



Free Reading Skills Check (Grades K–6)

A short screening to help identify what may be holding your child back in reading.

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How to Use This Reading Skills Check

This short reading skills check is designed to help parents/caregivers notice possible gaps that may be affecting their child's reading progress. It is **not a test** and does not provide a diagnosis. You do not need special training to complete this. Simply observe your child and answer honestly based on what you see most often.

1. Takes about **10–15 minutes**
2. Best used with children in **grades K–6**
3. No pressure — stop if your child becomes frustrated

Reading Skills Checklist

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade Level: _____

Check all statements that apply to your child.

Foundational Skills

- Struggles to recognize letter sounds consistently
- Confuses similar sounds (b/d, p/b, short vowels)
- Needs frequent help sounding out simple words

Decoding & Word Reading

- Reads slowly or word-by-word
- Guesses words instead of sounding them out
- Avoids unfamiliar words

Fluency

- Reading sounds choppy or robotic
- Has difficulty reading smoothly
- Loses place while reading

Comprehension

- Can read the words but struggles to explain meaning
- Forgets what was read moments later
- Has trouble answering basic questions about the text

Attention & Learning Behaviors

- Easily distracted during reading tasks
- Becomes frustrated or shuts down
- Needs frequent breaks to stay engaged

What Your Responses May Indicate

If you checked several items in one or more sections, it may suggest an underlying skill gap rather than a lack of effort or motivation. Many children struggle in reading not because they are "behind," but because one or two foundational skills were never fully solidified.

What to Do Next

If you would like professional guidance on your child's reading needs, we invite you to take the next step. [Schedule a Free Reading Consultation at: support@mindadvent.com](mailto:support@mindadvent.com) / Call: 770-588-9770