum here. He kept many wonderful things from all over the world here. Sometimes I come here with my friends to look at all the great things. One of these things was the *Golden Monkey*. But a few years ago, someone took it, and so we went looking for it. We had a great adventure looking for it.



Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions from the story.

Example: What is the town name? _____

1. Where does Sarah work? _____
2. Does Sarah like Bayview? _____
3. Is Eric in the band *Hot Rock*? _____
4. Is Eric good on the guitar? _____
5. What sport does Adib do? _____
6. Who is the better rider, Ryan, or Tyler? _____
7. Where did Faye and Daniela go recently? _____
8. Why did Faye and Daniela get lost? _____
9. Where did Gemma go last week? _____
10. What did she enjoy the most? _____
11. Why was Dave hurt? _____
12. What did David find in the sea? _____
13. What is the *Golden Monkey*? _____
14. What happened to the *Golden Monkey*? _____

Vocabulary and grammar questions

Put a word in the space.

Example" My name is Sarah.

1. Bayview is a small t_____.
2. I l_____ in Bayview. It's in the USA.
3. Eric h_____ a band. He plays the guitar with them.
4. C_____ you play the guitar?
5. Who w_____ win the big bike race this year?
6. Adib is very g_____ at *Kung Fu*.
7. A: "How o_____ do you go swimming?" B: "About once a week."
8. What do you e_____ doing on the weekends?
9. A: "What did you do last weekend?" B: "I w_____ shopping with my friends."
10. The Camp was great f_____.
11. My father f_____ some money on the street the other day.
12. Mr. Jenkins was walking his dog w_____ he found Dave.
13. A few weeks a_____, my friends and I went to Sutton Museum.
14. A: "Do you k_____ a pet?" B: "Yes, I do I have a dog called Dingo."

My reading level is _____