

Fluency Allowable Errors Chart

The chart below lists the Secondary A and B reading passages from the *Bader Reading and Language Inventory, 7th Edition*. See Bader page 29 for a complete list of passages and levels to use for either Fluency assessment or Comprehension assessment. Do not use the same passage for both assessments. Ex. if you use “Volcanoes” (6SA) for Fluency, use “Driver’s Licenses” (6SB) for comprehension.

Examiner copies are in Part 2 of the Bader. Student copies are in Part 6 - Reader’s Passages.

According to the Bader, the following miscues are considered to be errors:

- Substitutions that disrupt meaning (*slip* for *slice* would be an error, *small* for *little* would not be an error)
- Insertions
- Omissions or partial omissions (do not count omitting a word ending)
- Words provided by the tester
- Repetitions

Note that self-corrections are not considered as errors.

Although the Bader shows how to mark different kinds of errors and analyze them, STAR recommends a simpler process. Mark the errors as you were shown in STAR Course Module 7, then ask yourself if the reading was accurate according to the chart above. If the reading was accurate, give the next higher passage in order to find the highest level passage the student is able to read aloud accurately. If the reading was not accurate, go down a level if needed. Then ask yourself if the student had good rate and prosody when reading the highest level.

The chart on the next page indicates the number of errors allowed in order to consider the reading to be accurate. Taken from Bader, page 44.

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Grade Level	Passage Title	Errors allowed for accurate reading
2SA	Sam Buys a Newspaper	8 or fewer
2SB	Linda at the Diner	8 or fewer
3SA	Ants	8 or fewer
3SB	The Lucky Wrong Number	8 or fewer
4SA	Google It	8 or fewer
4SB	Land of Many Riches	8 or fewer
5SA	Bambi's Mother and Hunting	8 or fewer
5SB	Not in the Mood to Read	8 or fewer
6SA	Volcanoes	8 or fewer
6SB	Driver's Licenses	8 or fewer
7SA	Fast Train Travel	10 or fewer
7SB	The Job Application	10 or fewer
8SA	Firefighters	10 or fewer
8SB	A New Job	10 or fewer