

Procedure for Administration of Placement Test - RM Plus 2 Lesson 96

Use the following procedures to administer the Placement Test:

1. Make a copy of the placement test for you and the student.
2. Give the student a copy of the story.
3. Point to the passage and say, "I want you to read this story out loud. Take your time. Start with the title and read the story as well as you can."
4. Time the student and make one tally mark for each error. Use the following guidelines when tallying errors.
 - If the student misreads a word, tell the student the word and mark one error.
 - If the student reads a word incorrectly and then correctly, mark one error.
 - If the student sounds out a word instead of reading it normally, mark one error. (Note: The first time the student sounds out a word but does not supply the whole word, ask the student, "What word is that?" If the student reads the word correctly, do not mark an error. If the student sounds out the word again, mark an error. Do not prompt the student on any subsequent sounding-outs.)
 - If the student does not identify a word within four seconds, tell the student the word and mark one error.
 - If the student skips a word, point to the word. If the student does not read the word correctly, mark one error.
 - If the student skips a line, point to the line. If the student does not read the line correctly, mark one error.
5. When the student finishes reading the passage, note the exact time that it took the student to complete the passage.
6. Total the student's errors.
7. Record total time to read the passage and number of errors at the top of the page.

Placement Guidelines

Place your students as follows:

- Students who made 0 to 6 errors and read the passage within **two minutes** should be placed in Lesson 96 of *Reading Mastery Plus Level 2*.
- Students who made more than 6 errors and/or read over 2:00 should be given the placement test for *Reading Mastery Plus Level 2*.
- Students who made 0 to 2 errors **and** read the passage in 1:15 or less, should be given the placement test for *RM Plus Level 3* to see if they qualify to begin at this level.