

HOLBORN READING SCALE

A test of word recognition.

INSTRUCTIONS

The child is asked to see how many of the sentences they can read. Prompt them by telling them the words he/she is unable to name until altogether they have failed to name four.

The numbers indicated on each line will indicate their reading age, shown in years and months.

1. The dog got wet and Tom had to rub him dry.	5yr 9 mth
2. He was a very good boy to give you some of his sweets.	6 yr
3. My sister likes me to open my book and read to her.	6yr 3mth
4. Go away and hide behind that door where we found you just now.	6yr 6mth
5. Please don't let anyone spoil these nice fresh flowers.	6yr 9mth
6. The string had eight knots in it which I had to untie.	7yr
7. Wine is made from the juice of grapes which grow in warm countries.	7yr 3 mth
8. Mary went to the grocer's and bought some sugar and some syrup.	7yr 6mth
9. Quench your thirst by drinking a glass of our sparkling ginger ale.	7yr 9mth
10. The people could scarcely obtain enough food to remain healthy.	8yr
11. Elizabeth had her hair thoroughly combed and her fringe cut.	8yr 3 mth
12. By stretching up, George just managed to touch the garage ceiling.	8yr 6mth
13. Father had a brief telephone conversation with my cousin Philip.	8yr 9mth
14. This coupon entitles you to a specimen piece of our delicious toffee.	9yr
15. The chemist could not suggest a satisfactory remedy for my headache.	9yr 3mth

16. Nobody recognised Roger in his disguise as a police official.	9yr 6mth
17. Leonard was engaged by the Irish Linen Association to act as their London agent.	9yr 9mth
18. Judged by his photographs your nephew is certainly a peculiar character.	10yr
19. The examiner was impatient when I hesitated over a difficult phrase in my reading.	10yr 3mth
20. Delicate individuals should gradually be accustomed to gentle physical exercise.	10yr 6mth
21. The musician whose violin was interfered with has our sincere sympathy.	10yr 9mth
22. The soloist was not in a convenient position for seeing everyone in his audience.	11yr
23. Christopher omitted to acknowledge the receipt of Michael's annual subscription.	11yr 3mth
24. The secretary said there had been a substantial increase in the Society's expenditure.	11yr 6mth
25. The Borough Council decided to celebrate the occasion by organising a gigantic sports festival.	11yr 9mth
26. It is essential that engineering apprentices should acquire some good technical qualification.	12yr
27. Particulars of the careers of eminent men will be found in any good encyclopedia or biographical dictionary.	12yr 3mth
28. Certificates of insurance will be issued to all policy holders paying the necessary premium.	12yr 6mth
29. The ceremony ended, appropriately enough, with the choir and Orchestra joining in the National Anthem.	12yr 9mth
30. It is both a newspaper which chronicles events and a magazine with the usual miscellaneous features.	13yr
31. The necessity for accelerating the work of the Economic Conference was repeatedly emphasized.	13yr 3mth
32. These documents constitute an authoritative record of a unique colonial enterprise.	13yr 6mth
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