

Verizon Life Span Literacy Matrix: Children's Early Literacy Measures

Test — Get Ready to Read! Screening Tool (GRTR)

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Purpose — Get Read To Read! provides a cost-effective way to screen for preliteracy skills.

Population — The GRTR is designed to screen a child twice during the year before kindergarten—first in the fall one year before the child enters kindergarten and again the next fall before kindergarten begins.

Time — It takes 10 – 15 minutes to complete the screening tool.

Description

GRTR is an easy-to-use, 20 question screening tool that helps pinpoint a child's readiness to learn to read and write. It helps early childhood staff understand the process of learning to read and screens for knowledge of print, book conventions, phonological awareness, phonics and writing. The tool also can be used by parents.

Benefits

The score on the GRTR shows if a child's pre-reading skills are weak, strong, or somewhere in between. This instrument provides suggestions for how to build literacy experiences into day-to-day activities.

Validity/Reliability

Get Ready to Read! has been evaluated for its reliability, factor structure, relationship with other literacy assessments and consistency across children from low- and middle-income backgrounds. The Get Ready to Read! Initiative and the screening tool are backed by the National Center for Learning Disabilities. It has been tested in ongoing longitudinal research studies following more than 700 children and field tested in New York and Florida with 342 children in Head Start Centers, preK classes and private nursery school programs.

Cost

Get Ready to Read! Early Literacy Manual: \$25.00

Get Ready to Read! Screening Tool: \$27.00

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