

Basic Literacy

Assessing a student

The San Diego Quick Reading Assessment is a fast, easy to use assessment that provides a decoding grade level for a student. For students who cannot decode, this is a great way to get a benchmark reading level and track their progress. You can get this assessment on line at:

<https://facstaff.bloomu.edu/dwalker/Documents/San%20Diego%20Quick%20Assessment.pdf>

Another important assessment is to see if the student knows all the letters and the sounds the letters make. This is especially important for people who have a first language that uses a different alphabet. Using the alphabet, check their letter sound knowledge. It is a good idea to use the first few minutes of every lesson to go over sounds they are working on.

Phonics

Phonics skills are the foundation of reading. There are a lot of free phonics resources on the internet in the form of printable workbook pages and on line activities. If you have an ipad there are also a lot of free apps you can download.

Teaching Passages

Readworks.org is a place to get short, interesting grade level reading passages – some with a set of comprehension questions - for your student. You can search for passages by subject as well. It is free, but you need to sign up on their website.

<https://www.readworks.org>

Happy Reading!

