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Nonsense Words Progress Monitoring
Administration Materials
Levels KG & 1

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Test of Nonsense Words

Gather Materials: Administration Manual, Student Materials, Timer, Pencil, & Clipboard.

Procedures

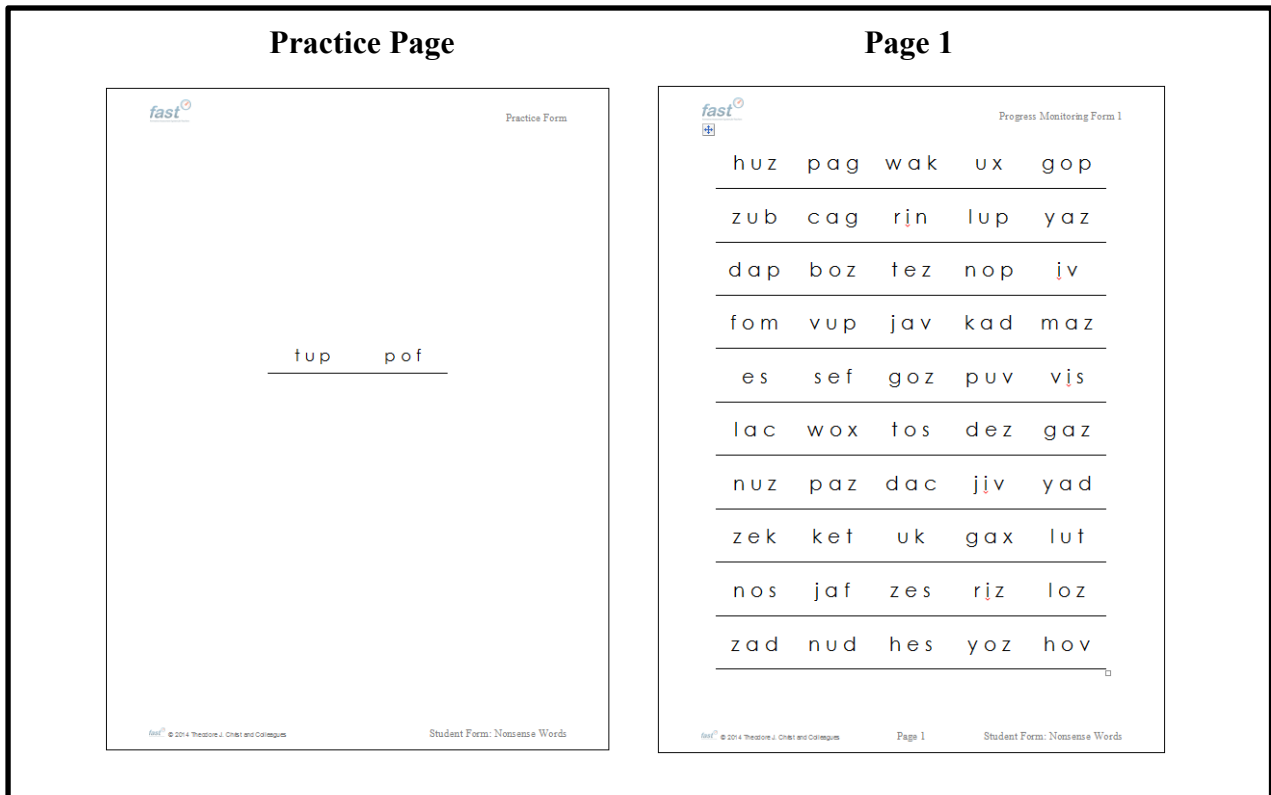
- This is a timed assessment: 1 min
- Have the individual student’s Scoring Booklet on clipboard and position so that the student cannot see what you record. Read all bolded items to student. Say these specific words.

Note: Discontinue practice directions as needed. Test directions should always be given.

Directions

Prep ► Place student test copy of practice page for Nonsense Words in front of student. Page 2 can be placed underneath. If necessary, place a guide or cover sheet over words to guide the student through each line.

Figure 1. Nonsense Word Student Materials



Student Practice 1

Read ► I am going to have you read some pretend words. An example of a pretend word is “tup” (point to the word “tup”). If you cannot say the word, you can say the sounds in the word - /t/ /u/ /p/ (point to each letter in the word). When you read these words, try to say the whole word. If you don’t know how to say it, then you can say the sounds of each letter instead.

Read ► Now you try. Read this pretend word (point to “pof”).

Correct (no score): Student says whole word or sounds.

