



Reading
for
Information

A Classroom Assessment Package

Grade 2
First, Second and Third Term

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Foreword

Our schools strive to provide all students with opportunities to succeed in challenging educational programs. To support this goal and to illustrate examples of promising and best practices, our talented and creative teachers and administrators develop local resources for the use of teachers and students.

I hope that teachers will find the materials in this document to be helpful and relevant in their instructional planning, classroom management and decision making.

I extend my appreciation and the gratitude of the Board of School Trustees to Cathy Molinski who prepared this instructional resource.

Dr. Robin Brayne, Superintendent of Schools.

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Introduction

This package has been written to address the request from classroom teachers for a reading assessment that could be administered to the entire class in a short period of time.

The assessments have been designed for use in Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3, so that information could be gathered about particular reading skills requiring further instruction.

These assessments use non-fiction text and descriptors adapted from the British Columbia Performance Standards (Reading for Information) as the marking performance rubric. It should be noted that the descriptors in the Performance Standards have been written for expected student performance in April of the grade year. Therefore assessments done in Term 1 and Term 2 cannot be used for evaluation of students and reporting to parents. However, the rubrics are very helpful in gathering assessment data that will drive reading instruction both for individual students and for the class as a whole.

The main areas of reading proficiency assessed are:

1. background knowledge and predicting
2. figuring out unknown words
3. main idea
4. summarizing
5. inferences and conclusions
6. accuracy
7. fluency

It is intended that all students in the class take each of the grade level assessments at the same time whether they routinely demonstrate below, at, or above grade level reading performance. Grade level performance standards cannot be used to assess students unless they are reading grade-level text.

Contents of this Assessment Package

- Information on preparing and administering the assessment
- Classroom Assessments booklets for 1st Term, 2nd Term and 3rd Term
- Single copies of the Reading selection for each term
- Class Reading Assessment Recording Sheet

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Assessment Preparation

- Copy the assessment you wish to use on 11" x 17" sheets of paper (one per student). The 11" x 17" sheets should be folded in half as in the original booklet.
- Allow up to 60 minutes of class time for the assessment. Students should have a book on their desks to read quietly when they have finished the assessment.

Assessment Instructions

- Step 1 Have students **predict from the title and answer question 1 before they read.**
- Step 2 Have students read the rest of the text selection and answer the questions in writing.
- Step 3 While the students are working, take the copy of the reading selection and a pencil and move to each student in the class to do a running record. Put your single copy of the text in front of the student and do the running record on the student's 11" x 17" assessment copy. Each student reads aloud the first fifty words of the text selection. Multiply the accuracy rate by 2 and record the rate on the Teacher Recording page (front cover of 11" x 17" sheet). Fill in the fluency box at this time also.

Simplified Running Record Symbols

Accurate	(✓)	
Substitution	(X)	<u>wrong word</u> right word
Repetition	(← R)	
Omission	(O)	
Insertion	(^)	
Self Correction	(SC)	
Teacher Appeal	(TA)	

- Step 4 Mark each written answer with a tick in the appropriate box on the student recording page: *not yet, minimally, fully, exceeds expectations*. Use the descriptors for the various aspects of reading listed in the rubric on the back cover.
- Step 5 Transfer the information to the Teacher Recording Page on the front cover.
- Step 6 Using the snapshot descriptors, determine the overall performance category and list those particular categories of reading for which the student needs additional support.

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Step 7 Record the information from the front page of each student's assessment onto the Class Reading Assessment Recording Sheet.

For each student, analyze the results and summarize areas of reading proficiency requiring further development in the column, **Instructional Focus**.

Conclusion

The information summarized on the Class Recording Sheet indicates the areas of reading proficiency for which the class requires specific instruction. Students who do not meet expectations, or minimally meet expectations, should receive additional small group instruction with text appropriate to their instructional reading level.

Please refer to the North Vancouver *Reading 44: A Core Reading Framework*, for a complete description of the 12 Reading Strategies and suggested instructional activities.

Teacher Recording Page

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C is for Canada
by Ken Douglas

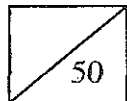
Grade 2 - 1st Term

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→ C is for Canada

Canada is our land—big and beautiful. It stretches from “sea to sea” and in between there are .

