

TRS Outlaw Words Assessment

Teacher Notes

The purpose of this “whole class” assessment is to determine which of the 99 most common non-phonetic Outlaw Words students can and cannot accurately read. Although, the test actually determines word recognition, rather than pronunciation, the correlation between the two is statistically significant and the results are valid and prescriptive. In other words, teachers can reliably use this diagnostic data to effectively differentiate instruction.

Directions/Recording/Mastery

Pass out the **Outlaw Words Assessment** to students. Say—“This is a short test to see if you can identify the words I say out loud. Listen carefully because I won’t repeat the words after the test is finished. On your test, find the first row of four words [Pause]. Fill in the capital letter that best matches the word I say. Let’s start with Number One. Ready? Number One is *through* (repeat twice more).” Follow this script for the rest of the test.

Once the assessments have been scored using the Teacher Answer Keys, the number of unmastered Outlaw Words should be recorded in the Outlaw Words Pre-test column on the **Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Sight Words, and Fluency Mastery Matrix** for each student.

Helpful Hints

- Keep a consistent pace of about seven seconds per test item—any longer and students will lose their place or begin daydreaming.
- After completing the example words, walk around the class to ensure that students are following directions.

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Name _____

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|---------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| ____1. | A. <u>through</u> | B. though | C. throw | D. thorough |
| ____2. | A. halve | B. haff | C. <u>have</u> | D. halvf |
| ____3. | A. <u>heard</u> | B. hird | C. hurd | D. heurd |
| ____4. | A. wourld | B. wurld | C. <u>world</u> | D. woorld |
| ____5. | A. culd | B. coud | C. cooud | D. <u>could</u> |
| ____6. | A. shud | B. <u>should</u> | C. shughd | D. shauld |
| ____7. | A. gigh | B. <u>guy</u> | C. geuy | D. gauy |
| ____8. | A. <u>one</u> | B. wun | C. woon | D. onne |
| ____9. | A. unly | B. ownly | C. <u>only</u> | D. onlee |
| ____10. | A. <u>again</u> | B. agian | C. agin | D. agein |
| ____11. | A. tou | B. tu | C. tau | D. <u>two</u> |
| ____12. | A. faur | B. <u>four</u> | C. feur | D. fiur |
| ____13. | A. <u>does</u> | B. duz | C. dose | D. douse |
| ____14. | A. another | B. anather | C. <u>another</u> | D. anouther |
| ____15. | A. faether | B. <u>father</u> | C. fother | D. fouther |
| ____16. | A. ont | B. ount | C. waunt | D. <u>want</u> |
| ____17. | A. <u>were</u> | B. where | C. wear | D. wore |
| ____18. | A. <u>what</u> | B. wat | C. waht | D. waut |
| ____19. | A. were | B. <u>where</u> | C. whear | D. waur |
| ____20. | A. thayr | B. thar | C. <u>there</u> | D. thier |
| ____21. | A. muther | B. <u>mother</u> | C. mauther | D. meuther |
| ____22. | A. thay | B. thaw | C. thaiy | D. <u>they</u> |
| ____23. | A. wurk | B. werk | C. wirk | D. <u>work</u> |
| ____24. | A. <u>says</u> | B. sez | C. sais | D. seys |
| ____25. | A. sed | B. siad | C. <u>said</u> | D. sead |
| ____26. | A. leirn | B. <u>learn</u> | C. lurn | D. leurn |
| ____27. | A. yaur | B. yur | C. yer | D. <u>your</u> |
| ____28. | A. allmost | B. <u>almost</u> | C. awlmost | D. aulmost |

___	29.	A. whater	B. watir	C. <u>water</u>	D. watur
___	30.	A. <u>who</u>	B. whoo	C. how	D. hau
___	31.	A. eny	B. <u>any</u>	C. iny	D. ainy
___	32.	A. meny	B. mainy	C. mein	D. <u>many</u>
___	33.	A. uther	B. ather	C. <u>other</u>	D. outhier
___	34.	A. bein	B. <u>been</u>	C. bune	D. baen
___	35.	A. <u>already</u>	B. alredy	C. allready	D. awlredy
___	36.	A. soem	B. sum	C. sume	D. <u>some</u>
___	37.	A. cume	B. <u>come</u>	C. calm	D. coem
___	38.	A. <u>from</u>	B. frum	C. fraem	D. frome
___	39.	A. <u>very</u>	B. vairy	C. veiry	D. vaery
___	40.	A. dor	B. <u>door</u>	C. dour	D. dore
___	41.	A. flor	B. flore	C. flour	D. <u>floor</u>
___	42.	A. bot	B. baught	C. <u>bought</u>	D. baut
___	43.	A. theyr	B. ther	C. <u>their</u>	D. thier
___	44.	A. <u>often</u>	B. offten	C. auften	D. oftin
___	45.	A. wauld	B. wud	C. wold	D. <u>would</u>
___	46.	A. frend	B. frind	C. freind	D. <u>friend</u>
___	47.	A. waek	B. <u>walk</u>	C. wak	D. wawk
___	48.	A. taulk	B. <u>talk</u>	C. taek	D. tolk
___	49.	A. gess	B. geuss	C. <u>guess</u>	D. guies
___	50.	A. <u>love</u>	B. luve	C. loove	D. leuve
___	51.	A. goen	B. <u>gone</u>	C. gon	D. gawn
___	52.	A. <u>give</u>	B. giv	C. giev	D. geiv
___	53.	A. liv	B. liev	C. liav	D. <u>live</u>
___	54.	A. huse	B. whose	C. <u>whose</u>	D. house
___	55.	A. ubuve	B. obeuv	C. <u>above</u>	D. abuve
___	56.	A. musel	B. <u>muscle</u>	C. mussle	D. muscel
___	57.	A. houl	B. howl	C. <u>whole</u>	D. whoul
___	58.	A. <u>sure</u>	B. seur	C. shur	D. shure
___	59.	A. <u>month</u>	B. munth	C. menth	D. muenth

