Teacher Observation Guide

**Robert’s New Friend**

Name/Date __________________________ Teacher/Grade __________________________

Scores:
- Reading Engagement ___/8
- Oral Reading Fluency ___/16
- Comprehension ___/28

Independent Range:
- 6–7
- 11–14
- 19–25

Book Selection

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1. **READING ENGAGEMENT**

(If the student has recently answered these questions, skip this section.)

**T:** Tell me about one of your favorite books. ________________________________________________

**T:** Would you rather read ☐ alone, ☐ with a buddy, or ☐ with a group?

Why? ________________________________________________________________________________

**T:** Whom do you read with at home? _____________________________________________________

2. **ORAL READING FLUENCY**

**INTRODUCTION AND PREVIEW**

**T:** In this story, *Robert’s New Friend*, Robert isn’t sure he liked his new baby sister, Maria. Mama and Papa are busy taking care of Maria. Look at the pictures, and tell me what is happening in this story.

Note the student’s use of connecting words (e.g., *and*, *then*, *but*) and vocabulary relevant to the text. You may use general prompts, such as “Now what is happening?” or “Turn the page,” but do not ask specific questions. Tally the number of times you prompt.

**RECORD OF ORAL READING**

Record the student’s oral reading behaviors on the Record of Oral Reading below and on the following page.

**T:** Robert’s New Friend. Now, read to see how Robert becomes friends with Maria.

**Page 2**

Robert had a new baby sister.
She was very little. Her name was Maria.

**Page 3**

Robert wasn’t sure he liked Maria.
She cried a lot.
Mama was giving Maria a bath.
So Mama was too busy to play with
ORAL READING, PERCENT OF ACCURACY

Count the number of miscues that are not self-corrected. Circle the percent of accuracy based on the number of miscues.

Word Count: 137

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- If the student’s score falls in a shaded area, STOP! Reassess with a lower-level text.
- If the student is reading below the grade-level benchmark, administer DRA Word Analysis, beginning with Task 12, at another time.

3. COMPREHENSION

RETELING

As the student retells, underline and record on the Story Overview the information included in the student’s retelling. Please note the student does not need to use the exact words.

T: Close the book before the retelling, and then say: Start at the beginning, and tell me what happened in this story.

Story Overview

Beginning
1. Robert isn’t sure he likes his new baby sister Maria. She cries a lot.

Middle
2. Mama’s giving Maria a bath—she can’t play with Robert.
3. Robert feels left out. Mama is busy taking care of Maria.
4. Papa’s feeding Maria—he can’t read to Robert.
5. Robert feels left out. Papa is busy taking care of Maria.
6. One day, Mama can’t stop Maria from crying.
7. Robert puts his finger in Maria’s hand, and she stops crying.

End
8. Robert decides he likes Maria and tells Mama he will help take care of Maria, too.

If the retelling is limited, use one or more of the following prompts to gain further information. Place a checkmark by a prompt each time it is used.

- Tell me more.
- What happened at the beginning?
- What happened before/after ____________________ (an event mentioned by the student)?
- Who else was in the story?
- How did the story end?
REFLECTION
Record the student’s responses to the prompts and questions below.

T: What part did you like best in this story? Tell me why you liked that part.

MAKING CONNECTIONS
Note: If the student makes a text-to-self connection in his or her response to the above prompt, skip the following question.

T: What did this story make you think of? or What connections did you make while reading this story?

4. TEACHER ANALYSIS

ORAL READING
If the student had 5 or more different miscues, use the information recorded on the Record of Oral Reading to complete the chart below.

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<th>Student problem-solves words using:</th>
<th>Number of miscues self-corrected: ____</th>
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<td>□ pictures</td>
<td>Number of miscues not self-corrected: ____</td>
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<td>□ beginning letter/sound</td>
<td>Number of words told to the student: _____</td>
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<td>□ letter-sound clusters</td>
<td>Miscues interfered with meaning:</td>
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<td>□ onset and rime</td>
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<td>□ blending letters/sounds</td>
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<td>□ no observable behaviors</td>
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Copy each substitution to help analyze the student’s attention to visual information.
e.g., feeling (substitution)
    feeding (text)

DRA2 Continuum

- Circle the descriptors that best describe the student’s reading behaviors and responses.
  1. Use your daily classroom observations and the student’s responses to the Reading Engagement questions to select statements that best describe the student’s level of Reading Engagement.
  2. Use your recorded observations from this assessment to select the statements that best describe the student’s Oral Reading Fluency and Comprehension.

- Add the circled numbers to obtain a total score for each section.
- Record the total scores at the top of page 1.

Note: If the Comprehension score is less than 19, administer DRA2 with a lower-level text.
### DRA2 Continuum Level 12

**Name/Date**  |  **Teacher/Grade**  |  **Level 12, Page 5**

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<th><strong>Reading Engagement</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Book Selection</strong></td>
<td>1 Selects texts from identified leveled sets with teacher support; uncertain about a favorite book</td>
<td>2 Selects texts from identified leveled sets with moderate support; tells about favorite book in general terms</td>
<td>3 Selects new texts from identified leveled sets most of the time; identifies favorite book by title and tells about a particular event</td>
<td>4 Selects a variety of new texts that are “just right”; identifies favorite book by title and gives an overview of the book</td>
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<td><strong>Sustained Reading</strong></td>
<td>1 Sustains independent reading for a short period of time with much encouragement</td>
<td>2 Sustains independent reading with moderate encouragement</td>
<td>3 Sustains independent reading for at least 5 minutes at a time</td>
<td>4 Sustains independent reading for an extended period of time</td>
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| **Score** | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