**Read ► Good! The letters “P” “O” and “F” make the pretend word POF
OR**

Read ► Good! The letter sounds in “POF” are /p/ /o/ /f/.

Move to Test Items.

Incorrect (no score): Student says whole word or sounds incorrectly.

Read ► The pretend word is “POF.” /p/ /o/ /f/ - “POF”. When you say the sounds together the pretend word is “POF.” The sounds in “POF” are /p/ /o/ /f/. Remember you can say the individual letter sounds OR the whole word.

Move to Test Items

Begin Test

Read ► Now here is a list of more pretend words for you to read. When I say “Begin” start reading the pretend words aloud here (point to the first word). Read across the page then go to the next line (point to demonstrate). Try to say each one as a whole word. If you can’t say it as a whole word, then try to sound out the letters. If you come to a pretend word that you don’t know, I’ll tell it to you. Be sure to do your best reading

Okay. So what are you going to do? (Have the student tell you how they can say the whole nonsense word OR the sounds in the words – not both. Clarify for them if needed). **Good.**

Read ► Ready? (pause) Begin.

- Start the timer when the student says the first nonsense word.
- If the student fails to say the first word after 3 seconds, say the word, mark it as incorrect, then start the timer.
- If the student says the word and then the sounds - pause the timer, noting where you stopped on the list. Tell student: **Just say the word.** Point to the next word on the list and say **Ready? Begin.** Start the timer again with their attack on the next word. Prompt one time only.
- Do not give any feedback about the student’s responses.
- Student continues saying all nonsense words until timer sounds or until reads them all.

Read ► Stop. (when timer sounds)

- Mark the last nonsense word after one minute.

- NOTE: Continuing to administer entire inventory of nonsense words sounds is optional.

Timing, Scoring, and Discontinue

Timing ► 1 min & apply the 3 second rule. Start the timer when the student says the first Nonsense word. If the student does not say the first word, wait 3 seconds, give the correct sound, point to the next word, and start the timer.

Score ► Mark any missed nonsense word with a slash. Put a slash (/) through words that are incorrect. Put a bracket (]) after the final nonsense word the student read within 1 minute.

Scoring ► **(Correct)** student reads the whole nonword, blends the sounds, or pronounces each sequential letter sound within 3 sec

(Incorrect) student misreads the nonword, mispronounces a word, mispronounces or adds a sound, or delays more than 3 sec between responses (either words or sounds)

Notation ► There is space on the administration page to record important observations during administration. These notes appear on FAST reports.

Discontinue Rule ► If the student gets the **first 10 nonsense words incorrect**, discontinue the task by stopping the timer and marking the last word.

Final Score ► Count total nonsense words read, errors, and calculate nonsense words read correct (Total – Errors). Use the formula for adjusted scores if the student finishes in less than 1 min.

Optional: Administer all Items

It is an option to administer all of the items on this form. This will provide a full inventory of known and unknown nonsense words/sounds.

Procedure: Complete the one minute timed administration, mark the last word with a bracket. You do not have to say “Stop” when the timer sounds. If the student pauses, tell him/her to continue. Continue to have the student identify any known items. Make a note that the student has attempted all items.

Scoring Details

Note: Paper-pencil administration allows for marking both individual sounds and/or whole words as incorrect. Scoring using individual sounds provides a more sensitive measure. Online administration only allows for marking whole words incorrect (i.e., partial credit is not awarded using the online system). For consistency with the online system, whole word scoring is recommended. See Scoring Guidelines for information using Whole Word Scoring and Partial Credit Scoring.

WHOLE WORD SCORING**Correct responses**

Nonsense Word	STUDENT RESPONSE	CORRECT ANSWER	SCORE
t u p	t ũ p	Tup	1
	/t/ /u/ /p/ Tu /p/ /t/ up	Any division of correct word sounds	1
	t ũ p s /t/ /u/ /p/ /s/	Additional sounds okay so long as all word sounds included	1

Incorrect responses

Nonsense Word	STUDENT RESPONSE	INCORRECT ANSWER	SCORE
tup	t ũ p	t u p	0
	/t/ / ũ/ /p/	/t/ / u / /p/	0
	/s/ / u/ /p/	/t/ / u/ /p/	0
	/p/ /s/ / u/	t / u / p	0

PARTIAL CREDIT SCORING OPTION

- Put a diagonal slash (/) through each sound(s) missed on the scoring sheet. Each missed sound is counted as 1 item incorrect. So a 3-letter item is counted as 3, not 1.
 - If the student does not respond to a nonsense word or saying sounds of the nonsense word after 3 seconds, give them the nonsense word or sound and put a slash (/) through the missed sounds.

