

# Galletly Diagnostic Vowel Word Reading Tests

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The free rapid read subtests on the following pages monitor reading of real words and pseudowords of seven types:

1. Regular VC words using vowel 'sounds' (short vowels), e.g., up, ev.
2. Regular CVC words using vowel 'sounds' (short vowels), e.g., cup, dev.
3. Regular CC words using vowel 'sounds' (short vowels), e.g., CCVC: clap, drep; CVCC: mist, vilt.
4. Regular CVCe words mixed with CVC words, e.g., hope, hop; vope, vop.
5. Regular words using Y and 'When Two Vowels Go Walking' vowels ai ea ee ie oa, e.g., zy, plain, plaif.
6. Regular words using common R vowels: ar or er ir ur, e.g., fern, zern.
7. Regular words using other common vowel digraphs aw ew ow oi oy oo ou.

They subtests are efficiency tests, measuring the number of words read correctly in 30 seconds. Use them as tests for monitoring progress, or as Rapid Reads, for children to build skill reading the words correctly and increasingly quickly.

Skill reading and writing words with these seven word types is supported through the games and memory systems in my *Literacy Plus* books and modules, explained at [www.literacyplus.com.au](http://www.literacyplus.com.au):

1. '**Sounds & Vowels: Keys to Literacy Progress**' teaches reading & writing of the first four word types.
2. '**Two Vowels Talking': Keys to Literacy Progress**' teaches the last three word types, as well as reading of real and pseudoword multisyllabic words.

Games in these two *Literacy Plus* modules have two parallel forms: a real word game & a pseudoword game.

## **Rationale:**

The two key skill areas of early reading are

1. Rapid automatic recognition of increasing numbers of familiar words: a proliferating number of familiar 'sight words' read instantly (*First I recode a word; later, I recognise it instantly*).
2. Ability to read unfamiliar words quickly and easily.

Parallel subtests of real words and pseudowords test these two skill areas. Testing pseudowords is very useful for identifying children who seem to be reading well (good readers of familiar words learned as sight words), but who have weak phonics skills, thus are poor at reading unfamiliar words. These children are at-risk of late-emerging reading weakness: reading well in early school years, while texts are predictable with strong picture supports, but struggling from mid-primary school, when picture supports aren't as strong, and long unfamiliar words are increasingly frequent.

Pseudowords (nonwords using spelling patterns of real words) act as a proxy for unfamiliar syllables and unfamiliar short real words. Pseudoword reading is a valuable and fun skill, when done with games: it empowers both the reading of unfamiliar small regular words the child has not yet met, plus rapid reading of the syllables of multisyllabic words (most of which are unfamiliar single syllable pseudowords): being able to read pseudowords like von, grat, means you cope well later when you encounter real words like brat, bon and congratulations.

If children's difficulties are evident in the real word reading subtests, you may choose not to use the pseudoword subtests. Alternatively, test them as well, to provide baseline data for measuring progress. The Rapid Read graph pages are for monitoring children's improvement over time.

## **Instructions:**

**Use:** 1 record form, 1 stimulus page, or the large-print stimulus pages, 1 stop-watch or mobile phone.

**Say:** *When I say Go, read these words as fast as you can* (Scan left to right, moving down the rows).

*If you get to the bottom before I say 'Stop', go up to the top and keep reading. Go.*

As the child reads, put a / through any words which are errors, and circle any words for which errors are corrected. At the 30second mark, put a ] after the last word read, then say **Stop**. The child's score is No. read – No. incorrect.

The pages of this *Galletly Diagnostic Vowel Word Reading Tests* file include

1. Rapid Read 2-page Stimulus Pages, pp. 2-3 (also done as large print pages, see below).
2. Student Record Pages, pp. 4-7: pages 6-7 are identical to pp.4-5, so you can make small A5 record forms: print these four pages two pages to one page, back so back: this A4 sheet cut vertically makes two A5 record forms.
3. Rapid Reading graph,s pp. 8-11 for recording student progress over time.
4. Large-print Stimulus Pages, pp. 12-27: print at A4 size or two to a page, as A5 sheets or in booklet form.

The pages are not numbered, in order to avoid confusion when subsections of the file are printed and used.

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R-vowels Real Words

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Real Word Multisyllabic Words

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Pseudowords Reading Stimulus

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