

Rainforest Reading Level 4: The Understory Assessment Recording Form


Student Name: _____


Date: _____

Students should be able to decode 80% or more of the sounds accurately in order for them to move on to the next level (The Canopy). Most of the vowel digraphs are tested (the most common pronunciations). The other sounds taught were for exposure only, and do not need to be mastered. Start by telling the students that the words on the following page are nonsense words. Students should read them carefully. Record their errors below. To count errors, count each beginning, middle and ending sound separately. If they have more than 5 errors they should continue practicing the sounds at this level (The Understory):

Errors:

of errors: _____

+20/25  next level


+19/25  stay here


Dictate these words to the students: cane, howl, soon, coat, trees, play, beach, true, pies, cone. They should spell roughly 75% of the sounds correctly to move on to the next level. Spelling is more difficult than reading because students need to recall the patterns and apply them correctly with each word, so the bar is set a little bit lower. To count errors, count each beginning, middle and ending sound separately. On the lines, write how they spelled the misspelled words. They should write the words on the next page. Here are alternate lists for retesting when you think the child is ready to move up. List #2: kite, coin, rail, hope, couch, toe, fruit, boy, food, treat List #3: side, toy, feet, boat, bean, stay, fine, moon, pouch, soil

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

of errors: _____

+21/28  next level

+20/28  stay here

Rainforest Reading Level 4: The Understory
Initial Reading Assessment

Name: _____ Date: _____

plute

meach

souch

thife

shate

trow

loy

maip

broon

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Benchmark Reading Assessment

Name: _____ Date: _____

shay

plue

grigh

wroip

phope

wheef

thoog

knoaf

yowp

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Benchmark Reading Re-assessment

Name: _____ Date: _____

phoi

jiet

treel

wrese

loosh

queaf

knipe

lope

thay

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Benchmark Spelling Assessment

See the recording forms for words to dictate to students.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The Understory Word Lists (for Spelling):

Skills to practice: **Short vowels:** a, e, i, o, u and **Vowel Friends:** ai, ay, ea, ee, ie (long i), igh, oa, oi, oo, ou, ow, oy, ue, a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e

#1: short a/long a (a_e)

1. cap
2. cape
3. flake
4. flat
5. map
6. make
7. plate
8. sap
9. rat
10. rate
11. stag
12. stage

#2: short e/long e (ee):

1. beet
2. bend
3. bled
4. bleed
5. seed
6. set
7. sixteen
8. step
9. street
10. ten
11. tenth
12. tree

#3: short i/long i (i_e):

1. mine
2. mint
3. pin
4. pine
5. rip
6. ripe
7. spin
8. spine
9. strip
10. stripe
11. Tim
12. time

#4: short o/long o (oa):

1. bop
2. boat
3. coast
4. coat
5. cot
6. crop
7. float
8. flop
9. moat
10. mop
11. soap
12. stop

#5: short u/long u (oo/u_e):

1. cut
2. cute
3. cub
4. cube
5. moon
6. mud
7. mute
8. pop
9. rock
10. sock
11. soon
12. zoo

#6: long a (ai/ay):

1. day
2. May
3. play
4. ray
5. say
6. stay
7. jail
8. mail
9. nail
10. pail
11. rail
12. sail

#7: long e (ee/ea/e_e):

1. feet
2. peek
3. peel
4. see
5. beak
6. deal
7. real
8. sea
9. teal
10. complete
11. Pete
12. these

#8: long i (ie/igh):

1. lie
2. lied
3. pie
4. tie
5. tied
6. tried
7. high
8. light
9. night
10. right
11. sigh
12. sight

The Understory Word Lists (for Spelling) Continued:

Skills to practice: **Short vowels:** a, e, i, o, u and **Vowel Friends:** ai, ay, ea, ee, ie (long i), igh, oa, oi, oo, ou, ow, oy, ue, a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e

#9: long o (oa, ow, o_e):

1. bloat
2. coats
3. float
4. toast
5. blow
6. low
7. row
8. snow
9. close
10. nose
11. rope
12. those

#10: ou/ow:

1. found
2. out
3. round
4. shout
5. snout
6. sound
7. cow
8. how
9. now
10. plow
11. pow
12. wow

#11: oi/oy

1. boil
2. coin
3. join
4. oil
5. soil
6. void
7. boy
8. coy
9. joy
10. Roy
11. soy
12. toy

#12: oo/ue

1. book
2. look
3. stood
4. took
5. wood
6. loop
7. tool
8. troop
9. blue
10. clue
11. Sue
12. true

#13: oa, ou/ow:

1. bow
2. flow
3. know
4. low
5. cow
6. plow
7. pout
8. shout
9. boat
10. coat
11. float
12. soap

#14 ending y (long e/long i):

1. by
2. fly
3. my
4. sky
5. try
6. why
7. berry
8. bunny
9. funny
10. merry
11. missy
12. silly

The Understory Word Lists (for Reading):

Skills to practice: **Vowel friends:** au, aw, e, ea (short e), ee, ei (long a, long e, long i), ew, ey (long a, long e), ie (long e), i_e, oa, oe, oo, ou, ui, ue; *These words can be pronounced 2 different ways.

