

Reading Readiness Checklist

10 signs a child is ready to begin reading, from the reading-readiness-checklist guide — reading readiness is a cluster of skills, not a single switch that flips.

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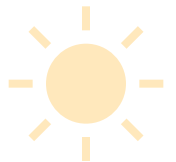
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How to use this worksheet

- 1 Check off each sign as you observe your child doing it.
- 2 Write the date next to each one — useful to look back on later.
- 3 A child checking all 10 will typically learn to read quickly; checking 5 can still begin with more scaffolding.
- 4 If several signs are missing, target the earliest missing skill first rather than waiting.

Tip

Signs 1-5 are typically in place by age 4; signs 6-10 develop between 4½ and 6 with appropriate input.



10 Signs of Reading Readiness

Check off each sign as you observe it, and note the date.

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1. Phonological awareness: can hear rhymes

Date observed: _____

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2. Can clap syllables in words

Date observed: _____

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3. Can hear the first sound in a word

Date observed: _____

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4. Knows 6+ letter sounds (not names)

Date observed: _____

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5. Shows print awareness

Date observed: _____

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6. Can blend 3 oral sounds into a word

Date observed: _____

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7. Sustained attention for 10+ minutes

Date observed: _____

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8. Curiosity about words and letters

Date observed: _____

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9. Can hold a pencil / stylus correctly

Date observed: _____

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10. Can segment a 3-letter word into sounds

Date observed: _____

