

Alphabetic Awareness Assessments

Teacher Notes

The purpose of this whole class assessment is to determine your students' knowledge of the alphabetic letters. The first section of the test requires students to sequence lower case letters. The second section requires students to match upper case letters to their lower case counterparts, including commonly-confused font variations.

Preparation

Print on cardstock and cut the alphabet cards found in the Addendum for each of the students taking the assessment. Separate the lower case and upper case cards, and shuffle each set.

Administration

Alphabet Letter Sequence

1. Arrange desks or tables so that students will not be able to see each other's cards.
2. Pass out sets of the shuffled **lower case cards** to each student and say, "Place the lower case letters of the alphabet in correct order on your desk (table)."
3. Monitor student progress, paying attention to how students arrange the cards. Students who arrange the cards differently than the left-right, top-down sequence may lack print awareness. Provide no more than five minutes for this assessment. If students have not yet finished, they require alphabetic awareness activities. **Tell students to leave the cards in order on their desks.**

Alphabet Letter Match

4. Pass out sets of the shuffled **upper case cards** to each student and say, "Place the upper case (capital) letters below their matching lower case letters on your desk (table)." Demonstrate how to match them.
5. Provide no more than five minutes for this assessment. If students have not yet finished, they require alphabetic awareness activities. **Tell students to leave the cards in order on their desks.**

Correction and Recording the Data

Record letter sequence and letter matching errors with slashes (/), according to the line divisions on the matrix.

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V X **h i j k l m n r s t**

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