

Acadience Reading K–6 is a universal screening assessment that measures the acquisition of early literacy and reading skills from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Acadience Reading K–6 consists of six brief measures that function as indicators of the essential skills that every child must master to become a proficient reader. These measures are used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy skills in order to provide timely instructional support and prevent the occurrence of later reading difficulties.

Research-based benchmarks are available for all measures and grades. Benchmarks define a level at which the odds are in the student's favor of meeting later reading outcomes.

Description of the Measures

- FSF** **First Sound Fluency** assesses phonemic awareness. The measure assesses a student's fluency in identifying the initial sound in orally presented words. FSF is administered from the beginning to the middle of kindergarten.
- LNF** **Letter Naming Fluency** assesses the ability to orally name upper- and lower-case alphabetic letters arranged in a random order. It is administered from the beginning of kindergarten to the beginning of first grade.
- PSF** **Phoneme Segmentation Fluency** is a direct measure of phonemic awareness. The student is asked to segment a spoken word into its component parts or sound segments. PSF is administered from the middle of kindergarten to the beginning of first grade.
- NWF** **Nonsense Word Fluency** assesses the alphabetic principle and basic phonics. The student is presented with one-syllable nonsense words having common letter-sound patterns and asked to provide the letter-sounds they know for each or read the whole word. NWF is administered from the middle of kindergarten to the beginning of second grade.
- ORF** **Oral Reading Fluency** is a direct measure of advanced phonics and word attack skills. It assesses a student's skill in accurately and fluently reading connected texts. The student is directed to read unfamiliar, grade-level passages of text aloud for 1 minute. To provide a comprehension check, a **Retell** measure is then used, where the student is asked to retell what they read for up to a minute. ORF is administered from the middle of first grade to the end of sixth grade.
- MAZE** **Maze** assesses a student's skill in reading comprehension. The student is presented with a reading passage in which some words are replaced by a multiple choice box that includes the original word and two distractors. The student reads the passage silently and selects the word in each box that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Maze is administered from the beginning of third grade through the end of sixth grade.



Materials

Acadience Reading K–6 materials are available for free download at www.acadiencelearning.org/acadience-reading/k-grade6



Training

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Data Management

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