

## DETERMINING READING LEVEL:

### Method One:

Choose a book your child reads easily.

Go to [www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/) and enter the title of the book to find the Grade Equivalent.

### Method Two:

1. Select a few paragraphs from a book that your child can read easily and accurately to use as your selection.
2. Calculate the average number of words per sentence. (Count total number of words in selection and divide by the number of sentences in the selection.) Multiply the result by 0.39
3. Calculate the average number of syllables in words (Count the total number of syllables in the selection and divide by the total number of words.). Multiply the result by 11.8
4. Add the two results together
5. Subtract 15.59

Formula:  $0.39 * (\text{total words} / \text{total sentences}) + 11.8 * (\text{total syllables} / \text{total words}) - 15.59 = \text{grade level equivalent}$

The result will be a number that is equivalent to a grade level. For example, a 6.5 is a sixth grade-fifth month reading level.

### METHOD THREE: THE FREE (OPTIMISTIC) ONLINE READING ASSESSMENT TOOL

#### Reading Skills Assessment Tool

Have the child read and pronounce correctly each letter or word starting in the first box with "A", the first 8 "words" are letters, then progress from left to right. When your child misses 5 words in a row, or is frustrated, then stop. Next, add the number of words using the number in brackets to help you, which keeps a tally of how many words your child has read up to that row. Example: If the child reads all the way up to "quality" but misses the next 5 or 6 words then they would have a score of 44. A score of 44 = 4.4 grade level or 4th grade, fourth month.

#### Barb's Personal Note:

This assessment seems overly optimistic. I suggest the parent subtract one full year from the scores to obtain a more accurate assessment.

#### Additional Baselines:

Mastery Level: Find the first word missed and the number of words prior to that word would be the level of mastery that your student has achieved.

Comfort Level: Look at the last word that the student was willingly to try reading. This is his comfort level.

Enter Scores Here:

	Date	Mastery Level	Grade Equivalent	Comfort Level
<b>Baseline</b>	_____			
<b>One Month</b>	_____			
<b>Three Months</b>	_____			
<b>Five Months</b>	_____			
<b>Seven Months</b>	_____			

A  
B  
O  
P  
E  
R  
T  
H  
(8)

to  
see  
cat  
milk  
red  
tree  
big  
book  
(16)

was  
city  
eat  
him  
animal  
letter  
then  
himself  
(24)

how  
deep  
spell  
between  
weather  
lip  
block  
awake  
(32)

size  
board  
felt  
chin  
tray  
approve  
cliff  
stalk  
(40)

split  
huge  
plot  
quality  
escape  
urge  
collapse  
grieve  
(48)

abuse  
residence  
quarantine  
contagious  
glutton  
exhaust  
imply  
image  
(56)

contemporary  
theory  
threshold  
participate  
ethics  
desolate  
eliminate  
triumph  
(64)

tranquility  
humidity  
contemptuous  
alcove  
humiliate  
conspiracy  
aeronautic  
predilection  
(72)

emphasis  
municipal  
rescinded  
luxurious  
unanimous  
intrigue  
protuberance  
audacious  
(80)

benign  
prevalence  
repugnant  
peculiarity  
rudimentary  
pugilist  
mitosis  
bibliography  
(88)

anomaly  
decisive  
mosaic  
deteriorate  
spurious  
irascible  
expunge  
coercion  
(96)

discretionary  
enigmatic  
regime  
centrifugal  
itinerary  
abysmal  
soliloquize  
inchoate  
(104)

oligarchy  
exigencies  
mnemonic  
ingratiating  
covetousness  
aborigines  
emaciated  
seismograph  
(112)

pseudonym  
usurp  
idiosyncrasy  
schism  
misogyny  
desuetude  
exophthalmic  
succinct  
(120)

longevity  
regimes  
vehemence  
regicidal  
evanescence  
heinous  
omniscience  
conduit  
(128)