

Purposes and Features of Reading Assessments: A Reference Guide

Assessment Purpose	Educational Question	Key Features	Who is Assessed?
Screening	Is the student at risk for reading problems?	Brief; Predictive of reading outcomes	All students
Progress Monitoring	Is the student making enough reading progress to reach important summative reading goals?	Brief; Alternate Forms; Sensitive to small changes over time	Students not meeting reading expectations - not reading at grade level or reaching key reading goals
Summative Evaluation	Is the student reading at grade level and meeting other essential reading goals?	Comprehensive measure	All students
Diagnosing Instructional Needs	What precise instructional needs does a student have that will improve their rate of progress toward important reading goals?	Provides in-depth instructional profile	Targeted students based upon problematic screening and progress monitoring data