

## San Diego Quick Assessment

### Purpose

The San Diego Quick Assessment (SDQA) consists of thirteen graded word lists from preprimer to eleventh grade and measures a student's recognition of words out of context. The SDQA should only be considered a screening tool for teachers to assist them in selecting the appropriate reading level for further assessment and inquiry.

### Administration

- Give the student a copy of the SDQA Student sheets.
- Begin with a word list that is at least two years below the student's grade level.
- Ask the student to read the words aloud, with no more than five seconds of wait time between words.
- Record the student's correct responses with a check mark on the SDQA Teacher sheet.
- Record the student's incorrect responses by writing the mispronunciation given.
- Continue having the student read until the student misses three or more words on two consecutive lists.
- Do not offer the student any assistance except to ask him/her to move on to the next word as needed.

### Analysis

- Identify the student's approximate instructional reading level using the chart below. For example, the student's instructional reading level is the last grade level word list in which the student missed no more than two words. Record this level, along with the date, at the top of the form.

<b>Word List</b>	<b>Reading Level</b>
1 error	Independent Level
2 errors	Instructional Level
3 or more errors	Frustration Level

- Consider carefully the errors the student made to determine possible areas for instruction and intervention. Some examples include:

<b>Student Error</b>	<b>Example</b>
Reversal	"who" for "how"
Consonant	"down" for "town"
Consonant blend	"string" for "spring"
Short vowel	"note" for "not"
Long vowel	"rod" for "road"
Prefix	"protest" for "pretext"
Suffix	"interrupting" for "interrupted"

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PP		Primer		1		2		3	
see		you		road		our		city	
play		come		live		please		middle	
me		not		thank		myself		moment	
at		with		when		town		frightened	
run		jump		bigger		early		exclaimed	
go		help		how		send		several	
and		is		always		wide		lonely	
look		work		night		believe		drew	
can		are		spring		quietly		since	
here		this		today		carefully		straight	

4		5		6		7	
decided		scanty		bridge		amber	
served		business		commercial		dominion	
amazed		develop		abolish		sundry	
silent		considered		trucker		capillary	
wrecked		discussed		apparatus		impetuous	
improved		behaved		elementary		blight	
certainly		splendid		comment		wrest	
entered		acquainted		necessity		enumerate	
realized		escaped		gallery		daunted	
interrupted		grim		relativity		condescend	

8		9		10		11	
capacious		conscientious		zany		galore	
limitation		isolation		jerkin		rotunda	
pretext		molecule		nausea		capitalism	
intrigue		ritual		gratuitous		prevaricate	
delusion		momentous		linear		risible	
immaculate		vulnerable		inept		exonerate	
ascent		kinship		legality		superannuate	
acrid		conservation		aspen		luxuriate	
binocular		jaunty		amnesty		piebald	
embankment		inventive		barometer		crunch	

## SDQA

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not  
with  
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help  
is  
work  
are  
this

road  
live  
thank  
when  
bigger  
how  
always  
night  
spring  
today

our  
please  
myself  
town  
early  
send  
wide  
believe  
quietly  
carefully

city  
middle  
moment  
frightened  
exclaimed  
several  
lonely  
drew  
since  
straight

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trucker  
apparatus  
elementary  
comment  
necessity  
gallery  
relativity

amber  
dominion  
sundry  
capillary  
impetuous  
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