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Developed and coordinated by the Bureau of Reading Education of the New York State Education Department, Project Alert is a statewide inservice program to facilitate instituting or improving the diagnostic-prescriptive approach to reading instruction. As part of this program, a reading resource kit was prepared by the bureau to give structure and direction to the projects in the local schools. This multimedia kit presently has six packages, with three more to be prepared. Each of the packages in the kit analyzes one skills topic in reading. Package 3, "Diagnosis of word Recognition Ability, " explores some of the ways to estimate students' sight vocabulary and to determine the word recognition skills they possess. This package covers the following areas: preparing and administering word recognition tests, practice exercises in reading results, recording and interpreting the results of word recognition tests, using the Dolch Basic 220 Word Vocabulary, flashing words with a tachistoscope, and using basal texts. An overview of Project Alert and the administrator's handbook, which describes the intended uses of the packages, are included with each package. (TO)



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Project Reading Aleit is a statewide inservice program with the objective of instituting or improving the diagnostic-prescriptive approach to reading instruction. In an effort to increase the impact of inservice programs, this project has been developed and coordinated by the Bureau of Reading Education of the New York State Education Department. Many previous inservice programs utilized outside speakers for short-term lecture courses which had little emphasis on demonstrations of classroom techniques. Project Alert is structured to overcome the widespread negative response of teachers to traditional inservice arrangements. For this reason the project has several unique features:

- 1. Classroom teachers are used to facilitate and guide inservice programs.
- 2. The emphasis is placed on the self-direction of teachers in determining content of the inservice program.
- 3. The emphasis is placed on classroom demonstrations of new techniques.
- 4. Finally, 50 school districts are cooperating and sharing inservice



materials and objectives.

Project Alert has been structured in three phases, each training a group of teachers who, in turn, have initiated an inservice program for other teachers. Through this "ripple" effect, it is expected that approximately 5,000 teachers will be exposed to the reading inservice program. The first phase of Project Alert, funded through ESEA, Title I funds, brought together the 50 directors of the summer programs for a 2-week workshop in March 1972. The participants focused on three main activities:

- 1. Exploring, critiquing, and utilizing the "Reading Resource Kit",
- 2. Refining inservice models for each of the 50 projects, and
- 3. Investigating additional diagnostic-prescriptive techniques by reviewing new commercial material and visiting school programs.

The 50 reading specialists returned to their communities to direct the second phase of the project, a summer instructional program for children in Title I, ESEA programs and inservice training for 670 Title I ESEA teachers in the summer program. This second phase was also funded through Title I, ESEA. As the director facilitated, guided, and evaluated, the teachers designed their inservice program to meet their own needs in the classroom: diagnosis, prescription, evaluation, and management. The spirit of experimentation was encouraged through classroom demonstrations, shared instructional responsibilities, and self-evaluation. The Reading Resource

Kit and connercial material provided the focal point for teachers' discussions and team projects. An important objective of the summer phase was to prepare the teachers to organize and facilitate inservice programs this past academic year (1972-73) in their individual schools. The teachers trained during the summer returned to their buildings as teachers-leaders with the responsibility of organizing an inservice program for their fellow teachers.

Throughout this program, commercial and locally developed materials were used to assist teachers. The Bureau of Reading Education prepared a Reading Resource Kit to give added structure and direction for the 50 projects. This multimedia kit presently has six packages which permits the teacher to select areas of interest and needs, and to work through the readings, tasks, and evaluations. This may be done independently or in a group, depending on the desired organization of inservice in that building.

The Reading Resource Kit provided structural guidelines for developing a reading program based on individual needs of students as advocated by the Regents position paper on reading. Inservice leaders used the kit as a springboard for evaluating and improving the skills and techniques of the teachers. Other inservice materials will be used to expand the program as the needs of the teachers indicate. The kit is not designed as a complete teaching resource nor as a complete reading program for a school system.



The kit's central focus is the development of a diagnostic-prescriptive approach to classroom reading instruction. Each of the packages in the kit analyzes one skills topic in reading. The following is an outline of the contents of the packages:

- 1. The Recognition of Readiness
- 11. The Informal Reading Inventory
 - 1. How to Construct
 - 2. How to Administer with a Demonstration of Procedures
 - 3. Recording Scores
- III. Diagnosis of Word Recognition Ability
 - 1. Techniques for Testing
 - 2. Interpretation of Tests
 - 3. Available Materials
- IV. Assessment of Listening Skills
- V. Classroom Management
 - 1. Data Collection: Organization and Use
 - 2. Facilities
 - 3. Instruction
- VI. Fry Readability Index
- VII. Improving Comprehension Through Questioning Techniques (available 1974)
- VIII. Reading in the Content Areas (available 1974)
 - 1X. Prescription in Word Recognition Skills (available 1974)

With this brief overview of the components and activities of Project ALERI, one of the six available packages is presented following the Administrator's Haadbook which describes the intended uses of the packages.



