

INFORMATION SHEET – SCHONELL READING TEST 1971

Instructions for administering the test

The words for the test are set out below. The test should be given in a friendly atmosphere with the child thoroughly at ease. It should not take place within earshot of other children.

Younger children or weaker readers should start the test at the beginning. Better readers can start at a later group of ten words. If any word is failed, however, the preceding group of ten words is given until all ten are read correctly. Credit is then given for all words preceding this point. Testing is discontinued when ten consecutive words are failed. The Reading Age (RA) for the total number of words correctly read is given in the table below.

Resist the temptation to help the child. For example, do not ask for a word to be repeated that the child has almost but not quite pronounced correctly. Never give clues about how to tackle a particular word.

The word is not credited unless it is pronounced correctly e.g. 'flowers' for 'flower' is not acceptable, nor is 'postage' if the last syllable is pronounced as the word 'age'.

tree little milk egg book

school sit frog playing bun

flower road clock train light

picture think summer people something

dream downstairs biscuit shepherd thirsty

crowd sandwich beginning postage island

saucer angel ceiling appeared gnome

canary attractive imagine nephew gradually

smoulder applaud disposal nourished diseased

university orchestra knowledge audience situated

physics campaign choir intercede fascinate

forfeit siege recent plausible prophecy

colonel soloist systematic slovenly classification

genuine institution pivot conscience heroic

pneumonia preliminary antique susceptible enigma

oblivion scintillate satirical sabre beguile

terrestrial belligerent adamant sepulchre statistics

miscellaneous procrastinate tyrannical evangelical grotesque

ineradicable judicature preferential homonym fictitious

rescind metamorphosis somnambulist bibliography idiosyncrasy

Reading age table

The total number of words read correctly gives the reading age in years and months.

Words	Age	Words	Age	Words	Age
0-1	6y 0m	33	8y 3m	61	10y 4m
2	6y 0m	34	8y 4m	62	10y 5m
3	6y 2m	35	8y 5m	63	10y 6m
4	6y 4m	36-37	8y 6m	64	10y 7m
5	6y 5m	38	8y 7m	65	10y 8m
6	6y 6m	39	8y 8m	66	10y 9m
7-8	6y 7m	40	8y 9m	67	10y 10m
9	6y 8m	41	8y 10m	68	11y 0m
10	6y 9m	42	8y 11m	69	11y 1m
11-12	6y 10m	43	9y 0m	70	11y 3m
13-14	6y 11m	44	9y 1m	71	11y 4m
15	7y 0m	45	9y 2m	72	11y 5m
16	7y 1m	46	9y 3m	73	11y 6m
17-18	7y 2m	47	9y 4m	74	11y 8m
19	7y 3m	48	9y 5m	75	11y 10m
20-21	7y 4m	49-50	9y 6m	76	12y 0m
22-23	7y 5m	51	9y 7m	77	12y 1m
24	7y 6m	52	9y 8m	78	12y 2m
25-26	7y 7m	53	9y 9m	79	12y 3m
27	7y 8m	54	9y 10m	80	12y 4m
28	7y 9m	55	9y 11m	81	12y 5m
29	7y 10m	56	10y 0m	82	12y 6m
30	8y 0m	57-58	10y 1m	83+	12y 6+
31	8y 1m	59	10y 2m		
32	8y 3m	60	10y 3m		