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____	60.	A. <u>son</u>	B. sune	C. suen	D. suin
____	61.	A. <u>won</u>	B. whon	C. waun	D. wone
____	62.	A. bei	B. bigh	C. bie	D. <u>buy</u>
____	63.	A. wulf	B. woulf	C. <u>wolf</u>	D. weuf
____	64.	A. bild	B. <u>build</u>	C. buld	D. bield
____	65.	A. bizy	B. <u>busy</u>	C. bizzy	D. buisy
____	66.	A. frunt	B. frount	C. froent	D. <u>front</u>
____	67.	A. thout	B. thot	C. <u>thought</u>	D. thaught
____	68.	A. nuthing	B. nutheng	C. notheng	D. <u>nothing</u>
____	69.	A. moove	B. mouve	C. <u>move</u>	D. muve
____	70.	A. dowt	B. dowte	C. doute	D. <u>doubt</u>
____	71.	A. aginst	B. agenst	C. <u>against</u>	D. aganst
____	72.	A. <u>listen</u>	B. lissun	C. lissen	D. lissine
____	73.	A. <u>pretty</u>	B. pritty	C. prety	D. priety
____	74.	A. peeple	B. <u>people</u>	C. peiple	D. poepel
____	75.	A. laigh	B. laeff	C. laff	D. <u>laugh</u>
____	76.	A. rouff	B. roof	C. <u>rough</u>	D. ruogh
____	77.	A. trueth	B. <u>truth</u>	C. triuth	D. treuth
____	78.	A. theu	B. thugh	C. thu	D. <u>the</u>
____	79.	A. <u>enough</u>	B. enuegh	C. enuff	D. enouf
____	80.	A. couff	B. <u>cough</u>	C. coufe	D. caugh
____	81.	A. cloze	B. clouse	C. <u>clothes</u>	D. clouthes
____	82.	A. <u>heart</u>	B. hairt	C. haert	D. harte
____	83.	A. ighe	B. eie	C. ey	D. <u>eye</u>
____	84.	A. munney	B. <u>money</u>	C. mony	D. munny
____	85.	A. haff	B. halve	C. <u>half</u>	D. haffe
____	86.	A. anzer	B. anser	C. <u>answer</u>	D. ansher
____	87.	A. bueteful	B. beutiful	C. butifule	D. <u>beautiful</u>
____	88.	A. <u>prove</u>	B. proove	C. pruve	D. pruffe
____	89.	A. grait	B. <u>great</u>	C. grayte	D. gratte
____	90.	A. hieght	B. hite	C. hiete	D. <u>height</u>

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| ___ 91. | A. ower | B. owar | C. <u>hour</u> | D. huor |
| ___ 92. | A. <u>break</u> | B. braek | C. braik | D. breik |
| ___ 93. | A. strate | B. streight | C. <u>straight</u> | D. straet |
| ___ 94. | A. tuch | B. tooch | C. <u>touch</u> | D. tutch |
| ___ 95. | A. ocein | B. <u>ocean</u> | C. oshin | D. oshean |
| ___ 96. | A. iland | B. <u>island</u> | C. ieland | D. islend |
| ___ 97. | A. <u>country</u> | B. cuntry | C. countree | D. kuntrey |
| ___ 98. | A. <u>lose</u> | B. luse | C. loose | D. luz |
| ___ 99. | A. tu | B. tou | C. tow | D. <u>to</u> |

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| ___7. | A. gigh | B. guy | C. geuy | D. gauy |
| ___8. | A. one | B. wun | C. woon | D. onne |
| ___9. | A. unly | B. ownly | C. only | D. onlee |
| ___10. | A. again | B. agian | C. agin | D. agein |
| ___11. | A. tou | B. tu | C. tau | D. two |
| ___12. | A. faur | B. four | C. feur | D. fiur |
| ___13. | A. does | B. duz | C. dose | D. douse |
| ___14. | A. another | B. another | C. another | D. anouther |
| ___15. | A. faether | B. father | C. fother | D. fouthier |
| ___16. | A. ont | B. ount | C. waunt | D. want |
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| ___26. | A. leirn | B. learn | C. lurn | D. leurn |
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___ 40.	A. dor	B. door	C. dour	D. dore
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____	81.	A. cloze	B. clouse	C. clothes	D. clouthes
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| ___ 99. | A. tu | B. tou | C. tow | D. to |