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A-K Reading Assessment for Independent Reading Levels

Reader's Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____ Independent Level: Yes No
Can I Have a Pet, Bebop Books
 Level A 36 words

Book Introduction: Show the cover of the book to the student and say this to the reader before he or she begins reading.
 "This is a book about a little girl and her mother on a trip to the zoo. They see many different animals. Let's read this book to find out about their zoo trip. I'll read the first two pages. Then you read the rest. Point to the words while you read." (Read pages 2 and 3 aloud to the child.)

	# of Errors	Error MSV	# of SC	SC MSV
<p>Running Record: Record the reader's miscues (or errors) above the word as he or she reads.</p>				
2. Can I have a pet? (Teacher reads and points under words.)				
3. Can I have a monkey? (Teacher reads and points under words.)				
4. Can I have a tiger?				
5. Can I have a zebra?				
6. Can I have a bear?				
7. Can I have a lion?				
8. Can I have a fish? Yes!				

A/B Reading Behaviors

Can the reader **match spoken words to printed words?** (If the text says, "Can I have a monkey," and the child reads, "Can I have a gorilla," matching words correctly, she has met the criteria at this level. The mismatch of letter-sound will be addressed in C and D books). Yes No

Can the reader **move from left to right when reading?** Yes No

Can the reader **use the illustration as a source of information?** Yes No

Can the reader **carry the pattern from page to page?** Yes No

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Literal and Inferential Retelling

Say, "Retell the important parts of what you just read." Write notes regarding the student's retelling in this box and on the back of this page. If the child has trouble getting started, prompt the child to look at the text. Say to the child, "What happened first?" Make a note that you prompted their retelling.

Part 1: Listen to the reader's retelling for the following information and take note of the reader's answers, based on the retelling. If the retelling did not already contain the following information, ask the reader the following questions and take note of the answers.

1. *Literal Question:* What happened when the girl went to the zoo?

2. *Literal Question:* What were at least three animals the girl wanted as a pet?

3. *Literal Question:* What did she get in the end?

4. *Inferential Question:* How do you think the Mom felt when the girl wanted a (tiger/zebra/monkey) for a pet? Why do you think she felt that way?

The reader must answer at least three of these questions adequately in order to determine if this is the child's independent reading level. Try the other Level A text if the child could not answer at least three of these questions.

Final Score.

Yes No The reader uses A/B reading behaviors.

Yes No The reader answered at least three comprehension questions in Part 1 correctly.

Yes No Did the retelling express the important parts in the text?

If the answer is "Yes" to all three questions, this is the child's independent reading level.