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Administrator's Handbook

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Inservice Reading Resource Kit

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The idea for the Inservice Reading Resource Kit for classroom teachers was first conceived in the Bureau of Reading Education in 1970. At that time the need to reach far more teachers than is presently possible through inservice local workshops or through the limited number of collegiate programs available to a district became evident. This led to a decision to develop a series of learning packages, for use by individual teachers or by small groups of teachers, While they are designed to be self-directed and self-paced, it is hoped that they will be used whenever possible under the direction of a competent reading consultant or director of curriculum. The first six packages completed in the series deal primarily with diagnostic techniques useful in the classroom, the evaluation of the approximate difficulty of materials and the organization of a classroom to provide individualized instruction and thus fill the identified needs of the learner.

These packages are intended to serve as tools and to expand the capacity of the State Education Department to reach all teachers in New York State concerned with providing the highest quality of instruction. It is our hope that these materials, used in proper perspective and supplemented by other means for improving the teacher's effectiveness in the classroom reading program, will enable the school districts to implement the program proposed in the Regent's Position Paper No. 12, Reading, published in July, 1971.

Jane Algozzine, Chief bureau of heading Education

INTRODUCTION

Does your traching staff need help in:

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---constructing and administering diagnostic reading tests
---individualizing reading instruction
---determining the readability level of materials
---determining reading readiness of individual students
---testing word recognition ability
---developing communication skills related to reading---such as those found in listening
---designing programs for students based on their abilities and needs

Do you find it difficult, if not prohibitive, to get the time, facilities, and resources needed to provide such help?

The Inservice Reading Resource Kir provides low-cost, on-the-job training to assist classroom teachers in individualizing reading programs. Flex-ibility is an important feature of the multi-media approach. Since the program is self-administering and self-instructional, the teacher can schedule his own learning time and place, can adjust the materials and the pace to fit his own needs, using as nany or as few of the components as he chooses. The only facilities needed for the program are a cassette playback recorder, a pencil, working space, and either album film projector or a one inch video tape-projector, preferably one which includes a monitor.

Few bibliographical references are included in the kit since they tend to become out dated rather rapidly and lists may be interpreted as restrictive. Administrators are urged to keep information about up-to-data professional resource materials readily available. The school Reading Coordinator can suggest specific materials on request.

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Self-Instructional Inservice Reading Kit: A Resource for Developing Diagnostic-Prescriptive Techniques in Classroom Teaching of Reading'.

Objectives for Use

- ... Administrators and reading supervisors will be able to offer a resource packet to classroom teachers to assist them in individualizing their reading programs.
- ... Administrators and reading supervisors will be able to plan a selfinstructional in-service reading course for classroom teachers.
- ... Classroom teachers will be able to use these multi-media packages independently to develop expertise in individualizing reading instruction.
- ... The classroom teacher will be able to use the packages in this resource kit to instruct herself in:
 - ... assessing student readiness for learning to read
 - ... constructing appropriate diagnostic reading instruments
 - ...determining suitable reading materials for students
 - ... prescribing appropriate reading tasks and programs for students
 - ... recording reading progress and maintaining records for students
 - ... selecting classroom management procedures appropriate to specific needs

The Inservice Reading Resource Kit is intended to serve as a spring board, helping the classroom teacher to diagnose students reading projectency and to prescribe appropriate programs for every child in a range of frombelow-to-above-average achievement. It is not meant to be a clinical instrument. Intentionally, it oversimplifies techniques for diagnosis, holding to the thesis that as a teacher gains expertise, he will become aware of questions which are raised by specialists in the field, and will pursue sophisticated procedures at greater depth than is undertaken in this foundation study.

OVERVIEW OF CONTENTS

Package I

The Recognition of Readiness (Beginning Reading, Level)

This package deals with means of determining a child's development in mastery of the skills essential to learning to read. It provides a set of axioms or generalizations about the process of reading which should help the teacher to identify the child's point of readiness. Suggestions are given for certain tasks which will aid the teacher in prescribing appropriate instruction to meet those needs.

Package II The Informal Reading Inventory

This package explains how to construct and how to administer the informal reading inventory which is a most useful instrument in providing appropriate placement for students in materials and in the reading skills sequence. It helps diagnose strengths and weaknesses giving the teacher insight into the individual's learning needs. A video tape or 30 mm film demonstrating procedures accompanies the package.

Package III Diagnosis of Word Recognition

This package goes into detail in the techniques of testing tord recognition. Materials are suggested. Interpretations of results are provided as guidelines for teachers. Actual test situations have been recorded on cassette tapes.

Package IV Assessment of Listening Skills

This package presents materials for assessing the child's listening comprehension level. Sample exercises, scoring devices, and samples of question techniques are included. This is the first of several packages dealing with communication skills which are related to the reading process. (The other packages are to be developed at a later time).

Package V Classroom Management

This package deals with three major concerns in classroom management. Section I focuses on data collection. The teacher learns how to organize and use information about students' reading skills. Section II deals with classroom facilities and staffing. Section III is directed toward instructional procedures.

