

Listening to Readers

Reader Name: _____

Date: _____

Skill: Vowel Teams * **Text:** Ray and Drew and the Boat

Who is this assessment for?

Ensure that you have done a phonic decoding (word reading assessment) prior to this assessment. Give this assessment to children who *can already* decode words with vowel teams in isolation. This assessment is only useful if the child has the underlying phonics knowledge.

Introduce the text.

"Today, you'll read a book. This book is called *Ray and Drew and the Boat*. Ray takes his little brother Drew out on the pond in a boat. Sometimes Ray teases his brother on the boat. Read to find out what happens on the boat!"

As the child reads aloud, listen and record notes (words the child misread, attempted, or self corrected)

	Text	Notes
1	It is a bright day, <u>so</u> Ray and Drew take <u>the</u> row boat out on <u>the</u> pond. Ray leans <u>to the</u> side, and <u>the</u> boat rocks in <u>the</u> blue waves.	<p><i>Note: Underlined words are irregular high frequency words. If the child does not know the word, you may choose to tell the word to the child. "This word is was. Watch me read it: /w/ /u/ /z/."</i></p>
2	Drew grabs Ray's sleeve. "Wait, Ray!" Drew cries. " <u>The</u> boat will tip! We will fall in, and I don't <u>have</u> my swim suit on!"	
3	"All right. Say 'please,' and I will stop!" Ray teases. "Please, please stop!" Drew wails. <u>He looks</u> like <u>he</u> might cry.	
4	When Ray sees Drew's face, <u>he</u> stops. "That <u>was</u> not cool of <u>me</u> ," says Ray. "I did not mean <u>to</u> make you feel bad." "It's <u>okay</u> ," says Drew. "But let's make it a smooth ride <u>the rest of the</u> way!"	

Total word count: 115

94 decodable words, 21 HFW

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Talk about the book.

If the child decodes the text well, you might choose to ask a few general comprehension questions. If needed, read the text again TO the child. Please note that a child who is learning to decode may have to spend most of their mental energy figuring out the words.

Book Talk

What happened in this story?

How do you think Drew felt when Ray rocked the boat?

Noticings

Strengths

- Sounds and blends words when necessary
- Recognizes many high frequency words
- Attempts to fix up errors
- Pauses and thinks about the story
- Reads in phrases

Next Steps

- When stuck, needs to sound and blend words rather than guessing
- Needs to look more closely at the print
- Needs to learn more high frequency words
- Needs to notice and fix up errors
- Needs to pause and think while reading
- Needs to have more automaticity in order to read in phrases

Additional Notes: