



Assessment Guide



Beginning Early And Developing Strong

BEADS is a trademark sight word program created by Treaty Education Alliance that encourages the teaching of sight words from the first day of pre-kindergarten. These words are high frequency words that show up the most often in our written language. They do not always fit phonetic patterns and are not always easily "sounded out."

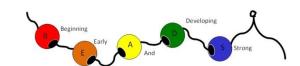
It is best that BEADS words are memorized by the children so they can recognize them on sight. Once children can identify these words, their reading ability improves. "Sight words account for a large percentage (up to 75%) of the words used in beginning children's print materials."

Teaching these words can be done using flash cards, board games, writing activities, reading activities, centers, and online games. Do not feel that you must teach all the words at one time. As you assess your students and can identify the words they do not yet recognize, pick a few of those words for the students to work on. It is encouraged to have 2 or 3 words they already know thrown in with 4 or 5 words they are still working on. This makes the learning process challenging, yet still provides some opportunity for success from the start.

When assessing your students, start with the RED Assessment. This assessment can begin with pre-kindergarten students. As the teacher, you can monitor the progress throughout the year through periodic assessments. Once the students can identify all of these words easily, move on to the next assessment. If you feel that the assessment is hard, use your professional judgement to stop the assessment and try again at a later date.

¹ Dennis J. Kear, M. A. (1983). *Comparative Study to Identify High-Frequency Words in Printed Materials.* Retrieved from SAGE Journals: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.2466/pms.1983.57.3.807





Each assessment has a recording sheet and an accompanying word list. The word list is for the students to read from while the teacher records on the assessment sheet.

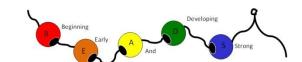
Each assessment sheet has a place for 3 assessments done on different dates. The idea behind this is that if a child can identify a word 3 times on 3 different dates, then it is more than likely that the child has that word memorized. If the child is able to identify a word one day, and not on another, then it is likely that the child needs more practice.

When a student has been assessed 3 times and empty checkboxes remain on the page, it is recommended to print the same assessment sheet and add it to the student's file. The student should not move on to the next colour assessment until they have successfully completed their current assessment colour.

The blank lines beside each check box are to record any wrong word identifications during the assessment. For example, if the word is 'are' and the student said 'at' instead, the teacher would record this to look for any patterns in the misidentification of words. It is a tool to see if the students are guessing, or are able to identify only the first letter of the word, or they are confusing it with a word that looks similar, etc.

It is encouraged that your BEADS assessments begin in September and become an ongoing assessment that continues throughout the year. Try to assess each student at least every 6 weeks to see if there has been any progress. If no progress has been made, readjust teaching strategies as necessary.



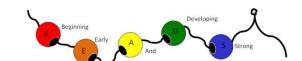


BEADS Assessment Recording Sheet

Date:	Grade:	Teacher:	School:
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Student Names	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue
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Possible words known	/40	/52	/41	/46	/48

Begin student testing with the Red BEADS words. If the student has successfully completed all the words on the list, it is not necessary to retest these words every time. Continue testing until the student is no longer successful and focus on learning the words in that BEADS colour list.

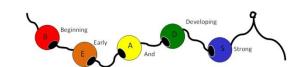


RED BE	ADS ASSE	SSMENT	5	Student:		Grad	e:
	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3		Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
а				me			
and				my			
away				not			
big				one			
blue				play			
can				red			
come				run			
down				said			
find				see			
for				the			
funny				three			
go				to			
help				two			
here				up			
1				we			
in				yellow			
is				you			
it				where			
jump							
little					/40	/40	/40
look					Date:	Date:	Date:
make							

Instructions: Start with attempt 1. Do both columns and check off the words as the students get them right. If they say something other than the listed word, leave the box empty and write what they said in the space provided.

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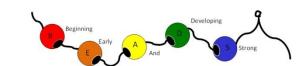




RED BEADS ASSESSMENT WORD LIST

look a make and away me big my blue not can one play come down red find run for said funny see the go help three here to two in up is we it yellow jump you





where

little

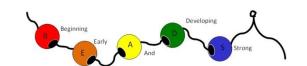
ORANG	SE BEADS	ASSESSM	ENT	Student: _		Grad	de:
	Attempt	1 Attempt 2	2 Attempt	3	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
all							
all		∐	<u> </u>	pretty			
am		□		ran	Ц		
are	Ц	∐	<u> </u>	ride	Ц		
at	<u> </u>	Ц	<u> </u>	saw	Ц		<u></u>
ate	<u> </u>	<u>L</u>	Ц	say	<u> </u>	Ц	
be				she			
black				SO			
brown				soon			
but				that			
came				there			
did				they			
do				this			
eat				too			
four				under			
get	$\overline{\sqcap}$	П	$\overline{\Box}$	want		$\overline{\sqcap}$	Π
good				was			
have				well			
he				went			
into				what			
like				white			
must				who			
new				will			
				with	H		
no							
now		<u> </u>		yes	LJ		
on			<u> </u>		/50	/50	/50
our	∐	∐	<u> </u>		/52		
out		1.1	1 1		Date:	Date:	Date:

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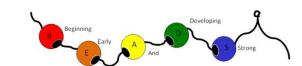




ORANGE BEADS ASSESSMENT WORD LIST

all out please am pretty are at ran ride ate be saw black say brown she but SO came soon did that do there they eat four this too get under good have want he was into well like went what must white new who no will now with on our yes





	Attempt 1 Attempt 2 Attempt	3	Attempt 1 Attempt 2 Attempt 3
after		live	
again		may	
an		of	
any		old	
as		once	
ask		open	
by		over	
could		put	
every		round	
fly		some	
from		stop	
give		take	
going		thank	
had		them	
has		then	
her		think	
him		walk	
his		were	
how		when	
just			/41 /41 /41
know	\square \square \square \square \square		Date: Date: Date:

Student: _____

Grade: ____

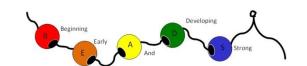
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YELLOW BEADS ASSESSMENT





YELLOW BEADS ASSESSMENT WORD LIST

after live

again may

an of

any old

as once

ask open

by over

could put

every round

fly some

from stop

give take

going thank

had them

has then

her think

him walk

his were

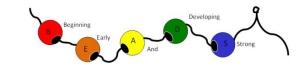
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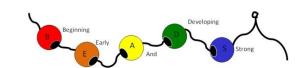
Grade:

	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3		Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
always				pull			
around				read			
because				right			
been				sing			
before				sit			
best				sleep			
both				tell			
buy				their			
call				these		<u> </u>	
cold				those			
does				upon			
don't				us			
fast				use			
first				very			
five				wash			
found				which			
gave				why			
goes				wish		<u> </u>	
green				work			
it's				would			
made				write			
many				your			
off					/46	/46	/46
or					Date:	Date:	Date:

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GREEN BEADS ASSESSMENT WORD LIST

or

around pull

always

because read

been right

before sing

best sit

both sleep

buy tell

call their

cold these

does those

don't upon

fast us

first use

five very

found wash

gave which

goes why

green wish

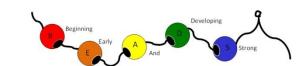
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made would

many write

off your

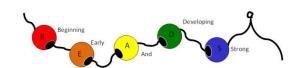




	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3		Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3
about				laugh			
baby				light			
better				long			
book				much			
boy				myself			
bring				name			
carry				never			
clean				only			
cut				orange			
done				own			
draw				pick			
drink				purple			
eight				seven			
fall				shall			
far				show			
full				six			
got				small			
grow				start			
hold				ten			
hot				today			
hurt				together			
if				try			
keep				warm			
kind				water			
check off the they say som	Start with atte words as the s nething other the ty and write w	students get th nan the listed v	em right. If vord, leave		/48 Date:	/48 Date:	/48 Date:
provided.	ty and write w	nat they said if	. the space				

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BLUE BEADS ASSESSMENT WORD LIST

about

laugh baby light better long book much boy myself

bring name

carry never

clean only

cut orange

done own

draw pick

drink purple

eight seven

fall shall

far show

full six

small got

start grow

hold ten

today hot

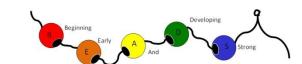
hurt together

if try

keep warm

kind water





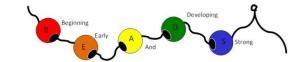
Student Name:	Grade:	Teacher:	Date:	

	Lette	er/Sou	und Recogniti	on an	d Ider	ntifica	tion –	Upper Case	
	Letter Name	Letter Sound	Word Beginning with Letter/Sound	Identify Letter in text		Letter Name	Letter Sound	Word Beginning with Letter/Sound	Identify Letter in text
E									
Р					В				
V					W				
Α					Н				
M					0				
G					U				
Т					F				
K					X				
С					Q				
Z					L				
R					N				
Y					S				
J					D				

Instructions: Place a check in the boxes if the student can identify the letter name, the letter sound, and if they can identify the letter in a text. If the student can provide a word beginning with the letter/sound, write the word provided in the box. If the word provided is incorrect, write the word, but highlight it to mark the error.

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Student Name:	Grade:	Teacher:	Date:	

Letter/Sound Recognition and Identification – Lower Case									
	Letter Name	Letter Sound	Word Beginning with Letter/Sound	Identify Letter in text		Letter Name	Letter Sound	Word Beginning with Letter/Sound	Identify Letter in text
е					İ				
р					b				
V					W				
a					h				
m					0				
g					u				
t					f				
k					X				
С					q				
Z									
r					n				
У					S				
j					d			_	

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