Package VI The Fry Readability Index

This parkage is a working tape and saudy book to teach the Fry Readability Index, which is one of namy methods used to determine a textbook's level of reading difficulty.



Suggestions for Use of Resource Kit

Situation I

A beginning elementary classroom teacher has had little or no background in the teaching of reading. She asks for help in organizing her classroom. The principal of her school calls the Inservice Reading Resource Kit to her attention, and he helps her arrange a schedule for using it after school in the library of the school on two days each week. He asks her to keep a log which will show any value this resource may have in improving her own effectiveness in the classroom and asks her reading teacher to assist her in her use of this kit.

Situation II

A team of social studies teachers in a middle school is concerned with the suitability of textbooks for the students. The department chairman schedules meetings for them to use the resource kit and learn how to determine the readability difficulty of the texts. They learn from the resource kit how to do informal testing to find the students' rending instructional level. Their findings will be reported to the school principal and to the guidance office to be shared with teachers in other content areas. Lecommendations as to the appropriateness of materials will be included in the report and adjustments will be made in selections of texts and in grouping procedures to provide suitable instruction for the students.

Situation III

The curriculum committee of a school district has reported that there has been no recent inservice course in reading for its classroom teachers. A survey of need and a priority list is made. Teachers in greatest need of this service are scheduled through the entire resource kit by the reading supervisor. A salary increment is allowed for inservice credit, according to district policy, when a teacher gives evidence of satisfactorily completing the course.

Situation IV

A langauge-aits social studies team of teachers on a secondary level questions the suitability of the curriculum for the low, average, and above average students in the school. The reading coordinator suggests they use a readability index on texts and supplementary materials. This leads to further study of the Inservice Reading Resource Kit. Among other discoveries, the team determines, after profiling available student test scores, that the above average segment of population is capable of stretched performance. A survey of available resources in school and community is recommended. The team constructs a curriculum of greater range and depth for these students, utilizing appestions from the packages of the kit in determining needs and prescribing extended apportunities for independent study and individualization.

Inservice Reading Resource Kit Package III

Diagnosis of Word Recognition Ability



DIAGNOSIS OF WORD RECOGNITION ABILITY

INTRODUCTION

An important part of the total diagnostic reading approach is
the evaluation of word recognition ability. In this kit, we will explore
some of the ways in which you can estimate a student's sight vocabulary
and determine the word recognition skills that he possesses.

Since record keeping is so important in this testing procedure, we will provide opportunities for you to practice the techniques and evaluate your interpretations.

The contents of this diagnostic study kit are as follows:

- 1. Preparing Word Recognition Tests
- ?. Administering Word Recognition Tests
- 3. Recording Results of Word Recognition Tests
- 4. Practice Exercises in Reading Results
- 5. Interpreting Results of Word Recognition Test
- 6. Using the Dolch Basic 220 Word Vocabulary
- 7. Flashing Words with a Tachistoscope
- Using Basal Texts.

Since the acquisition of a sight vocabulary is a continuous process, word recognition should be periodically checked to evaluate the child's status and progress. It is insufficient to depend on any one test when making judgments of word recognition ability. Such testing is useful only when it allows you to realize the student's difficulties in word analysis and to plan learning sequences which will overcome such difficulties.



PREPARING WORD RECOUNTTION CESTS | 98%, QUI

In testing a student's word recognition ability, we are attempting to do two things. First, we want to estimate the child's sight vocabulary by flacking. Flashing means showing the child the word for only a few seconds and asking him to respond by identifying the word. Second, we want to detectine word attack shills. In the untimed or analysis section of our testing, we allow the child to examine the word for a longer time, to "figure it out."

You are evaluating his sight vocabulary. If he misses the word on flash and you also him to look at it carefully, you are evaluating word-attack skills.

There are many methods of determining word recognition ability. The method we are proposing is adaptable to teacher-made or commercially prepared material. It involves the use of index cards and graded word lists typed on oalt tag strips.

As a first step in preparing your own graded word recognition test, select a set of graded basal-reading texts preferably a set with which the children you are teaching are not faultian. Bother than choosing one text at your extent grade level, have some texts at least two or three grade levels above and below, as the children in your classroom will have a wide range of reading abilities. You may wish to have word lists for each grade, 1-6.



Turning to the vocabulary list at the back of one of the texts, select 20-25 words, excluding proper nouns. Let's assume there are 200 words on the list. If you wish to have 20 words on your list, divide 200 by 20. The answer is 10. So you may choose every tenth word for your list.

The next step is to type a list of words on oak tag strips approximately 3" by 10". Double space the words. It is advisable to use a primary type-writer for the first-grade list.

To help you in planning your own lists, we have included in the Appendix of this kit samples of a word list made from the Bookmark Reading Program (New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Inc.). Also you will need 3" by 5" index cards. You should use the oak tag strips and index cards to practice your testing technique.

ADMINISTERING THE TESTS

Taking an index card in each hand, place them vertically in this manner over the first word on the pre-primer list----"up".

