

DIBELS 8th Edition Subtests and Skills by Grade Level

This chart outlines the subtests and skills that are used to screen the reading abilities of students in kindergarten through second grade. The screening duration is one minute for all subtests, except for the Maze. The Maze is three minutes in duration.

Subtest	Skill	Description	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
Letter Naming Fluency	Letter Names	The student is presented with a page of letters and asked to name the letters.	✓		
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency	Phonological Awareness	The examiner says a word and the student says the individual sounds.	✓	✓	
Nonsense Word Fluency	Alphabetic Principle & Phonics (decoding)	The student is presented with a page of nonsense words that follow English patterns. The student can say the sounds or blend together the sounds in the nonsense word.	✓	✓	✓
Word Reading Fluency	Alphabetic Principle & Phonics Accuracy and Fluency	The student is presented with a page of words and asked to read the words.	✓	✓	✓
Oral Reading Fluency	Reading fluency and reading accuracy	The student is presented with a grade level passage and asked to read it aloud.		✓	✓

Maze	Comprehension	The student is presented with a passage where approximately every seventh word is replaced with a multiple-choice box. The box contains three words, the original word and two distractors. The student selects the correct word. The student must read the passage independently.			✓
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