

## Directions for Administration and Scoring

### TEST OF SINGLE WORD READING

The *PAF Test of Single Word Reading* assesses a student's ability to read single words in isolation. The ability to read single words automatically, at the word-recognition level, is crucial for maximizing comprehension. The test provides an opportunity to show **quantitative** growth in reading from year-to-year. It offers an alternative assessment tool for students who cannot yet read the uncontrolled text on standardized reading tests. This test supplements the *Proficiency Tests* found in the *PAF* handbook, which provide more detailed and qualitative reading evaluations.\*

The *PAF Test of Single Word Reading* consists of 240 words divided into twelve subtests based on phonetic patterns that follow the *PAF* sequence. Progress is demonstrated by a student reading more words accurately from year-to-year or recognizing more words automatically, rather than having to sound them out.

### ADMINISTRATION

The test is administered to each student individually.

1. Give the student a **Student Copy** and a large index card to help keep his place.

Tell the student:

*Most of the words you are going to read are real but the words in the boxes are nonsense words. Read across the page and then go to the next line. Keep reading until I tell you to stop.*

2. Record the student's performance on the **Examiner's Copy** as he or she reads each word aloud.
  - Mark one check over each word read automatically or immediately self-corrected.
  - Mark two checks over each word decoded (sounded-out) accurately.
  - Circle the words read incorrectly, not attempted, or not read correctly in 5 seconds.

\* The *PAF Test of Single Word Reading*, combined with oral reading of the *Merrill Readers*, can be used for placement of new students.

# Student Copy

## PAF TEST OF SINGLE WORD READING

1.

lap	win	dug	pot	fed
had	zip	bun	log	yet
wax	kit	tub	job	beg

yat	vix	sut	gop	jep
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2.

song	soft	swing	drank	blond
tusk	raft	spend	twist	trunk
self	fifth	fresh	quilt	branch

hink	fust	crand	glomp	smest
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3.

landed	yanked	inches	quickest	buzzed
freshest	spelled	thicker	swinging	thankful
printing	brushes	endless	blinked	blender
helpless	crunched	strongest	scratched	stressful

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4.

absent	even	husband	gallon	pretend
happen	moment	bucket	silent	cabin
timid	plastic	habit	helmet	student
solo	splendid	fossil	canyon	frequent

5.

wade	mile	pole	rule	eve
blaze	quite	zone	cube	these
flake	stripe	drove	flute	theme

bame	shide	groke	vume	plete
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6.

aim	deep	fry	clay	each
loaf	own	steam	bowl	greet
waist	sleeve	crow	spray	throat

gly	chay	fain	sneat	yoast
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7.

yarn	born	verb	hurl	firm
starch	stork	nerve	blur	chirp
scarf	porch	stern	curve	squirt
karm	zort	verst	snurd	dirk

8.

border	garlic	thirteen	elbow	corner
beneath	excuse	perhaps	cocoa	compete
disturb	raisin	harvest	orbit	rotate
umpire	delay	ozone	reserve	volume

9.

able	bugle	twinkle	concrete	ostrich
kettle	steeple	sparkle	empty	increase
sniffle	buckle	cradle	complain	partner
gargle	trample	drizzle	athlete	extreme

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10.

gem	glance	known	wreath	guide
ledge	cider	numb	listen	knuckle
stingy	decide	wriggle	whether	whistle
damage	accept	honor	plumber	disguise

11.

weight	steak	shawl	bruise	woolen
avoid	drowsy	faucet	meadow	mighty
harpoon	discount	research	destroy	curfew
statue	coupon	ceiling	awful	relieve

12.

signature	definition	president	citizen	conclusion
possession	discovery	photograph	authentic	departure
estimate	permanent	balcony	literature	avenue
advantage	hemisphere	minimum	embroidery	geography

# Examiner's Copy

## PAF TEST OF SINGLE WORD READING \*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Short Vowels in CVC Words**

Through Level 55

lap	win	dug	pot	fed
had	zip	bun	log	yet
wax	kit	tub	job	beg
yat	vix	sut	gop	jep

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly $\times 5 =$	% Words Read Correctly**
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**2. Short Vowels with Digraphs & Blends**

Through Level 129

song	soft	swing	drank	blond
tusk	raft	spend	twist	trunk
self	fifth	fresh	quilt	branch
hink	fust	crand	glomp	smest

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly $\times 5 =$	% Words Read Correctly**
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**3. One Syllable Root Words with Suffixes**

Through Level 129

landed	yanked	inches	quickest	buzzed
freshest	spelled	thicker	swinging	thankful
printing	brushes	endless	blinked	blender
helpless	crunched	strongest	scratched	stressful

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly $\times 5 =$	% Words Read Correctly**
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**4. Two Syllable Root Words – VCCV /VCV**

Through Level 113

absent	even	husband	gallon	pretend
happen	moment	bucket	silent	cabin
timid	plastic	habit	helmet	student
solo	splendid	fossil	canyon	frequent

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly $\times 5 =$	% Words Read Correctly**
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\*The PAF Test of Single Word Reading is part of the *Preventing Academic Failure* program by Phyllis Bertin and Eileen Perlman,

\*\* Enter this number in Table 1 on the Summary Sheet.