The index cards will be used in flashing and shielding words. Since we need to expose only one word at a time, it is important that the other words are shielded or concealed.

The top card is usually held in the left hand and the bottom card in the right. With the cards in the above-pictured manner slide the bottom card down, exposing the word "up" for a few seconds. Then slide the top card



down covering the word. On to the next word and slide the bottom card down, and quickly cover it with the top eard. Do this with each word on the list.

Practice until the technique feels comfortable.

Lot's go over the flashing procedure in this canner:

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	12 v 21	the first word "up".
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	3 % 5	right hand, exposing the first word for
	•	about 2 seconds.
Step 3	3 X 5	Slide the top card down with the left hand to cover the first word.
		Mand to cover the list words
Step 4	2. the	Slide the bottom card down to expose
	3 X 5	the second word for two seconds.
Step 5	3 X 5 1	Slide down the top card to cover the
	3 X 5 - Word #3	នពលពជា មហាជា
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Step 7	3 4 5 1	Fiter a few seconds lower the top card
	3 3 5 Word #4	to gover the word.

Constitue this with all fifteen words on the list. Remember to practice this often, until you are at east using this flashing method.



The untimed or analysis test is given at about the same time as the flashing test. If you are flashing a word to the child and he does not respond before you cover it with the top card, lift the top card. Allow the child to examine the word for a short period. This is the untimed segment of your testing procedure.

Before you attempt to record the test results, practice testing someone. Practice the test with an able reader, flashing words and, when necessary, allowing him to analyze words.

RECORDING RESULTS

After you feel you have mastered the testing technique, you are ready to proceed to the important phase of recording test responses. To record these responses, you will need record sheets. You will find record sheets for all the graded test lists in the Appendix of this section.

Take out the record sheet for the pre-primer list. You will note that
the fifteen words on the oak tag test list have been typed on a dittoed
sheet. Next to each word, there are two spaces to record the timed (flash)
and untimed (analysis) parts of the test.

Pre-Primer

		•	Flash	Untimed
1.	nb	•	*	
2.	the		but	+

Remember that in the flash column, you will record answers which were made when the child was shown the word for only a few seconds. In the untimed column, you will record responses which were made after analysis.



You may wish to make up your own shorthand for scoring the test. The sign F may be used for a correct response. Use a minus sign if there is no response. If the wrong answer is given, record it exactly, spelling it phonetically if need be.

On the record sheet shown above, the student had a correct response for the word "up", so the flash section was marked +. He answered "but" for "the" on the flash section, then was able to correct his response after analysis.

Let us examine the 2^1 test results of a student who is in Grade 3, second half.

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Even though John's teacher had a third grade, she began John's word recognition test at the 2 level as she felt he had difficulty, and she wanted to make him as comfortable as possible. However, John experienced difficulty at this level also. So the teacher also administered the pre-primer, primer and first-reader lists.

Before we examine the results of these tests, let us look over the 2 results twice closely.

John recognized the first word on flash; so h was recorded in the flash column. It is not responsive to put the + in the untimed column as we know he recognizes the word. however, you may do so if you wish.



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He prenounced the second word as "smell" and this was recorded. Since he was able to answer correctly on the untimed test, the second column is marked to

He offered no response for the third word. Flash common was marked with a minus sign. It could have been left blank or marked with O. Whatever you care to choose is appropriate as long as it is understood. On the untitled test, he pronounced the word as "chew".

The fourth word was pronounced "who", and he was able to correct it on analysis.

The fifth word was pronounced "dr-i-per" and was recorded as such. It was pronounced correctly on the untimed test.

Words 6, 7, and 8 were correct.

Word nine was pronounced "net", and then corrected on the untimed.

There was no response for word 10 on Flash. On analysis, it was pronounced "stirred".

Eleven and twelve had correct responses.

Thirteen was pronounced as "st-u" and then corrected on the untimed. Fourteen's response was "beg" and then corrected.

Fifteen was correct, and there were no responses at all for sixteen.

On flash, seventeen was "fee". On analysis it was "fetter".

Eighteen was correct.

The response for ninety-major flash was "vera". It was then corrected.

There was no response for twenty on flash. He was able to respond correctly when given more time.

INTERPETING PESULIS

John's sight vorabelous appears to broak down at the 2' level. Let's ex-



Word Recognition Test Profile

Level	Titled	Untimed
Pre-Primer	100%	100%
Primer	90%	100%
First Reader	80%	90%
	40%	80%

The word recognition profile which we have for John suggests that we would begin our informal reading inventory at the pre-primer level. That is, we would have him begin reading selections at the pre-primer, primer, first-reader levels. If he did not show signs of frustration, we would continue until they appeared.

It is important to examine the types of word recognition errors that

John made. He did not appear to have difficulty with word beginning, as
you may notice. "Smell" for "smile", "who" for "why", "net" for "never",

"were" for "wire", etc. In most instances, however, he did exhibit difficulty
with the middle of the word. If this pattern is consistent, learning exercises which focus upon the study of the middle of the word are in order.