Correct responses

Nonsense Word	STUDENT RESPONSE	CORRECT ANSWER	SCORE
t u p	t ũ p	Tup	3/3
	/t/ /u/ /p/ Tu /p/ /t/ up	Any division of correct word sounds	3/3
	t ũ p s /t/ /u/ /p/ /s/	Additional sounds okay so long as all word sounds included	3/3

Incorrect responses

Nonsense Word	STUDENT RESPONSE	CORRECT ANSWER	SCORE
tup	t ũ p	t u p	2/3
	/s/ / u/ /p/	/t/ / u/ /p/	2/3
	/p/ /s/ / u/	t / u / p	0/3

Types of potential errors:

1. **Incorrect words:** Student says the wrong nonword or nonword sounds.
 - a. This may include substitution, mispronunciation, adding or deleting letter sounds, and other potential errors.
2. **Incorrect vowel sound:** Student uses the wrong sound.
3. **Omission:** Student omits saying a nonsense word(s). If a whole row is missed, each item is counted incorrect.
4. **3-second rule:** If the student hesitates for 3 seconds on the word (or sound), provide the word (or sound) and have the student continue with the next word.
5. **Skipped lines:** If the student skips an entire line, each sound in that line is counted incorrect. Use the “Bulk Errors” option (highlight the entire line and then select “Bulk Errors” bar to highlight errors).

Non-errors:

1. **Dividing the word and then saying it:** Student says the sounds and then the word as a whole.
2. **Speech differences:** Students who pronounce the word or sounds differently due to speech impairments or dialect issues should not have this counted against them (e.g., the word is “sok” and the student has a lisp and says “thok”).
3. **Self-correction:** If the student says the wrong nonsense word and then corrects self within 3 seconds.
4. **Repeated Words:** Do not count repeated nonsense words or sounds in the word as incorrect.

Pronunciation Guide

Students are expected to read the nonsense words using short vowel sounds.

Use the following as a guide for correct pronunciation of sounds in the nonsense word individual sounds and as a whole.

k i v (**kit**) h o z (**hot**) r u c (**rut**) a f (**at**) b i x (**bit**)

g u c (**gut**) v i t (**mitt**) z u f (**tuff**) t e p (**pep**) j i n (**tin**)

m o f (**mop**) c a c (**cat**) w u d (**dud**) y o f (**soft**) l o d (**lot**)

p e v (**pet**) n e z (**net**) f a z (**fat**) s e d (**red**) d a t (**pat**)

k o v (**cot**) y e f (**yet**) z o f (**soft**) r u p (**pup**) k u k (**cut**)

k e f (**kept**) h i v (**hit**) f u m (**fun**) n e p (**net**) b o v (**box**)

t o v (**tom**) l u s (**pus**) h u x (**hut**) b u v (**bus**) j e x (**jet**)

b a z (**bat**) g u f (**gut**) m u b (**mud**) j u v (**jump**) t e f (**tell**)

g o g (**got**) j u s (**jump**) v a m (**van**) k e z (**pez**) m e f (**met**)

w o c (**cot**) f e x (**flex**) r u x (**rut**) h u v (**hut**) w o t (**not**)

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zub	cag	rin	lup	yaz	/10 (29)
dap	boz	tez	nop	iv	/15 (43)
fom	vup	jav	kad	maz	/20 (58)
es	<u>sef</u>	goz	puv	vis	/25 (72)
lac	wox	tos	dez	gaz	/30 (87)
nuz	paz	dac	jiv	yad	/35 (102)
zek	ket	uk	gax	lut	/40 (116)
nos	jaf	zes	riz	loz	/45 (131)
zad	nud	hes	yo z	hov	/50 (146)

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hez	jes	tib	weg	yuz	/10 (30)
ruf	nok	fug	lig	gop	/15 (45)
zal	ub	dof	kes	ag	/20 (58)
<u>pof</u>	gix	wof	vuk	ruk	/25 (73)
fot	tid	vub	mux	tof	/30 (88)
dev	bup	beb	hus	yoc	/35 (103)
bef	wis	fac	fic	luz	/40 (118)
kuv	bax	hes	jeg	hax	/45 (133)
nud	wez	zut	zid	mib	/50 (148)

