

Vocabulary Assessment Fourth Grade

Assessment Directions

- If you do not have access to standardized assessments for vocabulary consider focusing on the texts you use for reading aloud throughout the year.
 - Before introducing the text or chapter to students, read it to identify one or more tier 2 words.
 - Choose words that (a) can be connected and explained by words students already know, (b) are important to the central understanding of the story, (c) will likely be seen or heard in other grade level texts (Beck, McKeown, & Kucan, 2002).
- Sample assessments are located below and are based on some common fourth grade texts for reading aloud.
- You may insert your own words in column one.
- Assessments can be administered before and after student engagement with the target words.
- Ask students to define each word. Classify students' response to each word as "not known, basic understanding, or in-depth understanding."

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

Word	Not Known: the answer is incorrect or the student says "I don't know"	Basic Understanding: the answer provided is incomplete. The answer demonstrates that the student has heard the word but can only make partial connections to the word.	In-Depth Understanding: the answer is correct. The answer is explained in the student's own language and may include examples.
splendid			
sensitive			
charming			
shabby			

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate Dicamillo

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1	concerned immediately preacher			
2	fortunate stray			
3	orphans nudge			
4	recognize			
5	terrible ignore applauded			
6	trembling			
7	peculiar advanced			
8	installment trustworthy			
9	identical hollered			
10	notice			
11	whimpering pathological			
12	escape criminal			
13	ignorant			

14	imitated trotted			
15	suggestion slavery			
16	survived orphan			
17	sensation gulp			
18	sorrowful melancholy			
19	lonely			
20	aching arranging			
21	convinced swayed			
22	amuse complicated			
23	protecting			
24	pathological			
25	myths			
26	strummed			

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

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1	chant usual			
2	impressed glum			
3	bolted rotten			
4	admit imitation			
5	cornered miserable			
6	nominated conscious			
7	stunned traitor			
8	gallows imagining			
9	thrilled yanked			
10	rampage recovered			
11	nudged gawked			
12	nonsense confession			

13	quivering			
14	nestled bawl			