Reteaching, rather than testing exercises, is demanded.

PRACTICE EXERCISE IN RECORDING RESULTS

On the following pages are the test results of a second-grade student. Sharron is in the second grade, fourth month. She is a repeater. As you examine her responses, try to explore the type of program which you would suggest for her.

But first, obtain a pre-primer record sheet from envelope 1A, and record Sharron's responses. They are as follows:



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To word \$1, Sharron responded "on", then she could not correct

word #2, she Answered correctly

word #3, she answered correctly

word 74, she responded "on" and was not able to correct

word #5, she responded with "th with" and was not able to analyze

word #6, no response on flash or untimed

word #7, no response

word 33, no response " or analysis

word 30, she knew in the flashing segment

word Mo, " " " " "

word 311, n to n n

word 312, " " " " "

word 413, she responded with the word "go" and could not correct

word #14, she responded correctly on flash.

word \$15, she responded with "wh uh" and was not able to correct.

How mark your word recognition record sheet according to the above described responses. Then turn to the next sheet to compare your evaluation.

WORD PROJECTION TEST INCOME SHEET

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The primer list was also presented to Sharron, but as she showed signs of frustration and was unable to respond at all to the first five words, the test was stopped. Some of the signs of frustration were fidgeting in seat, pulling of hair, grim facial expression.

Sharron exhibits not only a weak sight vocabulary at the pre-primer level, but also poor word attack skills. In fact, in the untimed section of the test, the was not able to analyze any of the words correctly. In two instances, she used word beginnings as her clue. For her age and grade placement, she rates low in word recognition ability. Careful diagnostic examination is required to plan her corrective program.

Since the techniques of administration and recording of the test results have been presented to you, it would be appropriate to schedule several practice test sessions. Sit to the right of the student. Have your word lists and 3 % 5 cards before the student. Have the record sheets and a pencil or pen handy. Again, the more you have performed the testing techniques, the less clumsy they will appear.

Practice using the word lists until you feel comfortable with your expertise.

TAPED EXERCISES IN RECORDING RESULTS

As a check on your growing proficiency with the administration of the informal word recognition test, we have prepared two cassettes for you to follow. On sides one and two of each cassette, you will hear a test being given to each of two students. As you listen to the tape, administer the test, flashing the words with the index cards, and scoring the responses

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on the record sheet. Pretend that you are testing the student yourself.

There are several limitations in scoring a test from tape, as the visual stimuli are missing. Furthermore, testers vary in their interpretations of test results. However, these exercises will help to improve your efficiency.

Remove the cassette #1 from Envelope 1B. Set up side 1 (Brenda, Grade 3, Age 9.9) for listening on the appropriate machine.

Obtain the oak tag tes. strips, record sheets, and two index cards from Envelope IA. Set them up for administration as you did in other practice sessions.

When you are ready:

- 1. Start the recorder
- Synchronizing with the recorded test, flash the words and record the responses in the appropriate column.
- 3. Turn off the recorder
- 4. Look over your record sheets and determine the percentage scores for flash and analysis at all levels. If you wish, you may replay the test and check over your worksheets. Often, when replaying the recording of a test, experienced testers find modifications.
- 5. Turn the recorder back on when you are ready to check your sheets.
- 6. Compare your responses with the tester's responses on the cassetts.

Bubby is a second-grade student who is duing exceptionally well in school. His teacher felt that he was capable of reading beyond the basal second reader. He was given an informal word recognition test. Tape 2 represents the results of the informal word recognition test. As you listen, remember the limitations of a tape recording.



Now, take the Bobby tape from its case. Set it in the appropriate machine.

Again obtain the oak tag test strips, record sheets and index cards from the

Appendix.

V'hen you are ready to begin testing:

- 1. Start the recorder
- 2. Flash the words with the index cards
- 3. Record the responses
- 4. Turn off the recorder at the end of the test
- Look over your record sheets and determine percentage scores for the flash and untimed responses at all levels
- 6. Turn the recorder on again
- 7. Compare your responses with the cassette

You may disagree with some of the interpretation made by the tester, as many decisions are made on judgment in the actual testing situation.

INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF WORD RECOGNITION TESTING

The only valid reason for testing is to discover the areas in which a student needs help and to plan a program providing that help. That is why it is so important to keep an accurate record of the responses made during the work recognition testing. Often the errors form a pattern which is significant in determining the areas in need of training.

Since this kit was designed mainly to give you the mechanics of word recognition testing, we will explore with you only a few of the techniques which may be used in the correction of word recognition errors.



While examining a student's responses, for example, you may observe orientation errors. Perhaps, a child has difficulty with the beginning of a word. He may say "cat" for "bat" or "down" for "brown".

Or he may have difficulty with the middle of the word.

Mouth for Month

Horse for House

He may have difficulty with word endings.