### 5. Silent E in One Syllable Words

Through Level 139

wade	mile	pole	rule	eve
blaze	quite	zone	cube	these
flake	stripe	drove	flute	theme
bame	shide	groke	vume	plete

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly**
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### 6. Long Vowels in One Syllable Words

Through Level 152

aim	deep	fry	clay	each
loaf	own	steam	bowl	greet
waist	sleeve	crow	spray	throat
gly	chay	fain	sneat	yoast

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly**
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### 7. R-Controlled Vowels in One Syllable Words

Through Level 181

yarn	born	verb	hurl	firm
starch	stork	nerve	blur	chirp
scarf	porch	stern	curve	squirt
karm	zort	verst	snurd	dirk

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly*
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### 8. Long Vowel & R-Controlled Syllables

Through Level 181

border	garlic	thirteen	elbow	corner
beneath	excuse	perhaps	cocoa	compete
disturb	raisin	harvest	orbit	rotate
umpire	delay	ozone	reserve	volume

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly*
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\* Enter this number in Table 1 on the Summary Sheet

### 9. Special Syllable Endings - VCCCV

Through Level 166

able	bugle	twinkle	concrete	ostrich
kettle	steeple	sparkle	empty	increase
sniffle	buckle	cradle	complain	partner
gargle	trample	drizzle	athlete	extreme

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly*
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### 10. Silent Letters, Soft C & Soft G

Through Level 206

gem	glance	known	wreath	guide
ledge	cider	numb	listen	knuckle
stingy	decide	wriggle	whether	whistle
damage	accept	honor	plumber	disguise

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly**
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### 11. Vowel Teams

Through Level 208

weight	steak	shawl	bruise	woolen
avoid	drowsy	faucet	meadow	mighty
harpoon	discount	research	destroy	curfew
statue	coupon	ceiling	awful	relieve

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly*
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### 12. Multisyllable Root Words

Through Level 215

signature	definition	president	citizen	conclusion
possession	discovery	photograph	authentic	departure
estimate	permanent	balcony	literature	avenue
advantage	hemisphere	minimum	embroidery	geography

Words Recognized +	Words Decoded =	Total Words Read Correctly × 5 =	% Words Read Correctly*
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Raw Scores

Subtest #	# of Words Recognized	# of Words Decoded	# of Words Read Correctly
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
TOTAL			
Use the <b>Conversion Chart</b> on the following page to convert the totals above to percentages.			
	Percent of Words Recognized	Percent of Words Decoded	Percent of All Words Read Correctly

Enter the percentages in Table 2 on the **Summary Sheet**.

Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%
1	0	25	10	49	20	73	30	97	40	121	50	145	60	169	70	193	80	217	90
2	0	26	11	50	21	74	31	98	41	122	51	146	61	170	71	194	81	218	91
3	1	27	11	51	21	75	31	99	41	123	51	147	61	171	71	195	81	219	91
4	2	28	12	52	22	76	32	100	42	124	52	148	62	172	72	196	82	220	92
5	2	29	12	53	22	77	32	101	42	125	52	149	62	173	72	197	82	221	92
6	3	30	13	54	23	78	33	102	43	126	53	150	62	174	72	198	82	222	92
7	3	31	13	55	23	79	33	103	43	127	53	151	63	175	73	199	83	223	93
8	3	32	13	56	23	80	33	104	43	128	53	152	63	176	73	200	83	224	93
9	4	33	14	57	24	81	34	105	44	129	54	153	64	177	74	201	84	225	94
10	4	34	14	58	24	82	34	106	44	130	54	154	64	178	74	202	84	226	94
11	5	35	15	59	25	83	35	107	45	131	55	155	65	179	75	203	85	227	95
12	5	36	15	60	25	84	35	108	45	132	55	156	65	180	75	204	85	228	95
13	5	37	15	61	25	85	35	109	45	133	55	157	65	181	75	205	85	229	95
14	6	38	16	62	26	86	36	110	46	134	56	158	66	182	76	206	86	230	96
15	6	39	16	63	26	87	36	111	46	135	56	159	66	183	76	207	86	231	96
16	7	40	17	64	27	88	37	112	47	136	57	160	67	184	77	208	87	232	97
17	7	41	17	65	27	89	37	113	47	137	57	161	67	185	77	209	87	233	97
18	8	42	18	66	28	90	38	114	48	138	57	162	67	186	77	210	87	234	97
19	8	43	18	67	28	91	38	115	48	139	58	163	68	187	78	211	88	235	98
20	8	44	18	68	28	92	38	116	48	140	58	164	68	188	78	212	88	236	98
21	9	45	19	69	29	93	39	117	49	141	59	165	69	189	79	213	89	237	99
22	9	46	19	70	29	94	39	118	49	142	59	166	69	190	79	214	89	238	99
23	10	47	20	71	30	95	40	119	50	143	60	167	70	191	80	215	90	239	99
24	10	48	20	72	30	96	40	120	50	144	60	168	70	192	80	216	90	240	100

Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%	Total # of Words	%
1	0	25	10	49	20	73	30	97	40	121	50	145	60	169	70	193	80	217	90
2	0	26	11	50	21	74	31	98	41	122	51	146	61	170	71	194	81	218	91
3	1	27	11	51	21	75	31	99	41	123	51	147	61	171	71	195	81	219	91
4	2	28	12	52	22	76	32	100	42	124	52	148	62	172	72	196	82	220	92
5	2	29	12	53	22	77	32	101	42	125	52	149	62	173	72	197	82	221	92
6	3	30	13	54	23	78	33	102	43	126	53	150	62	174	72	198	82	222	92
7	3	31	13	55	23	79	33	103	43	127	53	151	63	175	73	199	83	223	93
8	3	32	13	56	23	80	33	104	43	128	53	152	63	176	73	200	83	224	93
9	4	33	14	57	24	81	34	105	44	129	54	153	64	177	74	201	84	225	94
10	4	34	14	58	24	82	34	106	44	130	54	154	64	178	74	202	84	226	94
11	5	35	15	59	25	83	35	107	45	131	55	155	65	179	75	203	85	227	95
12	5	36	15	60	25	84	35	108	45	132	55	156	65	180	75	204	85	228	95
13	5	37	15	61	25	85	35	109	45	133	55	157	65	181	75	205	85	229	95
14	6	38	16	62	26	86	36	110	46	134	56	158	66	182	76	206	86	230	96
15	6	39	16	63	26	87	36	111	46	135	56	159	66	183	76	207	86	231	96
16	7	40	17	64	27	88	37	112	47	136	57	160	67	184	77	208	87	232	97
17	7	41	17	65	27	89	37	113	47	137	57	161	67	185	77	209	87	233	97
18	8	42	18	66	28	90	38	114	48	138	57	162	67	186	77	210	87	234	97
19	8	43	18	67	28	91	38	115	48	139	58	163	68	187	78	211	88	235	98
20	8	44	18	68	28	92	38	116	48	140	58	164	68	188	78	212	88	236	98
21	9	45	19	69	29	93	39	117	49	141	59	165	69	189	79	213	89	237	99
22	9	46	19	70	29	94	39	118	49	142	59	166	69	190	79	214	89	238	99
23	10	47	20	71	30	95	40	119	50	143	60	167	70	191	80	215	90	239	99
24	10	48	20	72	30	96	40	120	50	144	60	168	70	192	80	216	90	240	100

# Summary Sheet

## PAF TEST OF SINGLE WORD READING

Student \_\_\_\_\_

1st Administration	2nd Administration	3rd Administration	4th Administration
Date	Date	Date	Date
Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade
Examiner	Examiner	Examiner	Examiner

**TABLE 1** Percent of Words Read Correctly by Subtest

Subtests	% Words Read Correctly	% Words Read Correctly	% Words Read Correctly	% Words Read Correctly
1. Short Vowels in CVC Words				
2. Short Vowels With Digraphs & Blends				
3. One-Syllable Root Words with Suffixes				
4. Two Syllable Root Words - VCCV/VCV				
5. Silent E in One Syllable Words				
6. Long Vowels in One Syllable Words				
7. R-Controlled Vowels in One Syllable Words				
8. Long Vowel & R-Controlled Syllables				
9. Special Syllable Endings - VCCCV				
10. Silent Letters, Soft C & Soft G				
11. Vowel Teams				
12. Multisyllable Root Words				

**TABLE 2** Total Percent of Words Read Correctly

Percent of Words Recognized				
Percent of Words Decoded				
PERCENT OF ALL WORDS READ CORRECTLY				