- high mountains
- wide prairies
- valleys and hills
- lakes and rivers



A is for Anthem

“O Canada” is the Canadian anthem - Canada’s song. The words tell us how

→ proud we are to be Canadians.

N is for North

Much of Canada is northland. It *is* cold, but it’s also exciting.

A is for Animals

Many animals live in Canada . . .

- the beaver with its flat tail
- the loon with its soft cry
- the Canada goose with its loud honk
- the Salmon leaping in the rivers
- the buffalo, the moose, the polar bear . . .

D is for Dance

Dance and festivals are part of life in Canada.

A is for all

All Canadians celebrate together on July 1, Canada’s birthday. There are . . .

- parades with floats and bands
- fireworks with bangs and flashes
- even giant birthday cakes in the shape of the maple leaf.
- **C-A-N-A-D-A! Hooray!**

Name _____ Date _____

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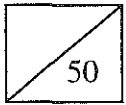
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→ You don't want these ants in your pants! Fire ants are related to wasps. Yes, these ants can sting! They'll eat almost anything — crumbs, garbage, and even other insects. So if you're picnicking in the southern United States, Mexico, or South America, look out!



→ Deep in the fire ants' nest the queen ants are busy laying eggs. One of the worker ants leaves the nest to find some food. Where's the trail to the food? She waves her antennae in the air to smell the scent trail other ants have left for her to follow. Here it is!

March, march, march. Wow, a picnic! With her strong mandibles she picks up a crumb much bigger than the size of her body. On the way back, she leaves a scent for other ants to follow.

Inside the nest, she shares the food with the other ants.
Yum!

Name _____ Date _____

<p>1. The title of this text is <u>Ants on the March</u>. What does this title make you think of?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What will it be about? _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1. Background Knowledge and Prediction</p> <p>Not yet Meets Fully Meets Exceeds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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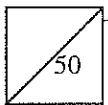
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→ My name is Zoe and this is Un Poco, which means "Little One" in Spanish. He's a red-tailed hawk. Poco looks heavy, but he weighs a little less than a packed lunch kit.



→ My mother is specially trained to help hawks. Poco came to us after a vet had put a cast on his wing. After the cast came off, Poco's wing was so weak, he could barely fly. Mom had to train him to fly again.

Leather straps tied Poco's feet to a leash in Mom's hand. Little by little, Poco flew farther and farther from Mom's hand as his wing got stronger. A friend, Ashley, sometimes helped Mom to give Poco his exercise.

A year and a half after Poco was injured, we let him go back into the wild. It was a sad day for my family because Poco had become a close friend. But it was a happy day for Poco - he could hunt and fly in the wild again!

Name _____ Date _____

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3. Main idea	<input type="checkbox"/> unable to use text features to help make sense of the selection <input type="checkbox"/> may identify the topic	<input type="checkbox"/> able to use simple text features with support <input type="checkbox"/> identifies the topic; may need support to recall main ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> uses simple text features to help locate information <input type="checkbox"/> accurately identifies most main ideas; tends to rely on the words of the text	<input type="checkbox"/> independently uses text features to help locate information <input type="checkbox"/> accurately re-states all or almost all main ideas in own words
4. Summarizing	<input type="checkbox"/> unable to locate information <input type="checkbox"/> recalls few if any details	<input type="checkbox"/> frequently guesses rather rereading, when locating specific information <input type="checkbox"/> provides a few accurate details in answers and explanations; may invent some material	<input type="checkbox"/> rereads to locate specific information if prompted; tends to be inefficient <input type="checkbox"/> includes some detail in answers and explanations; may not distinguish important from unimportant detail	<input type="checkbox"/> rereads to locate specific information; becoming efficient <input type="checkbox"/> uses relevant details in answers and explanations
5. Inferences and conclusions	<input type="checkbox"/> unable to make connections to other information about the topic <input type="checkbox"/> unable to distinguish between fact and fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> with support, makes some connections to other information about the topic including personal experience <input type="checkbox"/> beginning to distinguish between fact and fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> with support, makes connections to other information about the topic, including personal experiences <input type="checkbox"/> generally able to distinguish between fact and fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> may make several connections to other information about the topic, including personal experiences <input type="checkbox"/> distinguishes between fact and fiction; begins to question the relevance of information

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