Man for Mat

Driven for Driver

By simply calling the child's attention to his difficulty and providing exercises for corrective practice, it is often possible to eliminate the difficulty.

For example, if a child has difficulty with the middle of a word, provide him with multiple-choice questions which focus his attention on the middle of words.

Joh	n li	ves :	in a				_ h	orse	house	hope	2			
Tom	went	t to	the	circ	us	wi th	his			_fatl	ner	fea	ther	fatter
You	can	adju	ıst	this	tec	hniqu	ie ei	asily	, to o	ther	tve	es	of e	rors.

If a child appears to have a very limited sight vocabulary, exercises with flash cards, such as the Dolch Popper words, are helpful. You may also use word lists with tachistoscopes, word wheels, etc. Be mindful that the technique should involve reinforcement of learning rather than testing.

If you can determine that a child has difficulty with specific patterns, such as at, en, an, then you can offer him the opportunity to meet those letter combinations in numerous ways.



The child may be unable to decode using such clues as long and short vowel rules, syllabication, prefixes, suffixes, etc. Once the difficulties are identified, then a corrective program may be planned.

Let us briefly examine the informal word recognition test results of Brenda, whose responses were recorded on the cassette found on the tape previously studied.

On the primer and first-reader list, it appeared that she looked primarily at the word beginning.

Again, on the 2 list, difficulty with word middles and endings was noted. It is interesting that on word #9, "steered", she did not employ the st sound in the flashing of the word, but merely used the "s - s". However, in the untimed segment, she used the st sound, but had difficulty with the middle of the word.

On the 2^2 and 3^1 lists, she again seemed to focus on the beginning of the word, and even when she analyzed a word correctly, appeared uncertain. This pattern continued into total frustration at the 3^2 level.

The informal word recognition test results are pertinent only after examining the oral and silent reading which was done in the informal reading inventory. Her oral reading was word by word with poor phrasing. She appeared to examine each unknown word carefully. She moved her lips during the silent reading selection, and her rate of words per minute was very slow. Comprehension, in both cases, was poor.

During the administration of the informal reading inventory, the examiner felt that Brenda's sight vocabulary was so weak that she needed



to sound out too many words; therefore, she did not comprehend what she was reading. She could not, as she was too busy decoding the symbols.

It would seem, then, that Brenda needs to develop an adequate sight vocabulary. To help her, flash cards may be made for practice at home or in school. Stress the fact that she must recognize the word instantly. The words may be chosen from the basal text, from outside reading, or from texts used in various subjects.

Exercises with a tachistoscope, commercially prepared or teacher made, would be helpful. Again the stress is on instant recognition of the whole word.

It would also be beneficial to encourage Brenda to increase her reading at her independent level. Library books should be chosen carefully so that she can read them easily and fluently.

USING THE DOLCH BASIC 220 WORD VOCABULARY

An adequate assessment of word recognition ability involves the flashing of the Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary. Dr. Edward Dolch claims that these 220 words account for 50 to 75 per cent of the running words found in most reading material. The Dolch vocabulary words are found in the Appendix. For your convenience, we have also divided them into two lists — the easier half of the 220 words and the more difficult. There are no nouns included in the Dolch Basic 220 words.

From these lists you may prepare your own flash cards or you may wish to copy them in list form and flash them, using the technique described in the beginning of this package.

The cards may be flashed for a second or two to an individual student who sits opposite the examiner. By mimeographing a list of the 220 words



allowing spaces for responses as we did in the first part of the package, you have a helpful record sheet to study.

Scoring may be roughly estimated by assuming that if a child knows 1/3 of the words, he is performing at the end of grade one. 2/3 score is equal to the end of grade two. Knowing all the words is equal in grade placement to the end of grade three, plus.

Or, it may be scored as follows:

75 words correct -- Pre-Primer level

120 " -- Primer level

170 " -- First Reader level

210 " -- Second Reader

220 " -- Third Reader, plus

The Dolch Basic 220 V/ord Vocabulary is commercially available in several forms from the Garrard Publishing Company, Champaign, Illinois.

FLASHING WORLS WITH A TACHISTOSCOPE

There are many inexpensive and expensive tachistoscopes available.

They may be used for disgnostic purposes, but are also useful in corrective exercises.

A teacher can make a simple tachistoscope easily and cheaply. One method is to take two pieces of posterboard or oak tag and cut them into two pieces $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 10$ ". On one piece cut out a window 3/4" $\times 2 \frac{1}{8}$ ", "bout 2 inches from the top. Tape the two pieces together at the sides, with the window on the top piece.

Now, prepare a graded word list on an insert card approximately $3^{\circ} \times 12^{\circ}$. You will find a sample in the Appendix.

You may use a record sheet for the tachistoscopic test, just as you did for the test described in the first part of this package. To administer the



test, simply pull the word card down, through the tachistoscope, exposing each word for two seconds. If the child does not recognize the word, show it to him again for a longer period.

in the Durrell Analysis of Reading Difficulty kit, there is a simple tachistoscope used in the word recognition section. Graded word lists are furnished, and excellent directions for administering and scoring are provided in the manual. See part II.

