

Coding and Scoring Errors At-A-Glance

Behavior	What Reader Does	How to Code	Example	How to Score
Accurate Reading	Reads words correctly	Do not mark or place check (✓) above word		No error
Substitution	Gives an incorrect response	Write the substituted word above the word		Substitution, not corrected 1 error
Multiple Substitutions	Makes several attempts at a word	Write each substitution in sequence above the word		Multiple substitutions of the same word, not corrected 1 error for each incorrect word in text
				Multiple substitutions, self-corrected (SC) No error; 1 SC
				Multiple misreadings of names and proper nouns 1 error first time missed; no errors after that
				Misreading contractions (reads contraction as two words or two words as contraction) 1 error each time
Self-correction	Corrects a previous error	Write the error over the word, followed by SC		No error; 1 SC
Insertion	Adds a word that is not in the text	Write in the inserted word using a caret		1 error per word inserted
Omission	Gives no response to a word	Place a dash (-) above the word		Skipping a word 1 error per word
				Skipping a line 1 error per word
Repetition	Reads same word again	Write R after the word		No error
Repeated Repetitions	Reads the same word more than once	Write R for first repetition, then write a number for additional repetitions		No error
Rereading	Returns to the beginning of sentence or phrase to read again	Write an R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began		No error
	Rereads and self-corrects	Write an R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began and a SC at point of self-correction		No error; 1 SC
Appeal	Verbally asks for help	Write A above the word		Follow up with "You try it" No error
"You Try It"	The child appeals, the teacher responds with "You try it"	Write Y after the word		"You try it" followed by correct word No error
				"You try it" followed by omission, incorrect word, or Told 1 error
Told	Child doesn't attempt a word even after "You try it"	Write T after the word or the Y		1 error
Spelling Aloud	Child spells word by saying names of letters	Write the letters in all capital letters		Spelling followed by correct word No error; no SC
				Spelling followed by incorrect word 1 error
Sounding Out	The child makes the sounds associated with the letters in the word	Write the letters in lower case with hyphens between them		"Sounding out" followed by correct word No error; no SC
				"Sounding out" followed by incorrect word or no word 1 error
				Sounding the first letter incorrectly and then saying the word correctly No error; 1 SC