Craft Right Brain Reader Placement Test Instructions

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This placement test is designed to place readers at the appropriate instructional reading level. The instructional level is where the student is not frustrated in the daily oral reading practice. The attached lists correspond to the Craft Right Brain Readers.

Test Administration:

- 1. Find a quiet place to have the student read the lists. Bring markers and blank paper with you.
- 2. Start the student on List 1-A, even if it is too easy.
- 3. Keep track of the errors the student makes in your head, so that the student will not be nervous or discouraged.
- 4. Have the student start reading from the top of the list, using a blank piece of paper to cover the words the student is not reading. If reading the word list is intimidating or challenging, you can write out the words in marker on a blank piece of paper for them to read.
- 5. If the student pauses for at least 10 seconds, you can have him move to the next word. If he says a word incorrectly you can have him try again. If it is still incorrect just say "Thank you" and move to the next word.
- 6. Even if the student sounds out the word but struggles with fluency, we count it correct. If the student reads it wrong the first time and then corrects it, we also count it correct.

Test Results:

- If the student misses 0-5 words on a list, this is not his instructional level. This reading can be used for recreational practice, but not instructional.
- If the student misses 6-10 words on a list, this is the student's instructional level. This is the appropriate reader level for them.
- If the student misses 11 or more words, this level is too difficult and will be frustrating for the student. Stop the testing and go back to the previous level. This is the instructional level.
- What if the student is basically a non-reader, unable to begin reading the words or missing 15-20 words (not necessarily in a row, but in a column) on List # 1 -A? You will start them on the first reader. By using Right Brain strategies they will soon be reading, even when other methods have failed.

These words lists are a guide, so begin with the level you feel is best for your student. We do not want this to be too frustrating. These students will begin to feel successful as they read these Readers!

Reading Guide Based on Test Results:

Start with Reader 1-A (At Bat!) if the student misses 6-10 words (or more) in List #1-A.

Start with Reader 1-B (The Big Win!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #1-B.

Start with Reader 1-C (You Rock!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #1-C.

Start with Reader 2-A (Looking Up!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #2-A.

Start with Reader 2-B (Think Big!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #2-B.

Start with Reader 2-C (Grand Slam!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #2-C.

Start with Reader 2-D (Game On!) if the student misses 6-10 words in List #2-D.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Readers or your struggling learner at info@connecteducationco.com or call 303.680.5551.

Craft Right Brain Level 1-A	jam
(At Bat!)	her
my	jab
hat	wag
look	sat
pat	bad
mad	an
van	his
tap	pan
naps	map
ham	by
lad	yam
bam	she
rag	
see	
lab	
fan	
dab	
cap	

Craft Right Brain Level 1-B (The Big Win!) are mix fit pin kid said rid fig dim lip little cut bun rub pug have jug pup yum suds happy

six	
took	
from	
bit	
wig	
rim	
zip	
with	

Craft Right Brain Level 1-C (You Rock!) fog cop cot box bet good fed men peg sell

down

very

mill

hiss

kick
mock
duck
chap
play
math
thick
fuss
batch
pitch
wick
make
bench
punch
they
less

Craft Right Brain	missing	
Level 2-A	humming	
(Looking Up!)	getting	
shop	bend	
shin	mend	
shell	wind	
shack	dent	
fish	lent	
cash	runt	
rash	pant	
hall		
wall		
hang		
song		
king		
thing		
rung		
such		
ripped		
begged		
mopped		
land		
fond		

Craft Right Brain Level 2-B	milk
(Think Big!)	silk
chest	hulk
nest	sulk
vest	bank
past	thank
last	sink
dust	bunk
must	junk
fist	
mist	Craft Right Brain Level 2-C
dump	(Grand Slam!)
jump	floss
camp	flap
task	slim
mask	sled
desk	clam
disk	clock
gift	glum
loft	glob
soft	bliss
belt	black
welt	pluck

plot	Craft Right Brain Level 2-D
grill	(Game On!)
grip	blame
drop	tame
dress	rake
crab	alive
crush	tape
fret	safe
frog	cane
trim	side
trap	pipe
bring	wife
skic	male
stem	brave
swam	rose
brand	cove
spend	bone
slant	jeep
mint	street
	tree
	heel
	mail
	paid

rain		
hair		
weak		
leaf		
star		
farm		
baking		
diving		
smiled		