USING BASAL TEXTS

Often a teacher is faced with the dilemma of having to place a new child in a reading group with no background on the student immediately available. One simple and quick interim measure is to have the child read the vocabulary list in the back of a graded basal series. Index cards may be used to flash the words, one at a time. This is a way to get a rough estimate of word recognition ability.

Flash cards may be made of vocabulary from the basal series (choosing possibly every fifth word) and flashed to the student, or word lists may be made and flashed in a simple tachistoscope.



Packaga III

Diagnosis of Word Recognition Ability

Appendix



Word Recognition Test Record Sheet

Pre Primer

Primer

·-		Flash	Untimed			Flash	Untimed
— 1.	up			1.	dark		
2.	the			2.	light		
3.	bna			3.	moon		
4.	in	-		4.	made	-	·
5.	away			5.	from		-
6.	still			6.	88		
7.	after			7.	this		
8.	on			8.	what		
9.	at			9.	you		
10.	I			10.	dog		
11.	house			11.	pull		
12.	funny			12.	road		
13.	get			13.	cold		
14.	ride			14.	dress		
15.	chair	-		15.	of		
	Scores:			16.	bed		
		•		17.	rain		
				18.	garden		
				19.	milk		
				20.	boor		
					Scores:		



First Reader

		Flash	Untimed			Flash	Untimed
		-					
1.	school			1.	off		•
2.	walk			2.	smile		
3.	room			3.	show		
4.	teacher			4.	why		
5.	hatch			5.	driver		
6.	picture			6.	until		
7.	donkey			7.	each		
8.	under			8.	usvsı	-	
9.	don't			9.	steered		
10.	lion			10.	carriage		
11.	began			11.	idea		
12.	farm			12.	real		
13.	rooster			13.	study		
14.	policeman			14.	begin		
15.	door			15.	wants	-	
16.	baby			16.	country		
17.	write			17.	feather		
18.	your			18.	lady		
19.	many			19.	wire		
20.	before			20.	animals		
	Scores:				Scores:		



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		Flash	Untimed		•	Flash	Untimec
1.	sister			1.	beautiful		
-2.	100			2.	gone		· .
3.	always			3.	toward		
4.	hair			4.	through		
5.	castle			5.	whole		
6.	1801		-	6.	fourth	-	***************************************
7.	change			7.	minute		-
8.	killer			8.	edge		
9.	foot	-		9.	heavy		
10.	which	والمراجع وا		10.	capital	-	
11.	body			11.	often		
12.	remember			12.	backwards		
13.	only			13.	pushed		
14.	tiny		-	14.	juice		
15.	traffic			15.	mowen	-	
16.	radio			16.	nothing		
17.	exit			17.	heart		
18.	middle			18.	already		
19.	whistle			19.	covered	خيخسبشيونجين	
20.	climb			20.	selt		***************************************

Scores:



Scores:

Fourth

		Flash	Untimed			Flash	Untimed
1.	evening			1.	sneer		
_ 2.	cloth			2.	serial		,
3.	although			3.	rubbish		•
4.	reward			4.	wanderar	***************************************	
5.	heaven			5.	school		
6.	plain			6.	range		
7.	accented		•	7.	measure		
8.	operate			8.	bush		ورو شده در بروران ی
9.	sofa			9.	affect		
10.	cousin	-		10.	dessert		
11.	soldiers			11.	gully		
12.	complained	-		12.	mission		
13.	whose			13.	valve		
14.	whether			14.	traits	***************************************	
15.	cushion			15.	cargo		
16.	forehead			16.	design		
17.	fabulous			17.	balance	-	
18.	ordinate			18.	hedge		
19.	piano	-		19.	notch		
20.	difficult			20.	pester		
	Scores:				Scores:		



Sixth

		Flash	Untimed			Flash	Untime
1.	valve			1.	reluctant		
2.	weird			2.	legoon		
3.	savage		and the second	3.	inflate		
4.	uncanny			4.	aggravate		******
5.	navigate			5.	burro		-
5.	legend	-		6.	cyclone		A
7.	issue			7.	mrench		•
8.	envoy			8.	humid		-
9.	ability			9.	miniature		
10.	constant	-		10.	occur		
11.	bellow	-		11.	sanitary		
12.	board	-	*******	12.	reactive		
13.	colt			13.	vague		
14.	fatal		-	14.	memorial		·
15.	guitar		-	15.	fluent		
16.	horizon			16.	exploit		-
17.	impulse	 ————————————————————————————————		17.	corrode	***	
18.	mineral			18.	observer		
19.	ordeal	<u> </u>		19.	sudscity		
20.	journal			20.	pivot		

Scores:



