

ASSESSMENT BASICS

Reading Passages Fluency and Word Counts (RPWC)

Developed at Vanderbilt University

A. Key Implementation Criteria:

1. Available for grades 1st – 7th
2. Some teachers prefer Maze Fluency beginning at Grade 4
3. The RPWC Manual includes 30 passages / probes
4. RPWC is administered individually.
5. In general education classrooms, students take one RPWC probe each week. In special education, students take two RPWC probes each week.
6. The student reads from the student copy for 1 minute while the tester scores the student on the examiners copy.
7. The score is calculated by taking the cumulative word count up to the last word read in 1 minute and then subtracting student errors from the total.

B. Assessment Skills:

1. A measurement of overall reading progress.

C. Benefits:

1. Administering and scoring the test is easy.
2. RPWC tracks students' overall progress in reading over time.
3. Students are aware of how their reading skills are progressing.

D. Costs:

1. RPWC Individual Grade Level Unit Price: \$35.00
2. Optional RPWC Individual Grade Level 1 Year Licensing Fee: \$10.00
3. RPWC Training Manual Unit Price: \$35.00
4. Optional RPWC Training Manual 1 Year Licensing Fee: \$10.00

E. Student Rewards / Recognition:

1. Teacher and student can set a goal for the semester for the number words read correctly in 1 minute versus the baseline.



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