

**Reading Words – Decoding <http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/articles/060899.htm>**

Have your child read and pronounce correctly each letter or word starting 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.

As you can see this scale goes all the way up to college level. This test only assesses decoding (reading words); it does not assess reading comprehension or spelling.

Example: If your 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 and fourth month.

Links lead to dictionary.com pronunciations and definitions. The simpler words sometimes have the more complicated definitions and sometimes several pronunciations.

A B O P E R T H [8]	<a href="#">to</a> <a href="#">see</a> <a href="#">cat</a> <a href="#">milk</a> <a href="#">red</a> <a href="#">tree</a> <a href="#">big</a> <a href="#">book</a> [16]	<a href="#">was</a> <a href="#">city</a> <a href="#">eat</a> <a href="#">him</a> <a href="#">animal</a> <a href="#">letter</a> <a href="#">then</a> <a href="#">himself</a> [24]
<a href="#">how</a> <a href="#">deep</a> <a href="#">spell</a> <a href="#">between</a> <a href="#">weather</a> <a href="#">lip</a> <a href="#">block</a> <a href="#">awake</a> [32]	<a href="#">size</a> <a href="#">board</a> <a href="#">felt</a> <a href="#">chin</a> <a href="#">tray</a> <a href="#">approve</a> <a href="#">cliff</a> <a href="#">stalk</a> [40]	<a href="#">split</a> <a href="#">huge</a> <a href="#">plot</a> <a href="#">quality</a> <a href="#">escape</a> <a href="#">urge</a> <a href="#">collapse</a> <a href="#">grieve</a> [48]
<a href="#">abuse</a> <a href="#">residence</a> <a href="#">quarantine</a> <a href="#">contagious</a> <a href="#">glutton</a> <a href="#">exhaust</a> <a href="#">imply</a> <a href="#">image</a> [56]	<a href="#">contemporary</a> <a href="#">theory</a> <a href="#">threshold</a> <a href="#">participate</a> <a href="#">ethics</a> <a href="#">desolate</a> <a href="#">eliminate</a> <a href="#">triumph</a> [64]	<a href="#">tranquility</a> <a href="#">humidity</a> <a href="#">contemptuous</a> <a href="#">alcove</a> <a href="#">humiliate</a> <a href="#">conspiracy</a> <a href="#">aeronautic</a> <a href="#">predilection</a> [72]