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tuk	lin	zug	vid	poc	/10 (30)
som	ap	yec	riv	hox	/15 (44)
ut	fof	meb	kem	jad	/20 (58)
raf	<u>gan</u>	veb	tiz	kex	/25 (73)
taf	hof	kak	vig	lun	/30 (88)
zom	nis	tif	nin	kos	/35 (103)
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vak	pel	jas	ab	gup	/10 (29)
yat	hef	op	ip	fas	/15 (42)
biv	det	ep	maf	nof	/20 (56)
ses	wab	<u>cas</u>	fap	poz	/25 (71)
yac	taz	pov	leb	guz	/30 (86)
zil	fub	tob	ret	yax	/35 (101)
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lum	jez	tuz	mog	ud	/10 (29)
vob	zev	hig	dax	sof	/15 (44)
ac	et	yim	pab	nif	/20 (57)
bep	<u>wos</u>	fip	kof	lep	/25 (72)
hed	mim	kex	tav	roz	/30 (86)
saf	tev	kig	nak	sek	/35 (101)
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uc	dit	ak	fif	eb	/15 (41)
mig	bav	jat	og	tup	/20 (55)
pem	wuf	cax	<u>zog</u>	miv	/25 (70)
saz	kug	lem	teb	kif	/30 (85)
dux	fud	gox	moz	nep	/35 (100)
sep	soz	daz	kud	dup	/40 (115)
tox	wuk	kib	fup	ked	/45 (130)
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j u d	b i x	a z	c a c	g e c	/10 (29)
r u x	w o p	m u v	i b	v a m	/15 (43)
s e d	z u c	y u d	o c	h a b	/20 (57)
n e m	<u>p e f</u>	n e z	j u f	d a f	/25 (72)
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s e v	e s	h u k	g o z	b o z	/10 (28)
k e t	d e z	t e k	n u z	v a p	/15 (43)
p u v	w o x	j a v	c a k	m u c	/20 (58)
<u>r u z</u>	n o s	p e v	w e v	g a k	/25 (73)
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tuv	zil	ap	jas	poc	/10 (29)
lez	sem	meb	riv	hox	/15 (44)
yac	fid	wos	cak	gax	/20 (59)
<u>ris</u>	yax	dak	pel	tiz	/25 (74)
nin	lud	naz	bab	zug	/30 (89)
vub	kak	vuv	yec	sef	/35 (104)
vig	biv	lun	hof	heg	/40 (119)
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tif	jum	nof	lum	nas	/30 (89)
fas	tev	cun	yez	zev	/35 (104)
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o g	h i g	u c	e f	v o b	/20 (56)
w u f	b i v	g e z	z i l	b a f	/25 (71)
r o g	z o g	d a z	k i b	s i f	/30 (86)
m o g	b o d	d u s	t e g	n o m	/35 (101)
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p a b	t u p	n i f	t u s	g i k	/50 (146)

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zev	yig	cas	rub	et	/10 (29)
saz	vuc	kof	mig	oc	/15 (43)
wab	jez	het	ud	dax	/20 (57)
nim	gux	fip	lem	ak	/25 (72)
vam	vof	yim	kos	niz	/30 (87)
fif	kov	ked	duf	lod	/35 (102)
jat	goc	miv	sof	fon	/40 (117)
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dit	wev	yof	cac	mu v	/10 (29)
fum	soz	bef	nos	gox	/15 (44)
hod	az	tig	zuc	rup	/20 (58)
ug	kec	yud	vup	yov	/25 (72)
kig	eb	cag	kad	bix	/30 (86)
juf	hik	lif	puv	nac	/35 (101)
muc	hix	ek	huk	jav	/40 (115)
hup	ket	tok	kif	huz	/45 (129)
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nop	cak	ib	loz	jeg	/10 (29)
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bip	lup	goz	nuz	gix	/25 (73)
wof	fug	uk	neb	mib	/30 (87)
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i v	h e b	j a s	v a c	m e b	/15 (42)
s o m	l u t	g e p	r i n	f o m	/20 (57)
c o x	b i c	n u v	t a s	j i v	/25 (72)
r a f	g a n	n o k	p e l	f i d	/30 (87)
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kul	nop	wut	hom	yox	/20 (57)
zor	tib	deg	zoc	ab	/25 (71)
voz	zid	muz	zil	tuv	/30 (86)
ik	pov	nal	miv	pel	/35 (100)
mez	lud	pab	ot	vop	/40 (114)
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gac	tuk	rox	lod	haf	/10 (28)
zet	ef	sek	uk	fac	/15 (41)
bup	nom	ot	cox	pif	/20 (55)
moc	jas	div	wek	ab	/25 (69)
sav	gop	muv	yek	sep	/30 (84)
fas	av	tas	vec	ak	/35 (98)
gik	bil	kuv	ruc	vod	/40 (113)
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