Scores: ____

Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary Easier Half

the	I	is	me
on	with	play	find
be	yes	no	you
not	go	here	in
come	to	will	it
this	an	into	him
have	going	from	fast
ride	DVer	of	cold
888	stop	three	up
mpo	jump	make	out
red	sat	for	has
8 ħ	8	black	csll
she	ten	#88	your
know	may	8	he
and	came	did	can
said	run	80	fly
give	had	her	if
all	pung	big	by
ran	down	at	blue
carry	saw	soon	under
whet	its	look	eno
we	that	too	like
old	do	funny	good
his	away	brown	emoa
two	went	yellow	little
my	put	don't	five
get	green	help	after

but

Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary More Difficult Half

just	thank	these	together
white	write	own	read
shall	sleep	far	gave
 hot	kind	made	let
once	ask	best	clean
draw	tell	there	today
use	wash	which	would
our	pull	seven	six
fall	full	hold	keep
long	myself	off	any
before	buy	done	taka
then	those	us	MSLW
apera	work	or	pretty
asy	sit	every	four
drom	very	well	live
must	กดพ	always	been
bring	does	siart	them
think	upon	went	when
wish	open	please	round
sing	eight	found	got
hurt	light	much	กอพ
again	because	both	cut
small	their	they	try
walk	asis	why	only
pick	right	show	drink
first	goes	how	laugh
many	rever	about	ate
better	could		



The following basic sight vocabulary of 220 words has been compiled by Dr. Edward Dolch.

Dr. Dolch offers this list as one that accounts for 50 to 75 per cent of running words in most reading material.

If we check every child on this list frequently and record his score, we will be doing a good deal in diagnosing reading problems.

If we will also check every child on the vocabulary listed in the back of each basic reading book, and be sure he knows every word listed before he starts the book on the next level, we will do a good deal to prevent reading problems.

it	here	white	we
ten	were	every	help
wish	much	out	up
no	ask	saw	start
gave	us	good	carry
off	have	from	why
them	too	try	think
said	sleep	does	use
funny	many	fast	around
for	never	may	s he
been	thank	some	read
which	like	will	run
hurt	right	where	full
well	him	found	down
under	draw	or	he
laugh	big	give	that
did	pick	goes	hold
all	my	\$O	very
want	two	say	stop
six	write	green	know
how	yellow	in	yes
fall	five	buy	i
because	they	you	We. It
brown	grow	jump	seven
put	there	come	I
eight	works	always	open
only	light	away	me
at	on	look	three
long	can	any	would
to	, old	wash	now
tell	with	eat	their
own	and	85	after
red	blue	both	are
her	please	pull pull	t ho se
don't	our	ate	has



together	of	not	going
sit	came	get	soon
be	when	keep	see'
done	upon	better	hot
first	cut	his	into
must	d o	drink	call
black	go	just	your
play	one	find	take
myself	bring	but	could
warm	who	clean	pretty
that	is	ran	made
about	new	ride	best
fly	again	am	went
if	let	this	far
cold	live	had	four
onee	an	t oday	round
these	was	sing	before
got	small	little	kind
then	its	over	work
shall	the	make	by

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Word Recognition List

Pre Primer

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5	gone	<i>i</i>	cloth	2.	our
m	toward	'n	although	ë	always
4	through	**	reward	*	hair
rų	whole	က်	heaven	ທ່	castle
Ġ	fourth	Ġ.	plain	9	roar
7.	winute	7.	accented	7.	change
ထံ	edge	ထံ	operate	&	killer
ő	heavy	6	sofa	•	foot
10.	capital	.0	cousin	10.	which
p===	often	Ë	soldiers	j.	body
12.	backwards	12.	complained	12.	remember
13.	pushed	13.	whose	13.	only
14.	Jufce	14.	whether	14.	tfny
15.	women	15.	cushfon	15.	traffic
16.	nothing	16.	forehead	16.	radio
17.	heart	17.	fabulous	17.	exit
38	already	18.	ordinary	18.	middle
19.	Covered	19.	pfano	19.	whistle
8	salt	8	difficult	20.	climb

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Word Recognition List 5	•
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	Word Recognition List

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.1. valve

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ງເວລາຊ 7. issue 8. envoy

9. ability

10. constant

11. bellow 12. board

13. colt

14. fatal

15. guitar

16. horizon

17. impulse

18. mineral

19. ordeal

20. journal

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2. light

3. moon 4. :ade

5. from 6. 28 7. this

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Primer 1

3. rubbish

4. wanderer

5. school

6. range

7. measure

8. bush

5. affect

10. dessert

11. gully

mission

13. valve

14. traits

15. cargo

ploo

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12. road

11. pull

dress

14.

16. design

17. balance

hedge

poster

garden

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17. rain

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15. of

25. poor

19. milk

Word Recognition List 6

- 1. reluctant
- 2. lagoon
- 3. inflate
- 4. aggravate
- 5. burro
- 6. cyclone
- 7. wrench
- 8. humid
- 9. miniature
- 10. occur
- 11. sanitary
- 12. reactive
- 13. vague
- 14. memorial
- 15. fluent
- 16. exploit
- 17. corrode
- 18. observer
- 19. audacity
- 20. pivot

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