

Assessing Reading Performance

Materials:

- MN Read Test card
- Stopwatch
- Recording form

Set-up:

- The client should be seated and wearing eyeglasses with reading prescription (if any)
- Provide a well-lit room
- The light source should be directed from behind or to the side of the client onto the chart; ensure that the light is not shining directly into the client's eyes or causing glare on the chart
- Position the chart at 40 centimeters (16 inches) in front of the client's face and centered at their midline
- Explain to the client that you will ask him or her to read each sentence aloud, as quickly and accurately as possible

MN Read Test Procedure:

- Instruct the client to read each sentence out loud beginning with the top sentence
- Ask the client to stop after each sentence and not proceed to the next sentence until instructed to do so
- Time each sentence as it is read and note any errors on the recording form
- The client continues reading until they are unable to make out print
- Encourage the client to make a guess even when they believe a word is unreadable

Scoring the MN Read:

- Locate print size in logmar units on X axis (size progresses from right to left, largest to smallest)
- Locate time in seconds on Y axis on left side
- Mark the intersection of the two axis'
- Repeat for all lines read
- Connect lines to show progression on graph