



Record of Oral Reading Guidelines

Reading Behavior	How to Record Observed Behavior	Examples	Number of Errors
Accurate Reading	No notation	An octopus has no backbone	No errors
Substitution	Record substitution	beginning tears begin to well up	*Each substitution is counted as one error.
Repetition	Insert "R" and an arrow to indicate word(s) repeated or underline word(s) repeated	← R → Always looking for a Mike <u>was</u> <u>thoroughly</u>	Repetitions are not counted as errors but impact fluency.
Self-Correction	Insert "sc" after substitution	discovered/sc They described the weather	Self-corrections are not counted as errors.
Omission	Circle omitted word(s)	One day, as she and <u>her</u> mother ...	Each omission is counted as one error.
Insertion	Use caret to record added word(s)	the covered in [^] snow and ice.	Each inserted word is counted as one error.
Reversals	Use the reversal symbol when words are reversed	She quickly <u>agreed</u> to	A reversal is counted as one error.
Sounding Out	Record letter sounds and use slash marks to show how words were segmented	Princess was captivat <u>ed</u>uses a fun <u>n</u> el for...	**Words sounded out incorrectly are counted as one error.
Word Told by Teacher	Insert a "T" above word(s) told	T many disguises and tricks	Each word told by the teacher is counted as one error.
Long Pauses	Insert a "W" above the places or use slash marks where student pauses	W They got a bucket They saw <u>/</u> some <u>/</u> cashews	Pauses are not counted as errors but impact fluency.

* **Repeated Substitutions:** If the child makes an error (e.g., *run* for *ran*) and then substitutes this word repeatedly, it counts as an error every time. The substitution of a proper name (e.g., *Mary* for *Molly*) is counted as an error only the first time.

* Substitutions involving contractions count as one error. Examples: I will I'll
I'll I will

** Words mispronounced due to a speech problem or dialect may be coded but are not counted as errors.

Examples: git pitcher are
get picture our

Note: Miscues of numerals and abbreviations are not to be counted in the total number of miscues, but they can be noted for future instruction.