**Oral Reading Fluency**

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<th><strong>Phrasing</strong></th>
<th>1 Reads word-by-word</th>
<th>2 Reads word-by-word with some short phrases</th>
<th>3 Reads in short phrases most of the time</th>
<th>4 Reads in longer phrases most of the time</th>
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<td><strong>Monitoring/Self-Corrections</strong></td>
<td>1 Self-corrects no miscues</td>
<td>2 Self-corrects at least 1 miscue and neglects to self-correct other miscues</td>
<td>3 Self-corrects 2 or more miscues or only makes 1 uncorrected miscue</td>
<td>4 Self-corrects miscues quickly or reads accurately</td>
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<td><strong>Problem-Solving Unknown Words</strong></td>
<td>1 Stops at difficulty, relying on support to problem-solve unknown words; 3 or more words told by the teacher</td>
<td>2 At difficulty, initiates problem-solving of a few unknown words; 1 or 2 words told by the teacher</td>
<td>3 At difficulty, uses 1–2 cues to problem-solve unknown words</td>
<td>4 At difficulty, uses multiple cues to problem-solve unknown words</td>
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<td><strong>Accuracy</strong></td>
<td>1 92% or less</td>
<td>2 93%</td>
<td>3 94%–97%</td>
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**Comprehension**

| **Previewing** | 1 Comments briefly about each event or action only when prompted or is uncertain | 2 Identifies and comments briefly about each event or action with some prompting | 3 Identifies and connects at least 3 key events without prompting, some relevant vocabulary | 4 Identifies and connects at least 4 key events without prompting, relevant vocabulary |
| **Retelling: Sequence of Events** | 1 Includes only 1 or 2 events or details (limited retelling) | 2 Includes at least 3 events, generally in random order (partial retelling) | 3 Includes most of the important events from the beginning, middle, and end, generally in sequence | 4 Includes all important events from the beginning, middle, and end in sequence |
| **Retelling: Characters and Details** | 1 Refers to characters using general pronouns; may include incorrect information | 2 Refers to characters using appropriate pronouns; includes at least 1 detail; may include some misinterpretation | 3 Refers to most characters by name and includes some important details | 4 Refers to all characters by name and includes all important details |
| **Retelling: Vocabulary** | 1 Uses general terms or labels; limited understanding of key words/concepts | 2 Uses some language/vocabulary from the text; some understanding of key words/concepts | 3 Uses language/vocabulary from the text; basic understanding of most key words/concepts | 4 Uses important language/vocabulary from the text; good understanding of key words/concepts |
| **Retelling: Teacher Support** | 1 Retells with 5 or more questions or prompts | 2 Retells with 3 or 4 questions or prompts | 3 Retells with 1 or 2 questions or prompts | 4 Retells with no questions or prompts |
| **Reflection** | 1 Gives an unrelated response, no reason for opinion, or no response | 2 Gives a limited response and/or general reason for opinion | 3 Gives a specific story event/action and a relevant reason for response (e.g., personal connection) | 4 Gives a response and reason that reflects higher-level thinking (e.g., synthesis/inference) |
| **Making Connections** | 1 Makes an unrelated connection, relates an event in the story, or gives no response | 2 Makes a connection that reflects a limited understanding of the story | 3 Makes a literal connection that reflects a basic understanding of the story | 4 Makes a thoughtful connection that reflects a deeper understanding of the story |
| **Score** | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
DRA2 FOCUS FOR INSTRUCTION FOR EARLY READERS

READING ENGAGEMENT

**Book Selection**
- Provide guided opportunities to select familiar stories for rereading
- Model and support how to select “just right” new texts for independent reading
- Model and discuss why readers have favorite books and authors

**Sustained Reading**
- Model and support the use of sustained reading time
- Create structures and routines to support buddy reading
- Create structures to support reading at home

ORAL READING FLUENCY

**Phrasing**
- Encourage student to read in phrases during shared reading
- Show how words are grouped into phrases in big books and poetry charts
- Support rereading familiar texts to build fluency

**Monitoring/Self-Corrections**
- Support one-to-one matching as a means to self-monitor
- Model and teach how to use known words as a means to self-monitor
- Model and support confirming and discounting word choice using meaning, language, and visual information
- Demonstrate and teach how to read for meaning, self-correcting when a word doesn’t make sense or sound right
- Model and teach how to monitor visual information, self-correcting when a word doesn’t look right

**Problem-Solving Unknown Words**
- Model and support using beginning letter(s)/sound(s), sentence and/or story structure, as well as meaning (illustrations and background knowledge) to problem-solve unknown words
- Teach how to take words apart (onset and rime) to problem-solve unknown words

COMPREHENSION

**Previewing**
- Support creating a story from the illustrations
- Model and support previewing a book before reading, during read-aloud and shared reading experiences

**Retelling**
- Model the retelling of familiar stories
- Model and teach the elements in a good retelling
- Demonstrate how to create and use story maps to aid retelling
- Support retelling a story in sequence
- Encourage student to use characters’ names when retelling a story
- Model and support using key language/vocabulary from the text in a retelling

**Reflection**
- Support and reinforce student’s response to books during read-aloud, and shared and guided reading experiences
- Help student identify favorite part of books
- Provide opportunities to select a favorite book, toy, TV show, etc., and tell why it is a favorite
- Demonstrate how to give reason(s) for one’s opinion

**Making Connections**
- Model and teach how to make text-to-self connections
- Model and support how to make text-to-text connections

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