Coding and Scoring Errors at-a-Glance

Behavior	What the Reader Does	How to Code	Example	How to Score	
Accurate Reading	Reads words correctly	Do not mark <i>or</i> place check (✓) above word	No mark or environments		No error
Substitution	Gives an incorrect response	Write the substituted word above the word	worry wonder	Substitution, not corrected	1 error
Multiple Substitutions	Makes several attempts at a word	Write each substitution in sequence above the word	speckles spices specials species	Multiple substitutions, not corrected	1 error for each incorrect word in text
		the word	adept adopt SC adapted	Multiple substitutions, self-corrected (SC)	No error; 1 SC
			to touch teeth tooth	Multiple misreadings of the same word, not corrected	1 error for each incorrect word in text
			Attic Arctic	Multiple misreadings of names and proper nouns	1 error first time missed; no errors after that
			can not they're they are	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	use SC usually		No error; 1 SC
Insertion	Adds a word that is not in the text	Write in the inserted word using a caret	very		1 error per word inserted
Omission	Gives no response to a word	Place a dash (–) above the word	only	Skipping a word Skipping a line	1 error per word 1 error per word
Repetition	Reads same word again	Write R after the word	R		No error

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Behavior	What the Reader Does	How to Code	Example	How to Score	
Repeated Repetitions	Reads the same word more than once	Write R for the first repetition, then write a number for the additional repetitions	R ₂ R ₃		No error
Rereading	Returns to the beginning of sentence or phrase to read again Rereads and self-corrects	Write R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began Write R with an arrow back to the place where rereading began and a SC at point of self-correction	theirselves sc R They can wrap themselves		No error; 1 SC
Appeal	Verbally asks for help	Write A above the word	<u>A</u> environments	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	A environments y	"You try it" followed by correct word "You try it" followed by omission, incorrect word, or Told	No error
Told	Child doesn't attempt a word even after "You try it"	Write T after the word or the Y	environments Y T A environments T		1 error
Spelling Aloud	Child spells word by saying the names of letters	Write the letters in all capital letters	E-V-E-R ever	Spelling followed by correct word Spelling followed by incorrect word	No 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	o-n-l-y / only	"Sounding out" followed by correct word	No error; no SC
			t-em-per temper temperature	"Sounding out" followed by incorrect word or no word	1 error
			b- SC polar	Sounding the first letter incorrectly and then saying the word correctly	No error; no SC

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