

The Teaching of Reading: a Continuum from Kindergarten Through College



A Supplementary Textbook for College Education Majors
with Practical Classroom Diagnostic Tests and
Answers to the Phonics vs. Whole Language Controversy

and Especially for
College Reading Instructors
Willing to Try New Approaches to Old Problems

and for the Training of Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutors
and Parents Who Want to Homeschool Their Children

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**The New AVKO
Pre- and Post- Diagnostic Spelling Test
on 100 of the Most Common Phonograms
in the English Language**

TEACHER'S EDITION⁵⁰

(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial)

Don't worry about this test!

It's easy!

**Don't start taking this test
until I tell you to.**

Please stay with me.

**Please don't jump ahead, even though
this test is easy.**

SMILE — and that's an order!

⁵⁰ **The student's edition is on page 160**

Questions whose answers had better be yes.

1. Are you alive?
2. Are you awake?
3. Are you in this room?
4. Can you hear me?
5. Are you ready to take an easy test?
6. Did you answer yes to all the questions?

Thought questions for college students.

What is the purpose of using humor in something as serious as a test?

Why are the words used in the test words not commonly found in children's books?

Should all 100 questions be given at one sitting?

TEST #1 is designed to help me find out how well you know which letters are used to make the different sounds that come at the **beginning** of words. I will read the sentence with the word in it. When we get to the word, you are to put in the **letter** you think the word **begins** with. Are there any questions before we begin?

1. A cowboy has to know how to put a saddle on a horse.
2. Does anybody know what happened to my thumb tacks?
3. A policeman wears a badge on his uniform.
4. A cork is used to seal bottles of wine.
5. Did you know that wine can turn into vinegar?
6. When people thank me, I say, "You're welcome."
7. Does anybody know the distance from here to London?
8. I think everybody has a fantastic computer brain.
9. Do you know anybody who has golden earrings?
10. A baker has to have yeast to make his bread rise.
11. The girl across the street has a pair of hamsters.
12. Jelly doughnuts sure do taste good.
13. Did Princess Diana live in a palace?
14. I like to listen to the radio when I'm driving.
15. My brother has to scrub and wax the kitchen floor.
16. Is everybody listening carefully while I read?
17. Little children should never be allowed to play with matches.
18. Can anybody tell me where the nearest telephone is?

TEST #2 is just like the first test except that I want you to put in the first **two** letters that **begin** each of the underlined words in the sentences that I read to you.

19. I can't stand to hear anybody smack their gum.
20. Don't blame me if you don't get this right.
21. It's easier to find a parking space when you have a small car.
22. The price of postage stamps keeps going up and up.
23. Does anybody have a pair of tweezers I can borrow?
24. Sometimes I enjoy pulling up anchor and just drifting.
25. I always enjoy a clever answer. Well, almost always.
26. Fractions are fun at least half of the time.
27. I would rather play bridge than build one.
28. Do you know what a flashing red light means?
29. Some people might like skunks for pets, but not me.
30. Would you tell me when it's a quarter after nine?
31. Did you know that escargots ("S-car go") is just a fancy name restaurants use for snails?
32. It's not very smart to go swimming where there are lots of sharks.
33. I really don't enjoy getting down on my knees and scrubbing marks off floors.
34. Almost everybody enjoys a challenge now and then.
35. When our car wouldn't start we had to call a wrecker.
36. They tell me it takes a thief to catch a thief.
37. A glider is an airplane that doesn't have a motor.

38. I love to eat pancakes hot off the griddle.
39. All of us should take pride in our own work.
40. Everybody here has a good computer brain, and that's the truth.
41. I hate to read about or hear about somebody being swindled out of their hard-earned money.
42. I like to go smelt dipping on the Rifle River every spring.
43. I think scarlet is a pretty color, don't you?

TEST #3 is the same as the first two except that now I want you to put in the first **three** letters of the words.

44. Who sprained their ankle? Jack or Jill?
45. How many of you can thread a needle?
46. Automobile bumpers used to be plated with chrome.
47. When Alice hurt her knee, they carried her off the field on a stretcher.
48. Linda won a scholarship to Michigan State University.
49. Why is it that I'm always getting splinters stuck in my fingers?
50. People who are always squinting may need glasses.
51. Someday I would like to taste "kosher" shrimp.

TEST #4 is just a little different. Now, I want you to put in the **two** letters that make the sound that comes at the **end** of the underlined word.

52. I had a flat tire on the way to work.
53. You really shouldn't brag so much.
54. Did you know Dolly Parton wears a wig?
55. I beg your pardon.
56. I think Flip Wilson is really funny.
57. Would you please turn on a fan?
58. I usually drink my coffee from a mug.
59. My first job was washing dishes.
60. I don't like to sleep on an army cot.
61. Who are you trying to kid?
62. Please don't drop that package.
63. You're getting under my skin.
64. You had better watch your step.
65. It isn't any fun to be caught in a trap.
66. I would like to grab a bite to eat.
67. Who do you like to chum around with?
68. I hate it when people slam doors.
69. It's not nice to tell a fib.
70. My doctor just loves to knit.

TEST #5 is like the last test except now I want you to put in the last **three** letters that make the **ending** sound of the underlined word.

71. When you go, I'll really miss you.
72. I hope you'll always remember me.
73. Is it time for a midnight snack?
74. Please don't try to boss me around.
75. I'd like another slice of bread.
76. I hope you're enjoying this class.
77. Whose side are you on?
78. Eat your soup with a spoon—not a fork!
79. Is your sister still a girl scout?
80. Let's discuss that after school is out.
81. Can't you take a joke?
82. I think all little babies look cute.
83. I would really love to float a raft down the Mississippi River and pretend I was Huck Finn.
84. Does anybody know where my stamp pad is?
85. Who would want to hire him? He's never on time.
86. Please don't give up on me.
87. My sister got a new skirt and blouse.
88. His car got stuck in the mud yesterday.
89. My brother wouldn't hurt anybody.
90. I wouldn't press my luck if I were you.

91. My older brother really plays for keeps.
92. Is it time again to rake the leaves?
93. My dad says grace before every meal.
94. Please don't stall for time.
95. My dad really loves to cook.
96. Would you please lend me a dime?
97. Thank you very much.
98. What will you trade me for a live frog?
99. Has anybody here ever been on a train?
100. My friends keep telling me to keep still.