#1: au/aw :

1. August
2. auburn
3. autumn
4. haunt
5. haunted
6. vault
7. awful
8. awesome
9. brawl
10. law
11. raw
12. saw

#2: ea/ee/e:

1. bed
2. Ned
3. red
4. shed
5. bread
6. head
7. *lead
8. *read
9. tread
10. bean
11. sea
12. teal

#3: ei

1. ceiling
2. eight
3. either
4. freight
5. height
6. neighbor
7. neither
8. reign
9. reins
10. seize
11. veil
12. weight

#4: ee/ey

1. alley
2. honey
3. key
4. money
5. monkey
6. beep
7. flee
8. sheep
9. tree
10. they
11. survey
12. eyes

#5: ew/ ui

1. chew
2. few
3. flew
4. grew
5. new
6. sew
7. cruise
8. fruit
9. juice
10. juicy
11. suit
12. suited

#6: ie/ i_e

1. believe
2. carried
3. grieve
4. hurried
5. piece
6. sieve
7. cried
8. dried
9. fried
10. pried
11. spied
12. tried

#7: oa/oe:

1. boast
2. boat
3. coat
4. float
5. soap
6. toast
7. does
8. goes
9. hoe
10. Moe
11. shoe
12. toe

#8: ould/ ough

1. could
2. should
3. would
4. dough
5. though
6. through
7. enough
8. rough
9. tough
10. bought
11. sought
12. thought

#9: ue/ oo

1. blue
2. clues
3. Sue
4. Tuesday
5. true
6. value
7. foolish
8. hoop
9. loop
10. moo
11. tools
12. zoo

The Understory Word Lists – Nonsense Words

(for dictations and reading tests to check for phonetic knowledge):

Skills to practice: **Short vowels:** a, au, aw, e, i, o, u; **Vowel Friends:** ai, ay, a_e, ea, ee, e_e, *ie, igh, i_e, *ew, *ey, oa, oe, oi, oo, ou, *ow, oy, o_e, ue, ui, u_e *accept 2 pronunciations in reading tests.

#1: short a and au/aw:

1. smap
2. gran
3. haps
4. daut
5. raug
6. shaund
7. gaump
8. wrawp
9. phawst
10. shaw
11. graw
12. nawk

#2: short e/ea/ee/e e:

1. gent
2. flempe
3. geep
4. freep
5. heev
6. reask
7. tream
8. heams
9. breaf
10. gepe
11. vete
12. kese

#3: short i/ie/igh/ i e:

1. gimp
2. hish
3. nie
4. chied
5. fied
6. vunnies
7. gussied
8. jullied
9. fiece
10. vigh
11. pligh
12. phighp

#4: ai/ay/ey:

1. gaip
2. fraint
3. spaig
4. vay
5. chay
6. dray
7. bley
8. frey
9. quey
10. duppey
11. foddey
12. vemmey

#5: short o/oa/oe/o e:

1. jom
2. poz
3. goap
4. roat
5. toamp
6. boep
7. phoe
8. proe
9. tope
10. vome
11. wole
12. zome

#6: short u/ew/u e:

1. juz
2. vump
3. guff
4. luss
5. bew
6. gew
7. lewp
8. mewt
9. gupe
10. shupe
11. tuve
12. yufe

#7: oo/ue/ui:

1. bood
2. doop
3. gloon
4. moomb
5. fue
6. chuen
7. plue
8. wue
9. muit
10. tuice
11. vuice
12. zuit

#8: oi/oy/ou/ow:

1. doin
2. goil
3. hoid
4. choy
5. goy
6. voy
7. gound
8. phout
9. rout
10. dow
11. hown
12. zows

Level 4: The Understory
Grading the Initial Reading Assessment

Look at the visual below to see how to count the sounds in each word.

plute

meach

souch

thife

shate

trow

loy

maip

broon

Level 4: The Understory
Grading the Benchmark Reading Assessment

Look at the visual below to see how to count the sounds in each word.

shay

plue

grigh

wroip

phope

wheef

thoog

knoaf

yowp

Level 4: The Understory
Grading the Benchmark Reading Re-assessment

Look at the visual below to see how to count the sounds in each word.

p h o i

j i e t

t r e e l

w r e s e

l o o s h

q e a f

k n i p e

l o p e

t h a y

Level 4: The Understory
Grading the Spelling Assessments

Look at the visual below to see how to count the sounds in each word.

cane, howl, soon, coat, trees, play, beach, true, pies, cone

kite, coin, rail, hope, couch, toe, fruit, boy, food, treat

side, toy, feet, boat, bean, stay, fine, moon, pouch, soil