

Directions for Timing Letters (from left to right across the page):

Letters

1. Read the first **row** of letters with the student.
2. Tell the student to start at the beginning of the first row and continue until the timer goes off (30 seconds for a Kindergartener or beginning first-grader and one minute for everyone else).
3. Tell the student he or she is to go back to the beginning and continue if the timer has not gone off when the page is completed.
4. Set the timer and say, "Ready? Please begin."
5. During the timing, track errors, hesitations, and self-corrections by marking the Student Record Sheet.
6. Report the score as the number correct over the number attempted (# correct/# attempted).

If the 100-letter grid is too large to be achieved, the Accuracy Check for Reading Letters **which is not timed** will help determine a student's readiness for starting *The Spell of Language* program. Letter-name knowledge must be well on its way to becoming secure so that confusions between names and sounds of letters do not occur. The Alphabet Board document provides ways of creating and strengthening letter-name associations.

The baseline in this assessment consists of the Rate of Letters Correct per minute along with Letters in Error and Letter Confusions. The range of Automaticity (Fluency) is 120 to 150 letter names per minute in a one-minute timing. Successful students complete the task at a rate of:

60 letters per minute in a 30-second timing at end of Kindergarten; and
100 letters per minute in a one-minute timing with one error.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read Letters (See/Say)

Student Record

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i	g	a	r	f	b	j	k	c	l	10
d	s	q	p	o	e	h	t	m	n	20
x	b	w	a	j	y	i	z	u	v	30
c	k	b	d	e	f	r	h	g	f	40
l	a	m	q	t	n	u	o	e	p	50
c	d	k	z	y	u	x	w	v	i	60
y	v	j	o	h	t	n	g	b	m	70
w	u	s	a	r	q	z	x	p	y	80
l	k	z	t	p	n	r	o	z	s	90
f	b	l	h	m	t	w	v	u	l	100

Read Letters (See/Say)

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d	s	q	p	o	e	h	t	m	n	20
x	b	w	a	j	y	i	z	u	v	30
c	k	b	d	e	f	r	h	g	f	40
l	a	m	q	t	n	u	o	e	p	50
c	d	k	z	y	u	x	w	v	i	60
y	v	j	o	h	t	n	g	b	m	70
w	u	s	a	r	q	z	x	p	y	80
l	k	z	t	p	n	r	o	z	s	90
f	b	l	h	m	t	w	v	u	l	100