

Informal Diagnostic Spelling Test
(Kottmeyer)

Directions for Diagnostic Spelling Test

Give List 1 to any pupil whose placement is second or third grade.

Give List 2 to any pupil whose placement is above Grade 3.

Grade Scoring, List 1:

Below 15 correct:

Below Second Grade

15 - 22 correct:

Second Grade

23 - 29 correct:

Third Grade

(Any pupil who scores below 9 should be given the List 2 test.)

Grade Scoring, List 2:

Below 9 correct

Below Third Grade

9 - 19 correct:

Third Grade

20 - 25 correct:

Fourth Grade

26 - 29 correct:

Fifth Grade

Over 29 correct:

Sixth Grade or better

(Any pupil who scores below 9 should be given the List 1 test.)

DIAGNOSTIC SPELLING TEST

List 1

WORD

ILLUSTRATIVE SENTENCE

1. not

He is not here.

2. but

Mary is here, but Joe is not.

3. get

Get the wagon, John.

4. sit

Sit down, please.

5. man

Father is a tall man.

6. train

Tom has a new toy train.

7. boat

We sailed our boat on the lake.

8. time

It is time to come home.

9. like

We like ice cream.

10. found

We found our lost ball.

11. down

Do not fall down.

12. soon

Our teacher will soon be here.

13. good

He is a good boy.

14. very

We are very happy to be here.

15. happy

Jane is a happy girl.

16. kept

We kept our shoes dry.

17. come

Come to our party.

18. what

What is your name?

19. those

Those bikes are ours.

20. show

Show us the way.

Diagnostic Spelling Test
Level 1 (Continued)

WORDS

21. much
22. sing
23. will
24. doll
25. after
26. sister
27. toy
28. say
29. little
30. one
31. would
32. pretty

ILLUSTRATIVE SENTENCE

- I feel much better.
- We will sing a new song.
- Who will help us?
- Make a dress for the doll.
- We play after school.
- My sister plays basketball.
- I have a new toy train.
- Say your name clearly.
- Tom is a little boy.
- I have only one book.
- Would you come with us?
- She is a pretty girl.

DIAGNOSTIC SPELLING TEST
KOTTMEYER'S 1970 DIANOSTIC SPELLING TEST
SENTENCES REVISED 11-12-94 BY ANNE PEMBERTON
(USE WITH STUDENTS READING 3RD GRADE OR ABOVE)

DIAGNOSTIC SPELLING TEST

List 2

<u>WORD</u>	<u>ILLUSTRATIVE SENTEN CE</u>
1. flower	A rose is a <u>flower</u> .
2. mouth	Open your <u>mouth</u> .
3. shoot	Joe wants to <u>shoot</u> pool this afternoon.
4. stood	We <u>stood</u> under the roof.
5. while	We sang <u>while</u> we marched.
6. third	My sister is in the <u>third</u> grade.
7. each	<u>Each</u> student needs paper and a pencil.
8. class	There are four girls in our <u>class</u> .
9. jump	He likes to jump <u>rope</u> .
10. jumps	George Foreman <u>jumps</u> rope.
11. jumped	The horse <u>jumped</u> over the fence.
12. jumping	The class is doing <u>jumping</u> jacks this week.
13. hit	<u>Hit</u> the ball hard.
14. hitting	John is <u>hitting</u> the ball.
15. bite	That dog will not <u>bite</u> .
16. biting	The dog is <u>biting</u> on the bone.
17. study	Did you <u>study</u> for the test?
18. studies	He <u>studies</u> history every night.
19. dark	The sky is <u>dark</u> and cloudy.
20. darker	As the storm came closer, the sky got <u>darker</u> .
21. darkest	This color is the <u>darkest</u> in the group.
22. afternoon	We will have an assembly this <u>afternoon</u> .
23. grandmother	His <u>grandmother</u> lives in Ohio.
24. can't	We <u>can't</u> go with you.
25. doesn't	Mary <u>doesn't</u> like to play.
26. night	We watched the show last <u>night</u> .
27. brought	Jim <u>brought</u> his lunch to school.
28. apple	An <u>apple</u> fell from the tree.
29. again	We will come to visit <u>again</u> .
30. laugh	Do not <u>laugh</u> at the other students.
31. because	We cannot play <u>because</u> of the rain.
32. through	We ran <u>through</u> the field.